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When I was little (5 or 6 years old), I had a dog named Viri, [Woody] but his real name was Vírusur (meaning for bear in Karuk). He was really friendly. He was always nice to little kids. He never barked at people we knew. He didn't beg for food.



I liked him a lot because every time I came home he would always come and lick me in the face. He was a very, very good dog those times.

We would play together, like when I threw a tennis ball and who ever got it first wins. But he would always beat me, except this one time I tackled him and I finally won! Hurray, hurray, I say. Those were some good times, good times...



Then there was a day that he wasn't feeling good and I wanted to play with him. He was in an old tool shed and there were a lot of bugs around him. I said in my head, he's dead. I told my grandpa that. He said sadly, that he's dead.



I helped dig a hole with my brother, grandfather, and dad. I saw my dad and my grandfather put him in the hole. I helped fill the hole back up and I never got to see his face again.

Now I can't remember his face but I think he had a white neck and a brown body with big brown eyes that lit up when he saw me. I remember he was a great pet and I will always love him!




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