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“Black and Brown Again” by Lilia Gerber

Oliver the dog, my dog.

black, brown, white.

getting sick, not eating.

he goes to the vet; stays there.

I know what’s happening.

the day comes, his last one.

we say our final goodbyes.

my tears come pouring out.

I stand over his grave in the duck pen.

my heart has broken.

*where did you go Oliver? where?*

we had lost him.

but then...

Grandparents drive across the country;

A little puppy with them.

Astrid.

Black, white, brown.

She is awesome.

Not a replacement.

No dog would ever replace him.

But she is ... ASTRID THE

UNSTOPPABLE!

Soft fur.

Puppy snuggles.

She would do.

She would definitely do.