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Puppies

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Chapter 1

Early Morning Message

Buzz, buzz! Buzz, buzz!

Rosie's doggie ears perked up at the sound that buzzed from down the hall of the Love Puppy Dog-house. She knew exactly what it was: the Crystal Bone. Her excellent ears could hear it vibrate. She



could also see that it was flashing like crazy. Its blinking alert lit up the dim morning, even though it was all the way in the living room.

“Uh-oh,” she said to herself. “The sun is not even up yet. Must be important.” Rosie hopped out of her comfy doggie bed and bounded across the floor. Sleep would have to wait.

But just as she reached the door, something stopped her. A tickle or an itch—right in her chest, where her heart beat. She sat on her hind legs and looked down. A faint light seemed to shine ever so slightly beneath her fur. It shimmered for just a moment. Then it was gone.

That was strange, Rosie thought, gently touching




her chest with the front of her paw. Then the *buzz*, *buzz* of the Crystal Bone reminded Rosie she had a job to do. She shook the strange glow from her mind and raced into the hallway.

“Rise and shine, Love Puppies,” she called. Not one of the other pups stirred.

Rosie tried again. “Upsy-daisy,” she said, a little louder this time, “we’ve got an urgent message waiting!”

“All right, all right,” said Barkley the dachshund, stretching his short legs. “I’m up.”

“Great,” said Rosie as she wagged her tail. Barkley and the rest of the puppies dragged themselves out of their rooms and down the hallway.



“This couldn’t wait?” Noodles, the labradoodle, asked as she slouched past Rosie. “I was having the best dream ever. It was a beautiful day and there were rainbows and sunrays crisscrossing the sky!” Noodles wore a long nightcap that hung from her ears. It had a fuzzy ball on the very end.

“You know, even magical pups like us need our beauty sleep,” whined Clyde, the shar-pei puppy, as he flew sleepily through the air. He yawned so widely that he almost bumped into the wall before landing on the rug in the main living room.


“I know, I know. But when the Crystal Bone calls, that means we’ve got work to do!” Rosie hurried into the living room after the other pups.

Each wall in the living room had large windows covered by paw-printed curtains. Small pots of beautiful flowers decorated each windowsill. Rosie had grown them herself. As she padded past them, the flowers opened and leaned toward her as if they were waving hello.

This was the Love Puppy den: an enchanted place perfect for four magical pups to eat, sleep, play, and make plans to help kids in need! Along the walls hung four giant banners, each with a moving picture of one of the Love Puppies showing off their special magic—and in their signature colors.

Rosie and her soft golden fur stood out on the bright pink banner. She was a golden retriever with





flower magic, the power to grow plants and flowers whenever she wanted.

A blue banner showed Clyde, a wrinkly sharpei with the ability to fly. He didn't even need a cape!

The orange banner showcased Noodles, a shaggy labradoodle with the power to control weather and its different elements.

And the purple banner displayed Barkley, a tiny dachshund who could transform into anything he pleased!

These Love Puppies had hearts of gold, and helping human kids was their favorite thing to do. Even if it meant waking up earlier than usual.