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Hi everybody

It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Morgan, my good friend and co-editor. Woooooof! Morgan and I go back a long time. We first co-edited the Dogs’ Den storybook, then this newsletter.

Morgan died on January 1st. Nellie (my big sister, who was also co-editor of the Dogs' Den Storybook and this newsletter) met Morgan at the Rainbow Bridge. They are playing ball together, chasing each other and having fun, healthy and full of energy.

In honour of Morgan we are renaming this newsletter the "Kids and Pups Edition Dog Guardian" newsletter. Thank you Morgan for all your help. I will always remember you. Woofie! Woof! *Tyler*

Goodbye Morgan

At the very beginning of 2020, on New Year's Day, Morgan quietly crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. She was 16 ½ years old, a very old dog who lived a long and interesting life. Morgan crossed Canada many times, three times by car and lots more journeys by plane; she enjoyed travelling, and particularly liked staying in hotels on her travels, where people made a fuss of her and gave her treats.

Morgan was a beautiful brown Standard Poodle, and she had the bright, energetic, fun-loving nature of all the poodles. She was gentle and sweet, and made friends of everyone she met. Her walks were the best part of her day - she loved to swim at the beach, and run free along woodland trails, jumping over anything in her way. She was a wonderful companion, and is very much missed by her family. *Jill*



We Are Special by Tyler

My friend, Mary B., asked me to talk about Doberman Pinschers this month. She would like to know why their ears are cropped.



Doberman with cropped (cut) ears



What a Doberman looks like with his ears left uncropped



Doberman puppy (born with floppy ears)

I found these very interesting articles on the internet. What would we do without the internet? Woofie! Woof!

From this article "[The Benefits of Docking a Doberman Pinscher's Ears](#)" I learned that "Louis Dobermann, a tax collector in Germany at the turn of the 20th century, developed a breed of dog to accompany him on his rounds. Dobermann needed a strong dog with an intimidating presence that could protect him from thieves and wild animals on his travels." So the Doberman Pinscher dogs were created. They are strong, intelligent, alert, and very protective of their owners. [Wikipedia](#) says that they weigh between 40 to 45 kg (88 to 99 lbs.). They are around 70 cm (27") tall. They live between 9 and 12 years. They have short hair and a graceful gait.

Back to Mary's question: why do they crop dogs' ears? The first article above explains that in the good old days (I am talking way back in 1600, way before your grandparents were born), dogs' ears were cropped for safety reasons.

Ears are easy targets for other animals to bite. Doberman pups' ears are thin, so they can be easily torn or cut (ouch, that must hurt a lot). Their ears take a long time to heal. Also floppy ears get lots of ear infections because air can't circulate through them. Cropped ears don't have that problem.

I am a Lab with long, floppy ears. I am very proud of my ears, but I get lots of ear infections. Nellie, on the other hand, was an Australian Shepherd. Her ears weren't cropped; she just had naturally small, cute ears that stood up. She didn't have any ear infections.

Very Useful Things To Learn *by Tyler*

In our July newsletter we started a new section called "Very Useful Things To Learn". We are going to tell you about things we have learned that make us safe, well behaved, and (best of all) earn us lots of cookies. Woofie! Woof! They are easy skills to teach us. In the last 7 months we covered "sit", "come", "learning your name", "leave it", "focus", "lie down", "speak" and "quiet".



This month I would like to discuss teaching us to fetch. It's a very important skill to learn. Julie first taught me to fetch a ball. I am a very smart dog, so I soon learned to fetch whatever Julie pointed to. When she drops something, she says "Tyler fetch", and I pick up whatever she drops and give it to her. I am a very helpful puppy. 😊

Ask an adult friend to help you read "[How to Teach a Dog to Fetch](#)". You and your adult friend will have lots of fun teaching your dog to fetch first a ball, and then other useful things, like slippers.



*Here is this month's question from my friend,
Mary L. (I am a popular pup, and have lots of
'Mary' friends 😊)*

"How much exercise do dogs need?"

