

Noah's Story

I wish to have a French Bulldog

Noah, 9
nervous system disorder



It didn't take long for nine-year-old Noah to fall in love with Jellybean. The roly-poly French Bulldog wore her very own Make-A-Wish® blue t-shirt when she was presented to Noah on wish day. It was love at first sight and Noah's first words once holding his new puppy for the first time were: "She's very small." Despite her small stature, the tiny puppy has made an enormous impact on her new owner's life.

Noah was born with a nervous system disorder that damages the membrane that covers nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Between January and July 2021, Noah made several trips to the Masonic Children's Hospital in Minneapolis to undergo gene therapy.

Jellybean has brought a sparkle into Noah's eyes, and because of her, he is smiling and giggling every day. "Noah needed a friend like Jellybean to distract him from worrying about appointments and pokes - she makes him so happy and (helps) him cope with things a bit easier," said Melissa, Noah's mom.



She explains that since Noah's gene therapy, the family monitors his progress daily and ensures he avoids rough activities. Gentle puppy play and frequent puppy naps are exactly what Noah needs right now. "This wish and experience was so touching (and) that you all care so much to make my boy so happy and have something to look forward to," added Melissa.

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