



# THE DOG GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

## KID'S EDITION

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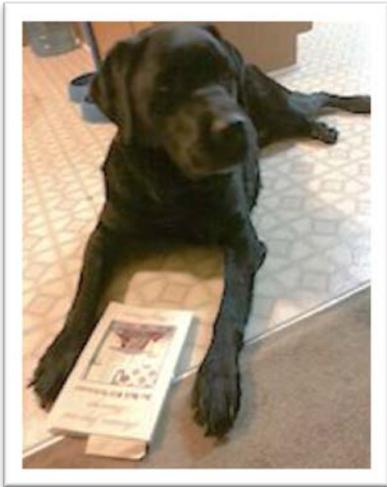
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Hi everybody

Welcome to the February edition of the Kid's Dog Guardian newsletter. For those of you who are new members, let us introduce ourselves. We are the Dog Guardian newsletter co-editors' dogs - Tyler, Julie's pup, and Morgan, Jill's pup. We decided the Kid's newsletter needed articles written by us dogs. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around dogs. 😊

## Book Report (by Tyler)



I love books. I like to learn about all sorts of things. Books give you information about everything you want to know. This month I would like to tell you about “**May I Pet Your Dog? - The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs (and Dogs Meeting Kids)**” by Stephanie Calmenson.

<http://readkiddoread.com/books/may-i-pet-your-dog-the-how-to-guide-for-kids-meeting-dogs-and-dogs-meeting-kids>

This book is recommended for 2 to 8 year olds. My Mom wrote an article in the [Christmas 2014 issue of the Dog Guardian newsletter](#).

In the book, Stephanie (the author), with the help of Harry (a very cute and very smart dachshund), explains to you how to be safe around us. Harry and his new friend (a little boy) cover a lot of topics, including how to ask our owner's permission before walking over to meet us, the best way to approach us, what our different body language means (wagging tail means we are happy, if we growl it means we don't want to meet you, etc.), how to behave around working dogs like guide dogs, and many other important topics. In the last 2 pages of the book, Harry and his friends give 6 important safety tips. Morgan and I think this is a very well written book. Easy to understand. Great pictures. We highly recommend it.

## What if You Can't Have a Dog? (by Morgan)

Hmmmm. Let's see. We already talked about rabbits and hamsters. Let's talk about fish this month. My Mom wrote an article on pet fish in the [Summer 2017 Kids Page](#) on the RDOC website.

Fish, like us, come in many different shapes and sizes. My Mom says, “If you never had a fish before, start out with the tropical and cold water types like guppies or goldfish.” You will need an aquarium, heater, filters and plants to make them feel at home. An aquarium is very heavy because it is filled with water. It needs to be placed somewhere sturdy and out of the sun. Heaters and filters are inexpensive and easy to find in pet stores. Real plants are useful and beautiful additions to the aquarium.

Fish are easy to look after. Just remember to feed them and clean the aquarium. Some fish do jump out of the water, so it is important to keep the aquarium covered. A light inside the cover helps to bring out the colours of the fish.

### **Dogs' Den storybook** (by Morgan and Tyler)

Meet our friend the happy dog. Look at his tail wagging with such great speed. His message is that one of the ways to be safe is not to reach through the fence to pet us, and he explains why.

Please do not reach through a fence to pet us. Some of us are very protective of our homes and may see you as a threat, so may bite your hand.



