

My Dog Rusty

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Rusty had a good life with me and all the Glenane family and the Eddy family as well.

Keziah saved Rusty from the pound. He was so happy I took him home.

We went to my house and I got him a dog treat and he liked a hug from me and gave me a kiss on my face. He liked to see Maureen in her house. When I sat down on the chair he jumped on me and went to sleep on my lap. Then he went off me and ran around the back yard. Then he followed me around. Then he went to my mum's house and he got a bed to sleep on inside.

He is the best guard dog at my house and Maureen's house and my old house with mum.

And sometimes we go for a walk up to the school farm where my mum works. Rusty liked the kids there. And they help look after my dog when I go to have lunch with my mum. And my mum got some water for Rusty for the big walk.

And the first time when I got Rusty it was raining so we took him inside with us. We didn't want him to get wet. It was cold. He is a good pet for me.

And Rusty liked to see Dexter, my best friend's pet dog. And he played with Dexter.

My dog Rusty...he is black and has brown eyes looking at me. He has got dog friends when we go for a walk. And he likes bones to eat and then hide them around our house.



And when Rusty go for a walk with me, we go to Major Roasts in Howitt St Ballarat North.

My best friend I have is Melissa and she works there and gives Rusty bones off the meat. He is so happy he got that. He is my best pet friend in the world. I love him so much. So did all my family and my best friends as well.

And now when he die, I feel like a black hole without him. Sometimes I don't go for a walk without him. And I miss him so much. It is not real he is not here with me.

He is in my heart for ever. He is next to my house with his name on his grave.

But I can't think about that. Rusty wants me to hold on and put my head up to the sky. When I see a twinkling star that is him looking down to see me.

And now I got some photos of him and me. He had the best life in this world with his mum Keziah. Rusty thank you for everything for me. I love you so much. My boy Rusty.

The End

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Keziah is 26 years old and has Down Syndrome. Kez likes to write. She has a folder of stories, ranging from holiday experiences, feelings, family, bullying, pets, movies, best friends, etc.

Kez is involved in sport to keep fit. She swims and goes to the gym. Keziah works for Harris Scarfe in Ballarat 2 days a week and at a cafe called Nibble on Sturt 1 day a week. Taking photos is a hobby and now she is making cards of her photos to sell

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