

A photograph of Mary Murphy, a blonde woman with a bright smile, sitting on a brown leather patio chair. She is wearing a white dress with a red floral pattern and blue jeans. She is holding a small, scruffy brown and white dog named Tango. The background shows a grey metal fence and lush green plants, including a large palm frond. The scene is set outdoors on a sunny day.

“He’s a
macho little
love bucket!”

MARY’S MATCH

Tango’s totally got Mary Murphy wrapped around his paw

The death of a pet is just as tragic as losing a family member, and Mary Murphy knows that all too well. After the *So You Think You Can Dance* judge’s beloved schnauzer Cha Cha passed, it took her four years to fall for another fuzzy face. “Because of my personality, I had to see all the schnauzers available in the U.S., which is what I did,” Mary, 56, dishes to *Closer*

about her detailed online search for her new pooch. “When I found Tango, I instantly fell in love with his picture. I wanted him.” And together, they make the perfect pair. “Tango is my shadow,” she says about the playful, 1-year-old pup that quickly showed Mary who’s boss. “He owns me: hook, line and sinker. There isn’t anything I wouldn’t do for this little dog,” she gushes.