



# SAM GETS ADOPTED

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**S**am was a real dog we simply adored. He was tall and skinny, with shiny black hair and dark-brown eyes. He had a long nose with a white muzzle and three white socks that didn't match. His ears were soft and floppy. He was 5 years old and of no particular breed. We knew older, black mutts have the hardest time finding *Forever Homes*. We fell in love with him immediately! Sam helped us love each other as much as we loved him.



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## A Story of Love

**I**t was Saturday morning at the animal shelter and a volunteer came in to check on the dogs. She saw Sam lying on the floor and said, “Today’s the day, Sam. The sun is shining. I just know this is the day you will be adopted and go to a Forever Home. Please don’t look sad. You need to smile at people when they walk by, OK?”







She's right," said a shelter worker.

**Today is your day!** You are so handsome, and you know some good tricks. How many dogs can catch a carrot in midair?"





When people stop by, be sure to smile and wag your tail. Then they will see how special you are.”





**“People love  
dogs who  
can do  
tricks, Sam!**

And you are 5  
years old, so you  
are the smartest  
dog in the shelter.”