

MY BOYFRIEND IS A DOG

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A young woman dating a boy who literally acts like a dog is encouraged by a friend to demand better in relationships.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This script will be lots of fun—for the actors and the audience alike. But as with all scripts that have lots of physical humor—here, Roy being played as a cute, cuddly dog—you need to be careful not to overdo it. If the focus becomes the physical humor, that's all the audience will remember. Weeks after the performance, people will come to your actor and say, "I loved that drama where you were the dog. You were so funny!" And if you ask them what the point of the script was, they'll have no clue. So the onus is on you as director to keep the actor playing Roy from stealing the show. He should be appropriately funny, but Shari and Leah should be our focus.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Dating, Youth

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 Timothy 5:1-2

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Youth Ministry, Singles Ministry

CHARACTERS:

SHARI and LEAH—best friends

ROY—Leah's new boyfriend, who acts like a dog

PROPS: "Doggie treats" for Roy

COSTUMES: Each player is dressed in casual clothes, even Roy

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A park

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SHARI and LEAH enter.

SHARI: I'm so excited for you, Leah. It's been too long since you've dated anyone.

LEAH: I know, and Roy is such a sweet guy.

SHARI: Is he really?

LEAH: Oh, if you only knew. He loves to snuggle with me and be all affectionate.

SHARI: Awww.

LEAH: And he's just the cutest guy on the face of the earth. He's got a face that just melts your heart.

SHARI: You always did love the cute ones.

LEAH: And he follows me around everywhere I go, just like a little puppy.

SHARI: Is that so?

LEAH: Oh look! Here he comes now! Here comes my boy.

ROY enters, running and barking like a dog. He runs circles around LEAH as she talks.

LEAH: There's my big strong boyfriend. Yes, he loves his little girlfriend, doesn't he? Yes! Give us a hug.

ROY gets on his haunches so LEAH can hug him.

LEAH: Roy, say hi to my best friend, Shari.

SHARI holds out her hand to shake. ROY sniffs her hand, turns his nose up and growls.

LEAH: Sorry, he's just a little protective of me. It's okay, sweetie, we've been friends a long time. She's a nice girl.

ROY growls louder.

SHARI: So...this is your boyfriend.

LEAH: Yes. We've been together three wonderful weeks. Haven't we?

ROY rubs his head against LEAH for attention. LEAH pets him.

LEAH: Yes, I love you too. Here, have a treat.

LEAH gives ROY a treat.