Pandemic puppy is a popular term that is used to describe people who get a puppy during the start of Covid-19. However, this has a much deeper meaning for me.

It was May 2020 and we had been at home since March and we didn’t know if we were heading back to school. I could tell that my parents were nervous, maybe even scared about what was happening in the world. We had talked about getting a puppy, but it never seemed like the right time.

It was early in the morning and I was bored as usual. I was missing my friends. Then my parents said “We’re going on a surprise road trip.” I was curious about where we were headed. I sprinted to the car with my Ipad ready, excited to get out of the house. It was a very long car ride, but I didn’t care. We were together as a family and I could tell that my parents were in a great mood.

When we arrived, I instantly saw the sign – Skansen Kennel. I knew instantly that we were getting a puppy. At the time, I knew that the term pandemic puppy meant much more than just a popular term.

I had never had a dog before so I was part excited, part nervous. When I saw the puppy walk up to us I knew instantly that she was ours. This is a picture of “Licorice” sitting on my lap on the drive home. One picture is worth 1000 words.

Days and months passed and Licorice and I grew together, however I did not grow to 90 pounds like Licorice!

Here is a picture of Licorice, about to turn two years old. She has made our lives so much more fun than before.