Ho Ho Ho! Dog Coat

Materials:
- Bulky yarn, color of choice for body (we used Yarn Bee True Colors, red and coal black); one skein red for size small and a few yards of black for belt. Additional skeins of main color are needed for larger sizes depending on dog's size.
- Fur yarn, for edging (we used Yarn Bee's Haute Fur)
- US 10 ½ straight needles
- Crochet hook, F
- Steam iron, for blocking
- Buttons for neck, belt, and strap
- Sewing needle

Gauge:
12 sts x 20 rows = 4" x 4"

Stitch Pattern:
The pattern is worked entirely in garter stitch: knit each row.

Coat Body:
Cast on 11 stitches (sts) for extra small; 15 sts for small; 19 sts for medium.
Knit two rows.
Increase 2 sts at the beginning of the next four rows: 19 (23, 27) sts.

Then increase 1 st at the beginning and end of every other row 2 (3, 5) times (you will have a total of 23, 29, 37 sts.)

Continue in pattern until the piece measures 8 ¼" (11", 14")

Next, divide for neck:
Knit 9 sts (11, 14) and place on stitch holder.
Bind off next 5 sts (7, 9) for neck opening.
Continue to knit across row: 9 (11, 14) sts.

With right side facing, work left side:
Bind off 1 st at neck edge, every other row 2 (2, 4 times): 7 (9, 10) sts.
When the piece measures 3½" (4", 4 ¾"), bind off.

Work right side:
With right side facing you, work as left side, reversing shaping; work until 4 ¾" in length (this is the overlap for the buttons.)

Band:
Pick up 7 sts (9, 10) along left edge of coat about 2 ½ " (3 1/8", 4") below the neck. Knit approx. 4" (6", 8"). Fit coat on your dog to determine length and add rows as needed. Bind off.

Belt:
With black, CO 3 (4, 4) sts. Knit each row, until belt is width of coat. Bind off.
Tack into place across back of coat.

Crochet Edge:
Right side facing you, work single crochet edging with fun fur along edge of coat, around neck bands and tummy band. End.
Note: If you do not crochet, you can do a blanket stitch or simple whip stitch around the coat edge.

To Assemble:
Sew buttons onto the tummy band, back strap, and neck edge. (Buttons go through stitches.) Use some sticky tape to remove lose "fur" by doubling the tape and lightly pressing it along the fur edging.