A very good question, Mary. It depends on your dog's age and breed. When I was a puppy, I needed way more exercise than I do nowadays. I am now a calm senior dog. I am a Lab, a very active breed. In my younger days I needed way more exercise than a Great Dane would.

Emily Simons, in her article "[Dog Exercise — How Much Exercise Does a Dog Need Every Day?](#)", says that [according to the U.K. Kennel Club](#), "A good rule of thumb is a ratio of five minutes of exercise per month of age (up to twice a day) until the puppy is full grown". This means that your 4 month old puppy should go for a 20 minute walk once or twice a day. Adult dogs don't need as much exercise. The article recommends 30 minutes to 2 hours. Senior dogs need even less exercise.

Breed is an important factor. According to the article, small breeds like Yorkshire Terriers need less exercise. The same with big breeds like Great Danes. My breed (Labs), Nellie's breed (Australian Shepherds) and other active breeds need the most exercise, about an hour a day.



Which House? Game *by Tyler*

Can you believe that we have already introduced you to 11 dog breeds? Wow! That's a lot.

All 11 breeds are very responsible and have saved their doggy cookies to buy houses. They need your help. Each dog is asking you to help him or her choose the perfect size house. The choices are:



Small houses
for dogs
under 10 kg
(22 lbs)



Medium houses
for dogs between
10 and 20 kg
(22 to 44 lbs)



Large houses for
dogs **over 20 kg**
(44 lbs)

Let me introduce you to our house buying gang:

Puppy #1 – Maggie, our very handsome **Rough Collie**, weighs **25 kg** (55 lbs.). We talked about her breed in the January 2020 newsletter.

Puppy #2 – Snoopy is our goofy **Beagle**; yep, the same name as Charlie Brown's dog. He weighs **9 kg** (20 lbs.). We talked about his breed in the October 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #3 - Max, our mature **Doberman Pinscher** friend, weighs **40 kg** (88 lbs.). We talked about his breed in this newsletter.

Puppy #4 – Tyler (that's me 😊), your friendly **Labrador Retriever**. I weigh **36 kg** (80 lbs.). We talked about my breed in the April 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #5 – George, our very happy **Jack Russell**, weighs **7.5 kg** (16 lbs.). We talked about his breed in the July 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #6 – Shadow, our adventurous **Miniature Schnauzer**, weighs **5 kg** (11 lbs.). We talked about his breed in the November 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #7 – Tracy, our pretty **Australian Shepherd**, weighs **16 kg** (35 lbs.). We talked about her breed in the September 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #8 – Daisy, our smart **Standard Poodle**, weighs **22 kg** (50 lbs.). We talked about her breed in the May 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #9 – Buddy, our sneaky **Portuguese Water Dog**, weighs **16 kg** (35 lbs.). We talked about him in the December 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #10 – Pepper, our patient **Dalmatian** pup, weighs **15 kg** (33 lbs.). We talked about her in the August 2019 newsletter.

Puppy #11 – Jason, our gentle **Golden Retriever**, weighs **30 kg** (70 lbs.). We talked about him in the June newsletter.

