

EYEWITNESS  READERS

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PRESCHOOL-GRADE 1

Surprise Puppy!

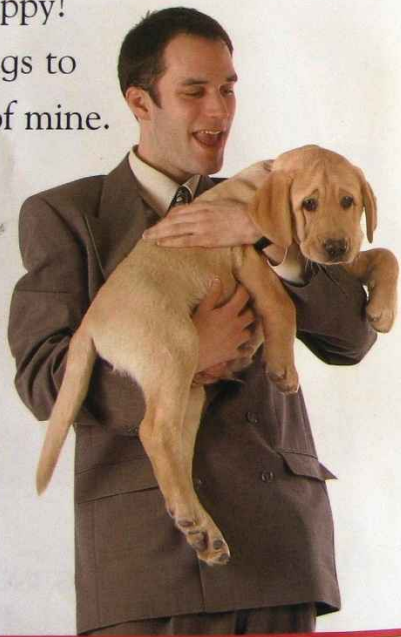


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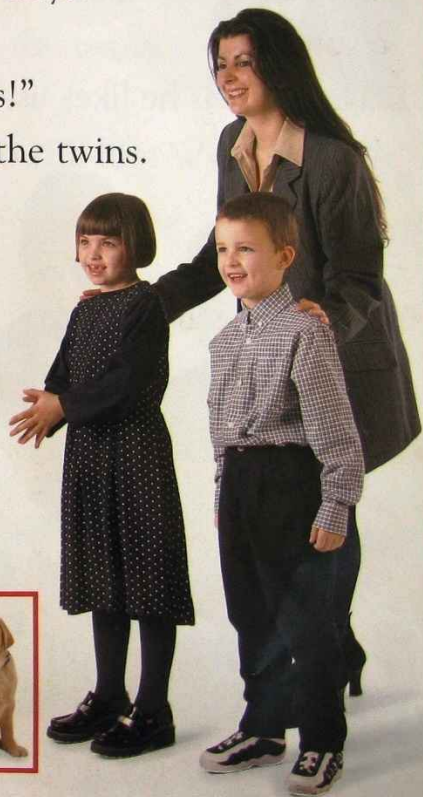
On Friday afternoon,
Dad brought home
a surprise.

“Look what I’ve got,” he said.
“It’s a puppy!
He belongs to
a friend of mine.

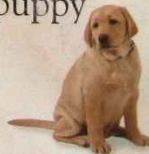


“Will you look after him
for a few days?”

“Yes! Yes!”
shouted the twins.



puppy



“The puppy’s wagging his tail,”
said Sam.

“That means he likes us,”
said Jessica.



“My friend wants
you to name him,”
Dad told the twins.



“I want to call him Wags,”
said Jessica.

“Wags is a good name,”
said Sam.



Wags ran around the room.

“He wants to play,” said Dad.

“He needs lots of exercise.”



Sam looked in the box of things
that had come with Wags.

He found a toy ball.



He threw the ball
into the garden.

“Fetch,” he called.



Wags chased the ball.

But ...

... he did not bring
the ball back.

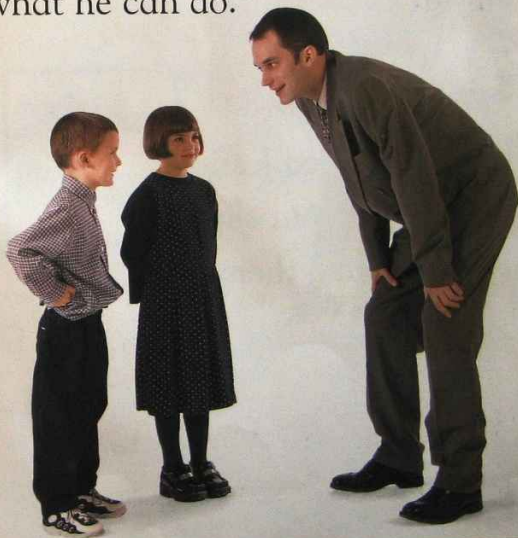
He just sat
by the ball
and wagged
his tail!



