



Sil & 5 day old Vinnie

The Orange Collar

Vinnie's introduction to Al and Sil is a wonderful story. I call it "The Story of the Orange Collar."



Al holds Vinnie in his new home

In their search for a new dog Al and Sil located a local breeder with whom they were pleased. Unfortunately she did not expect to have a dog available for them until into the spring of 2021. However, in September 2020 they got a call from her saying that a litter of 8 pups had just been delivered on September 24th. The litter consisted of three yellow pups and five black ones. They could have their choice of a yellow female or a black male but they would not have the choice of a specific animal because they were at the bottom of the waiting list. They said that they wanted a black male.

They first visited the breeder when the animals were only 5 days old - just little bundles of fur - their eyes not yet open. The breeder told her young son to bring out one of the black males for them to see. Al says that when that pup was put in Sil's hands that Sil's "heart just melted" However, because they were at the bottom of the list others who wanted black males would get to choose first. The dog that remained would be theirs. Since the dogs were virtually indistinguishable from one another they were only identifiable by the colour of their collar.

When all the selections had been made they went back to see their black pup. He had an orange collar. They decided to call him Vinnie.

Now, here's the surprise. When they went back and looked at the photos of Sil holding the 5 day old pup that had been shown to them as a specimen of the litter - Yes! It was the one with the orange collar.