## Chewbacca "Chewie" Maggiacomo

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A few months ago, in a state far, far away, Chewbacca "Chewie" Maggiacomo was born. When Chewie was just 10-weeks-old, he boarded a plane that took him from his hometown near Knoxville, Tennessee to Massachusetts. After the long plane ride, Chewie excitedly met his new family at the airport who drove him back to his new home in Wellesley.

The five Maggiacomo kids had begged their parents for a dog for years. Because all of the kids were now old enough to help out if their dream of getting a dog came true, the topic resurfaced. The kids hung up pictures of puppies all around the house and continued to beg for one, which ultimately caused the parents to cave in and decide to get Chewie. Because they are big Star Wars fans, the Maggiacomos thought Chewbacca was the perfect name, and it was. His curly, brown fur and love for chewing anything he finds fits his nickname, Chewie, perfectly.

Chewie is a 15-week-old miniature Australian Labradoodle who is super friendly, outgoing, active and full of energy. He is very curious and loves meeting new people, going on adventures and exploring. Because the Maggiacomos have a summer home in Rhode Island, Chewie has grown to love car rides, the beach and of course, flip flops. While he does love his Chewbacca chew-toy, he prefers getting his mouth on flip flops and any other shoe he can find. He loves going on walks to the dog friendly beach nearby and getting his paws wet, but he doesn't love swimming. Although they have a pool at their house, Chewie would rather run around the lawn, exploring all the nooks and crannies he has yet to come across. He has even found a few odd places inside their summer house where he likes to nap, such as under the various couches and beds. While he can fit into these places now, he may not be able too since he is still growing and will probably double in size. Because he is able to explore and is not confined to the basement and side yard, like at their Wellesley home that is currently under construction, since there is construction going on, Chewie loves the Rhode Island house. He has found that if he sits on the stairs and waits for his family members to return from work, he can greet them when he hears the door opening and is excited to see them and play with them right as they walk through the door. Chewie is very caring and loving and loves saying hi to everyone. Hopefully you get to meet Chewie sometime soon, and may the Force be with you.