

A circular photograph of a young girl, Aeriyale, sitting on a couch next to a brown and white English Bulldog. She is wearing a red and black plaid shirt and is smiling. The dog is also looking towards the camera.

# Aeriyale's Story

*I wish to have an English bulldog*

**Aeriyale, 6**  
leukemia

Aeriyale was just five years old when her and her family received the news that she had leukemia. She started an intense chemotherapy treatment protocol and with the support of her family and amazing medical team by her side, she is now cancer free. However, to help prevent relapse, Aeriyale is still required to complete the full treatment protocol (two-and-a-half-year program). She continues to maintain a positive outlook and keeps her head held high. She loves singing and dancing, so much so that she hopes to become a singer/dancer superstar when she grows up.

Aeriyale is resilient, brave, extremely outgoing and has a smile that can light up any room she walks into. She has a kind heart and enjoys bringing joy to others – she does a discharge dance at the nurse's station after every treatment, lifting everyone's spirits.

For as long as Aeriyale's mom can remember, she has always wanted an English Bulldog for her own. Upon finding out that Aeriyale could have her one most heartfelt wish come true, it was without question that it would be just that – an English Bulldog. Her wish came true in July 2021, and she was so excited to get her new pup to be well-trained so she can go on fun, new adventures with him and create ever-lasting memories!

Aeriyale named her new furry, four-legged friend Cujos – after Toronto Maple Leaf legend, Curtis Joseph. Reflecting on the day Aeriyale picked up Cujos, her mom said that “granting Aeriyale's wish means so much to her and the family because it made her so happy and continues to bring the biggest smile to her face every day!”

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Aeriyale's are granted.