

# The Puppy Problem

A 11-year old boy named Jack was saving up money for a puppy from Pets-R-Us. His parents hated animals but he didn't care. He worked his butt off every day mowing lawns to get a pup.

When Jack finally got the money, he snuck out of the house at night, and got the most beautiful puppy he has ever seen.

Jack thought to himself as he was paying the money to the shop owner, "Hopefully, Mom and Dad are still asleep by the time I get home."

Before Jack opened the front door, the pup barked. And it kept barking.

"Keep quiet," Jack whispered softly. But that dog just kept yip-yapping.

If Jack's parents opened the door and saw Jack with that puppy, they would get so frustrated they would kick him out of the house!

Jack didn't take the risk. He ran with his dog all the way out of the neighborhood. Out of breath, Jack laid on the grass crying. His dog, now named Julio, sat next to him.

"Hey you!" A mysterious man hollered to Jack. Jack stood up and walked over to the strange man.

"Crying isn't going to get you anywhere," the man went on, "Go to your house and face your mom. Be a man, not a wimp." Jack replied "How do you kn-" The man cut him off and chuckled, then disappeared into his home.

Jack thought about what the man said. After a while, Jack slowly walked back home with Julio in his arms confident that nothing too bad would happen.

By the time Jack got home, cop cars were parked by his house.

"We were looking all over for you!" Jack's mom exclaimed in relief.

"But I thought you said you hate animals."

"It's okay, I love puppies! It's just those wild ones."

"Wow. I guess I over reacted." Jack and his mom laughed.

"Don't leave me out," Dad said as he walked over.

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