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The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me

Tucker Louis Riggiano

White, soft as velvet, loving, curious

Lover of freshly fallen snow, sand between his paws, and treats

My hand grazing his tiny head,

and Dad's fingers scratching his round freckled belly

Who needs affection, attention, and action

Who fears other dogs, thunder, hyper active children, and violence

Who gives unconditional love, support, and laughter

Who would like to see an infinite supply of chicken, his Mom,

and my car pull into the driveway

I never liked animals, and then I met Tucker that altered my

heart forever

That day when Tucker became sick with parasites

he had been my brother for two short days,

The tears coming down my face did not lie about the

attachment I formed with little Tuck

I love sleeping beside him under the sunshine

And cuddling with him in the morning

Original resident of Tennessee,

Current resident of Paramus, New Jersey

Tucker Louis Riggitano- the best addition to my life

