

Iggy: A Mongrel's Tale



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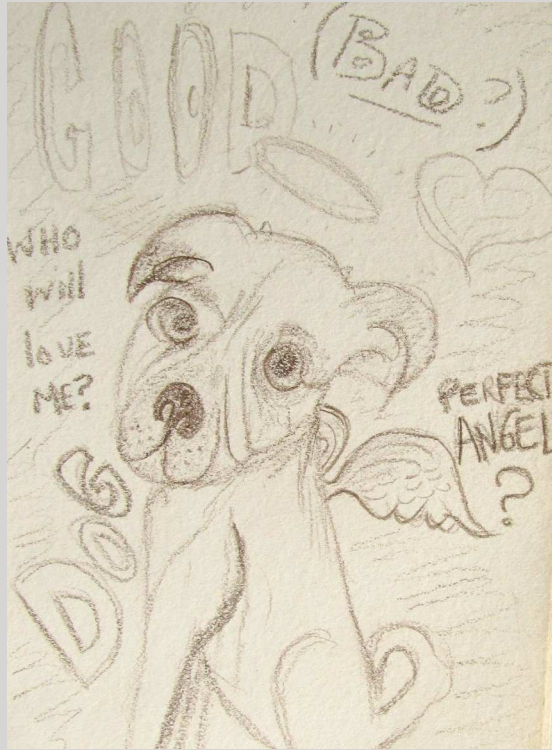


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The Evolution of a Mutt
Who was (Eventually) Named Iggy

For my husband and our Iggy.

"All you need is love." -- Lennon/McCartney



Mongrel: Any animal resulting from the crossing of different varieties or breeds.

Iggy is a mongrel, or a "mutt," as it is also called.

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Iggy is the product of evolution: A process of gradual, progressive change, starting with a lonely, frightened mutt named Max who became a happy housedog.



Like some of us, Max was a mix of cultures:
Pug, Chihuahua and Boston Terrier...
otherwise known as a "Chug-bug,"
OR...
Chinese/Mexican/American.

Max was a good-looking,
if somewhat unique-looking dog.



Max lived in a backyard and longed for
love and affection.
Nobody gave Max any love and affection
and he became frightened.

Can YOU imagine not being loved?



Max barked and bit at humans big and small.



After one year

Max was taken to the Pound.

(The Pound is an animal shelter.)

Though Max was frightened, barked a lot and tried to bite humans big and small, he longed for love and affection even though he wasn't quite sure of what that was.

Because Max was a good-looking if somewhat unique-looking dog he was adopted and given a new name: Igor.

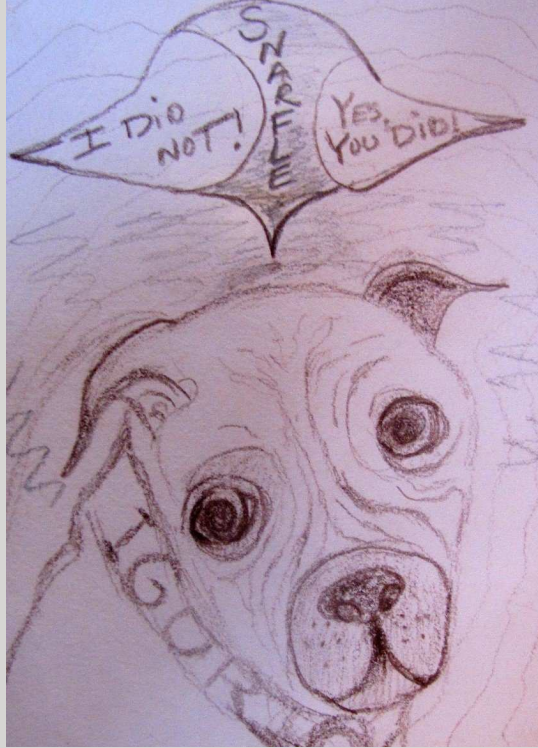
Pronounced "Eee-gore," the name is usually given to many types of villain in books and movies.



Igor's new people loved and cared for him.
They took him to special classes where Igor
learned tricks
like "Sit" and "Lay down."



Igor slept inside -- sometimes
even under a blanket.



Though Igor finally knew what love and affection felt like, his people argued loudly and were angry with each other on a daily basis. This made Igor feel frightened and though he did not do this to his own people he still barked and tried to bite humans big and small.

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Again, after one year Igor's people brought him back to the Pound.



A man and a woman came to see Igor and he barked and threatened them with his teeth. He didn't bite them, but they could tell he was frightened. The couple took Igor home. They decided to honor his Latin heritage and changed his name to Ignacio Sancho but referred to him as "Iggy."

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Iggy walked with his new people.



Iggy played with his new people.



Iggy's new people fed him cheese.



AND at the end of the day Iggy slept
(which was his favorite thing to do) in bed
with his new people...
sometimes even under the covers.

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Though it didn't happen overnight
Iggy wasn't frightened anymore
and stopped barking and trying to bite
humans big and small.

AND...



After one year
Iggy was still with his new people.
After two years
Iggy was still with his new people.
After three years
Iggy was still with his people.
And to this very day
Iggy is still with the same people.
His people are no longer new though,
they belong to Iggy
and he belongs to them.



NOW the only time Iggy is frightened is when the mail pops out of the mail slot... No humans big or small are ever harmed, just coupons, holiday cards and the occasional package that is small enough to fit through.



That is okay, though.
Nobody is perfect.



