

My name is Faith. I have an illness that caused me to lose the hair on the top of my head, my tail and my ankles. Many of my teeth are missing. I have been told that I am an ugly dog.

One day, I went for a walk in my neighborhood with my mommy who adopted me. I was wearing my red and white striped sweater. I like that sweater. I think it makes me look very pretty on the outside.

I walked up to a big dog that was out for a walk by himself and said, "Hi. My name is Faith. Would you like to play?"

He said, "I don't want to play with you because you're ugly. You look like a buzzard with no hair on your head, your red and white striped sweater makes you look like an armadillo and your hairless tail looks like it belongs on a possum."

Even though he was only talking about what I looked like on the outside, his mean words made me feel bad. On the way home from our walk, my mommy said to me, "Faith, don't pay any attention to what that dog said to you about being ugly on the outside. I think that you are pretty on the inside because you are caring, kind, brave, and sweet. It is more important that you are a good girl with a kind heart. Don't ever feel bad about what you look like on the outside." Deep down inside, I knew my mommy was right.

When I got home from our walk, I lay down for a nap underneath my favorite purple blanket on the couch. I lay there thinking about the mean words that the big, black dog said to me. "You look like a buzzard. You look like an armadillo. You look like a possum." Soon, I drifted off to sleep. Zzzzzz.....

“HELP!”

What was that? I heard a cry for help. I jumped down from the couch and ran to the window. I thought I heard a dog crying. “Is a dog in trouble?” I asked myself. If so, I knew I had to help. I ran into my special dog crate then quickly leapt out and shouted, “Never fear! Buzzardillopossum is here!”

On my head I wore a shiny, gold cap covered with glitter. I wore a gold cape with a big, black letter “B” on the back, as well as a black eye mask. I also wore a big, white furry tail. The tail is special. It allows me to fly.