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## PABLO AND ALEX ARE SOUL BROTHERS

I've always been an animal lover and had pets in my childhood. After growing up and having a family of my own I yearned for a dog; but didn't have the courage to keep one, owing to the responsibilities involved.

Then one day, miraculously enough, we adopted Pablo, a bulldog pup. Pablo seemed to be God's gift to my silent yearnings. After he came into our lives, I realised that they are perhaps the most misunderstood breeds. His looks may say he's ill-tempered but he is very amiable, child-friendly and non fussy.

As time passed, I felt that Pablo needed company. That's how Alex, the Beagle, came into our lives. It was a bold decision; having two dogs meant double the work. But somehow, I mustered up the courage to get Alex, the naughty, ever-exploring, chew-all pup. And Alex was accepted by Pablo from Day I.

Though Pablo was just about 10 months when Alex came, he behaved like his father sitting with him, taking care not to hurt him while playing. They have very different temperaments. In the morning, all Pablo wants is food and all Alex wants is love. Two dogs means double the work and time, not to mention expenses. But it's also double the joy.

- Dr Shafali Yadav, Ghaziabad



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