

Poem from an Untrained Puppy

My family brought me home with them,
snugly cradled in their arms.
They cuddled me and smiled at me,
and said I was full of charm.

We would laugh and play all day,
they showered me with toys.
I soon learned to love my family,
especially the girls and boys.

The children loved to feed me,
they'd give me special treats.
They even let me sleep with them,
all snuggled in the sheets.

They used to laugh and praise me
when I played with my old shoe,
but I was never taught the difference
between the old ones and the new.

The kids and I would grab a rag,
and for hours we would tug.
So I thought I did the right thing
when I chewed the bathroom rug.



They said I was out of control,
and would have to live outside.
This I did not understand,
although I tried and tried.

The walks stopped one by one,
they said they didn't have time.
I wish that I could change things,
I wish I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely,
in the backyard on a chain.
I barked and barked all day long,
to keep from going insane.

So they brought me to a shelter,
but were embarrassed to say why.
They said I caused an allergy,
and then kissed me good-bye.

**If I'd only had some training,
when I was just a pup,
I wouldn't have been so confused
when I was all grown up.**

**Train your new pet from the very beginning and you'll both be
happier!**