



On a cold day in February 2006 a litter of Standard Poodle puppies is born.

Look how tiny these puppies are compared to human hands.

One of the black puppies is named Maya.



Here she is with one of her sisters.

Maya is the one with the pale pink collar.

Her sister has a yellow collar.

Maya has lots of brothers and sisters. Here she is with all of them.

Which one is Maya?

How many puppies are there?



12

That's right. Maya has **11** brothers and sisters.

11 brothers and sisters + **1** Maya = **12** puppies.

That is a lot
of brothers
and sisters
and a lot of
puppies!

When Maya
is old enough
to leave her
dog mother
she goes to
live with her
human
mother,
Mama
Donna.



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ama Donna loves
little Maya a lot.

Little Maya loves Mama
Donna too.

Maya gets to run in a big
field.



Maya gets to roll
down a big hill.

The grass tickles
her little belly.

She is happy!

Maya gets to chew on a big red toy. Mmmmmm....

Mama Donna put something very tasty inside the big red toy.



Maya is so happy!

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aya gets to play with her friend, Chicco. Chicco is a Standard Poodle too. But he is already big, and he is white. Standard Poodles come in many different colors. Remember all those puppies?



Chicco teaches Maya how to chew on sticks. Chicco tells Maya to be careful because sticks can be sharp. There is a lot to learn when you are a puppy!