

## **I Believe Everything Happens for a Reason**

I believe everything happens for a reason. People come into our lives and leave our lives for reasons that sometimes we may not understand. Sometimes it's not just people that come into our lives for a reason but animals too;

In May of 2001, my family adopted a puppy that we named Larry. I was in kindergarten when we got Larry and he very quickly became my best friend throughout all of grade school. Every day I came home to this dog waiting for me to get off the bus. Every night he slept on my bed right next to me and every morning was there to wake me up. This dog meant the world to my family and I. In November of 2012, of my senior year, my mom started working from home and for the first time ever, we considered getting another dog, so Larry could have a friend. My mom had found a white rescue dog online and instantly fell in love. I was very unsure about getting another dog. I didn't think we needed two dogs and Larry was fine on his own.

After inquiring about the dog, we found out another family had already adopted her. The day after Thanksgiving we got a call that said that the dog was returned and asked if we were still interested. The puppy came to visit. Larry and this dog got along great and for the first time my family had owned two dogs at once. We now had a Larry and a Nala.

10 days later, Larry passed away unexpectedly. We had two dogs for a short time. I believe that it didn't work out with Nala and that other family for a reason. That reason is that Nala was needed here with our family. Without Nala it would have been very difficult to get through the tough times of losing not just a dog, but a member of the family. Nala will never replace Larry. She isn't meant to. However, she has helped us through a very difficult time. Something we will forever be grateful for.

Nala had a purpose and a reason to be with us and still does today. Nala is a very happy girl in our home and help makes our day better, each and every day. We now have another little dog named Ricky. They are best friends and Ricky came in our lives to give Nala a friend for a life time.