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the hungry dog

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To My Happy Dog *Fenway*

When I found his best friend,
I found a dog that had a
happy heart and a happy
tail. I found a dog that
loved to play and
to run. I found a dog
that loved to go for
walks. I found a dog
that loved to be with
me. I found a dog
that loved to be my
friend. I found a dog
that loved to be my
happy dog. Let's go
find out.



Tyler was an only child and loved dogs more than anything in the world. One day when Tyler and his best friend, Sam, were walking home from school they heard a scary sound. "What is that horrible sound?" Sam asked. Tyler shook his head. "I don't know", he said. "Let's go find out."



So they went to find out. "Look, it's a dog", Sam whispered and they ran over to pet him. Luckily the dog was nice and didn't bite Tyler or Sam. He was sitting in front of an ugly, torn down house. The dog also had an ugly doghouse. Hooked on to the dog's collar was a chain that was nailed to his doghouse so he couldn't go anywhere. Tyler and Sam felt sorry for the dog because he had such a sad looking face. He had a very skinny stomach and was covered with ticks. They didn't know what to do for the dog.



Sam went and knocked on the front door of the house to see if anyone lived there. What a surprise when a kind looking old lady opened the door. "Hi Ma'am" said Tyler. "Is that your dog over there?"

"Why yes it is" said the old lady. "But I can't take care of him anymore. Would you like to take him home?" she asked.



"YES,YES,YES!!!" they said at the same time.

"Here is his leash," said the lady giving the boys a red leash. The boys went over to the dog, took off the chain and put on the leash. "Your dad is an animal doctor, he can help us take care of him," said Sam. "Yeah, he'll knows what to do", Tyler said.



When Tyler and Sam and the dog got home, Tyler's mom opened the door. "Where have you been for the past hour?" she asked. After they explained what had happened, Tyler's mom helped them get all the ticks off and after he was given a lot of food he looked really healthy.



The next day after school, Tyler and Sam were walking home trying to think up a name for the dog.

"How about Sky, or Thunder, or Tornado?" asked Sam. But none of them sounded right.

When they got home they found Sam's parents helping Tyler's mom and dad come up with names for the dog. "How about Rex?" Tyler's dad said finally.



So they named the dog Rex and he responded perfectly to that name. Tyler got to keep Rex because his dad and mom thought he wasn't so mischievous, but Rex was only mischievous some times.



The End

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