

## **Sam by: Norah B.**

Hi! I am Maddie. I really want a dog, but we have a little problem. OK. A big problem! My Mom said that if I want a dog, I have to pay for it. I did some research and the dog that I want is around \$1,000. I have.....wait one second.....ok ok .....drum roll please....\$0. So, I decided to go around the neighborhood and help. I can only work on the weekends because I have school. Finally, it is the weekend and the first day of work. I am in my athletic clothes and ready to do some business. I rang the door bell on the first house that I went to and asked them if they needed help. They said, "NO!" It was a bad start. So, I kept my head up and went to the next house. I choose this house because the yard needed a lot of work. I rang the door bell and asked them if they had any yard work that needed done. They said to mow the lawn, rake the leaves and water the flowers. They said they would pay me \$10 an hour. So, I started to mow the lawn. They had a BIG yard. It took me an hour to finish. It was hard work. I still had to do two more things. I realized that this is going to take a year to get \$1,000. I took a water break. Then I got to work raking the leaves. There were a lot of leaves since it was fall. Raking leaves took me two hours to finish. I just had to water the flowers. I got the hose and started. They had a lot of flowers, too many to count. That took me one hour. YA! I am done for today.

A couple of months later I had \$900. YA! I am so close to making enough money for my dog. I just have to decide which gender. Maybe I will pick a boy because I think it will be more playful. What should I name the dog? Maybe Sam?

Four weeks later, I said to my Mom "Guess what? I have \$1,000. Can we get a dog today?" She said, "YES!" I ran to get my shoes on. When we got to the pet store there were a lot of dogs, too many to pick just one. I liked the white brownish one. It's so cute and fluffy.

I have had Sam for a year now. I love Sam. Sam is my best friend!!