

My gorgeous beauty, Jeruska, love you girl, 2009



# SUGARLAND'S JERUSKA

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## My Black Velveteen Rabbit

Once in a lifetime we are fortunate enough to share that very special bond, that special love & I have been fortunate to have had that special love and bond with more than one. Jeruska was one of those very special soul-mates that is so much apart of my soul and heart. She is my black Velveteen Rabbit and the unconditional love that we shared will remain with me always. I miss her every minute of every day.

### The Velveteen Rabbit: Love Makes You Real

(My Mastino Girl)

By Margery Williams Bianco

*Real isn't how you are made,' said the Skin Horse. 'It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.'*

*Does it hurt?' asked the Rabbit.*

*Sometimes,' said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. 'When you are Real you don't mind being hurt.'*

*Does it happen all at once, like being wound up,' he asked, 'or bit by bit?'*

*It doesn't happen all at once,' said the Skin Horse. 'You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand.'*

Sleep easy my gorgeous beauty. Bubba is forever by your side and your children, "J" Boy and Anna Bear, are with me and I love them as I love you. Love you MaMa "J" girl

Anna Bear and her Mother, Jeruska, 2009



Mom, Dad, Jeruska & HoneyBubbs, 2010



Mom & her Mama "J" girl, 2010



Mom & Jeruska recuperating, 2008



Jeruska & Mom with Santa, 2010



The Black Velveteen Rabbit in Greta's Garden, 2010



Jeruska and Bubba Bear, 2008