“Wags doesn’t know
how to fetch,” said Jessica.

“Let’s teach him this weekend,”
said Sam.

“Good idea,” said Dad.
“Then next week
you can show your friends
what he can do.”



Later that evening,
Dad couldn't find
his slippers.



“Oh no!” cried Jessica.
“Wags has your slippers.
He’s chewing them!”



“He’s teething,”
Dad told her.



“Give him a dog chew.
There’s one in the box
with Wags’s things.”

chew



Soon it was bedtime.
“Can Wags sleep with me?”
Sam asked.

“Wags is too young,” said Dad.
“He has to sleep in the kitchen.



“Put some newspaper
on the floor
in case he needs to pee.

“Fill up
his water bowl.



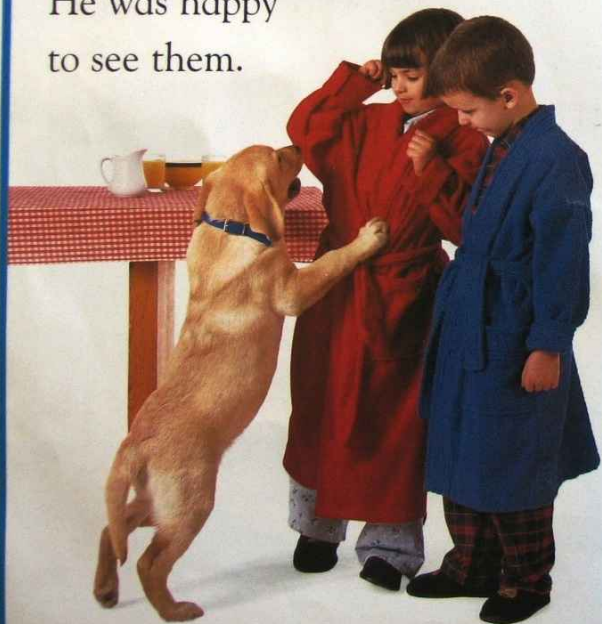
basket

“Then lay a blanket
in his basket
to keep him warm.”



On Saturday morning,
the twins rushed
into the kitchen.

Wags jumped up at them.
He was happy
to see them.



“Get down, Wags,”
said Mom.

“Puppies must learn
not to jump up
at people.”



“Do puppies eat cornflakes?”
asked Sam.

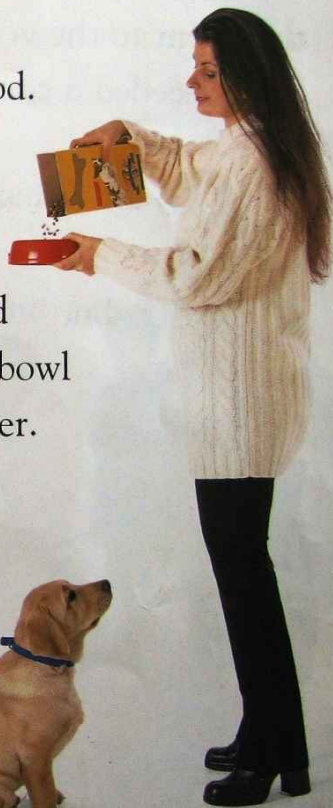
“Don’t be silly.
Puppies eat puppy food,”
said Jessica.

“Mom is feeding Wags now.”



Mom filled Wags’s
food bowl
with puppy food.

Then she filled
Wags’s water bowl
with fresh water.



bowl



That afternoon,
they went to the vet.
Wags needed a checkup.



“Why does Wags need to be
checked by you?” asked Sam.