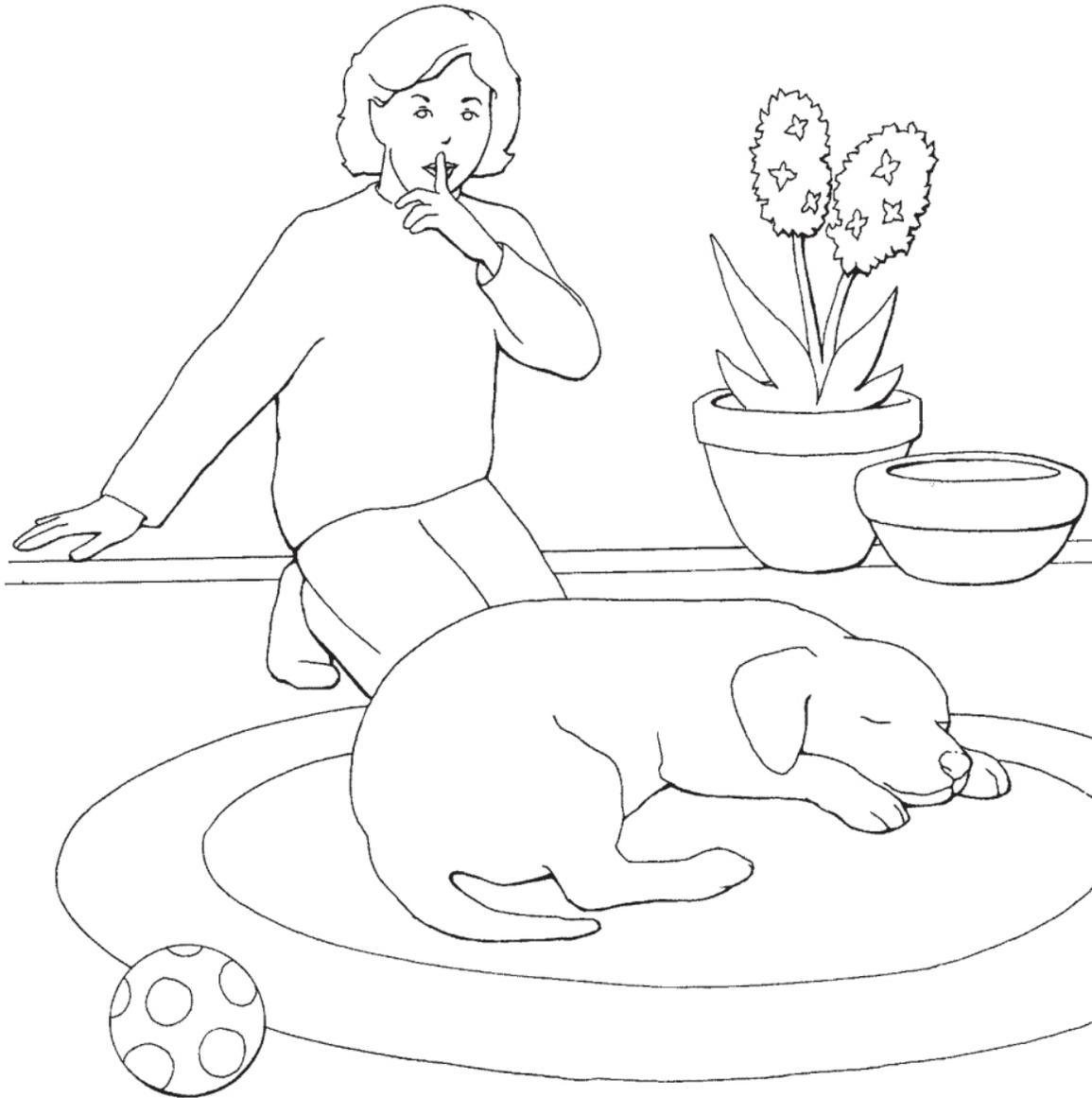
Thank you for your help. Woofie! Woof! [Find all these newsletters here.](#)
(Answers are on the last page of the newsletter)

Colouring Contest *by Tyler*

Shhhh! Puppy sleeping!

The authors of the "[The Fido, Friend or Foe?](#)" [Activity booklet \(p.20\)](#) ask you not to disturb dogs when they are sleeping. That includes hugging, and no loud noises. Some dogs may growl at you and even bite you when woken up suddenly. I bet you don't like being woken up from a deep sleep either!

Print out the picture of the sleeping dog on the next page, colour it, scan or take a photo of it, then send it to us at morejulie@hotmail.com with your email address. We will choose a winner, and post the picture in this newsletter for everybody to see.



Never wake a sleeping dog suddenly.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to our committee for proofreading this newsletter. We really appreciate your help. You are the greatest. A special thank you goes to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter. *Tyler*



Answers for the “Which House?” Game

Small House — Puppy #2, Puppy #5, Puppy #6

Medium House — Puppy #7, Puppy #9, Puppy #10

Large House — Puppy #1, Puppy #3, Puppy #4, Puppy #8, Puppy #11

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