

New children's book by local author shares life of adopted dog

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LAKEPORT – Just in time for National Shelter Dog Month, "Darby's Story: The Life of an Adopted Dog" (published by AuthorHouse), the colorful new children's book by Martha Steward, shares the story of Darby, an adorable dog that only wants to find a loving home to take him in.

Based on the true story of an adopted dog who finally found his home, "Darby's Story" is a heartwarming family tale for readers and listeners alike.

For Christmas one year, a single mother and her 5-year-old son decide to visit a local pet store chain to see whether any rescued dogs would be the right choice for them to adopt. Upon arrival, they saw many dogs in need of a good home and lots of love, but they were looking for that one special dog that would be perfect for them. Upon seeing Darby, they knew he was the right one.

Steward writes: “The other dogs were nice and friendly, but there was a special connection between Darby, Drew, and myself. I was seeking a specific temperament – a combination of a certain kind of personality and behavior. For our household, a relaxed temperament was ideal. The looks of the dog or the special breed did not matter. After many licks, Darby just brushed up against me, as if he were giving me a hug. Drew, almost the same height as Darby, gave Darby a hug. In return, Darby gave a very wet lick up the side of Drew's face. Those watching laughed at the surprise on Drew's face and at the warm connection we seemed to share with the dog. We knew he was the dog to bring home.”

Once settled into his new home as a part of the family, Darby's family discovers his many likes and dislikes, including his love of Swiss cheese and frozen grapes and his dislike of leaving his family unprotected. Join Darby on his many adventures in "Darby's Story: The Life of an Adopted Dog," a wonderful story about the joys that an adopted dog can bring to any family.

Martha Steward lives in Lakeport with her adopted cats Bear, Mim, Goober, and Widdle One and her horse Picabo. She enjoys writing her children's book series, which follows her adopted pets. She has a passion and love for unwanted animals, and throughout her stories she encourages her readers to be aware these animals need love and a home.

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