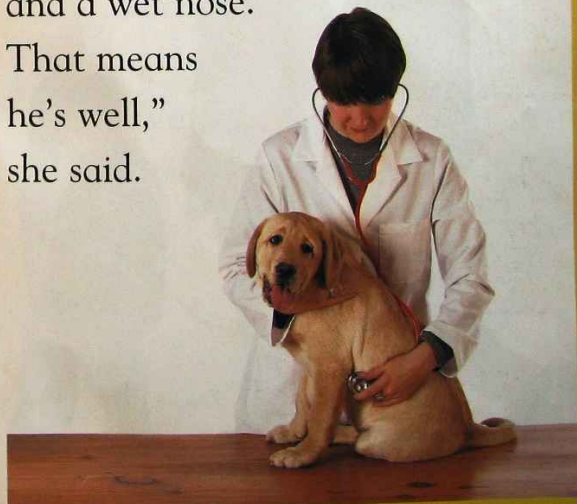
“To make sure
he is healthy,”
said the vet.



The vet checked Wags carefully.

“Wags has a shiny coat
and a wet nose.

That means
he’s well,”
she said.



On Sunday,
the family took Wags
for a long walk.
They went to the park.



Sam and Jessica took turns
holding the leash.

“I wish we had a puppy,”
said Jessica.

“Puppies are hard work,”
Dad told her.

“We don’t mind!”
shouted the twins.



leash



After the walk,
everyone went inside.



Jessica hung Wags's leash
on the coat rack.



Sam put
fresh water
in Wags's
water bowl.

No one noticed that
the gate was open.

No one ...
except Wags!





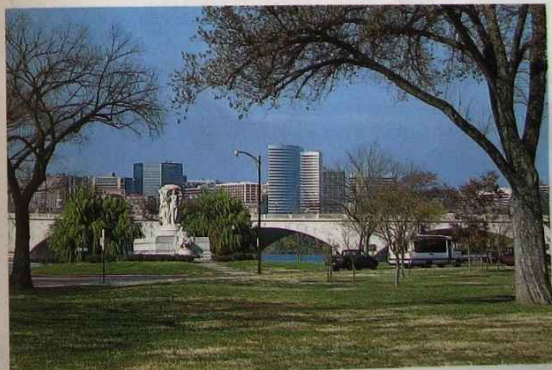
“Where’s Wags?”
Dad asked
a few minutes later.

“Oh no,
the gate’s open!”
cried Jessica.
“Wags ran away.”

“Come on,
let’s find him,”
said Mom.



But he wasn’t on the street.



And he wasn’t in the park.

"I found him!" called Jessica.
Wags was next door.
He had been rolling
in some mud.



Mom brought him home
and gave him a bath.

"We have to keep
the gate shut,"
she told
the twins.



"Okay," said Jessica
as she dried Wags with a towel.



"Sorry," said Sam.
He brushed Wags's coat
with the dog brush.





On Monday,
it was the
twins' birthday.

Mom gave them a tiny box
and Jessica opened it.



"It's a tag!" she said.
"It has our address on it ...
and it says WAGS!"

"It's a dog tag,"
said Dad.

"Wags belongs
to you two now.

This weekend was a test.

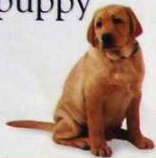
You passed with flying colors!"

dog tag



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Truck Trouble
Tale of a Tadpole
Surprise Puppy!
Duckling Days
A Day at Seagull Beach
Whatever the Weather
Busy, Buzzy Bee

Level 2 *Beginning to Read Alone*

Dinosaur Dinners
Fire Fighter!
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
Slinky, Scaly Snakes!
Animal Hospital
The Little Ballerina
Munching, Crunching, Sniffing, and Snooping
The Secret Life of Trees

Level 3 *Reading Alone*

Spacebusters
Beastly Tales
Shark Attack!
Titanic
Invaders from Outer Space
Movie Magic
Plants Bite Back!
Time Traveler

Level 4 *Proficient Readers*

Days of the Knights
Volcanoes
Secrets of the Mummies
Pirates!
Horse Heroes
Trojan Horse
Micromonsters
Going for Gold!