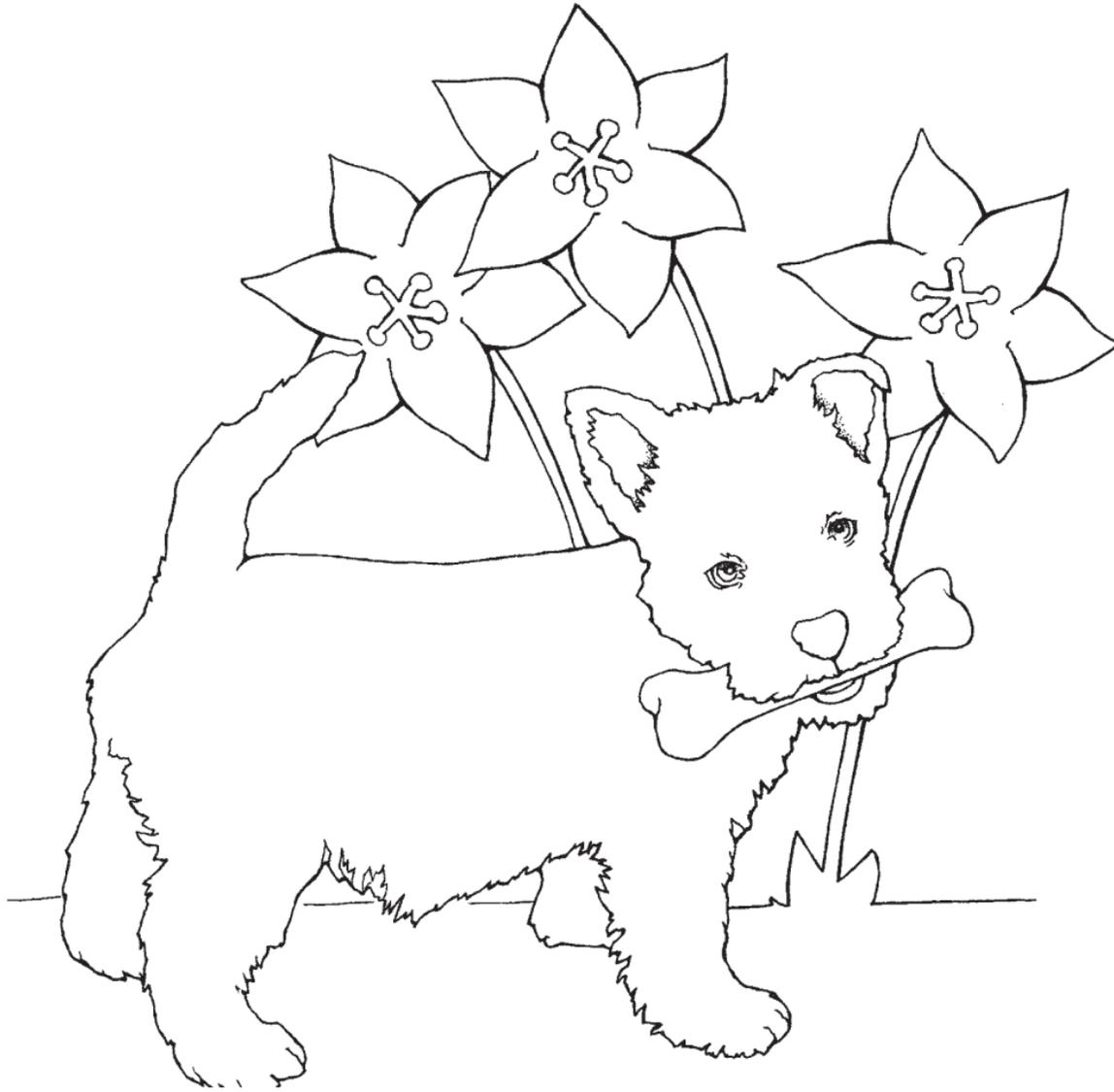
Now let's review what we have learned so far. We talked about how much we love to play with you guys, but do not like being teased or chased. We also reminded you that it is important for us to go to the vet for regular checkups. We pointed out that most of us are very friendly and are eager to

meet people, but please ask our owners before petting us. Remember, it is important not to run up to us. We know you are eager to meet us, but some dogs are nervous and may bark or growl. We love to go to dog training classes. We are very eager to learn. Please don't pull our ears and tails. It hurts, and we don't like it. After all, how would you like it if we pulled your ears? Not very nice! The best way to help us when we get hurt is to call an adult. They will know how to help us. When one of us you don't know runs up to you, stand very still like a tree.

### **Colouring Contest** (by Tyler)

Just a word of caution, please don't take away our bones or toys, not even in play. We are not very good at sharing, unless our owners have taken the time to train us. You don't know if our owners taught us that skill, so it is best to assume they didn't. I am a good sharer. My Mom just has to say “Give” and I happily give her my toy or bone. She spent a long time training me to do that. Page 7 of [The Fido, Friend or Foe? Activity booklet](#) explains - “Never try to take away a dog’s toy: some dogs can be very protective of a bone or a toy and may bite if they are taken away. Never bother a dog with a bone or toy.”

Colour the picture of the cute dog below. Scan or take a photo of the picture you coloured, and send it to us at [morejulie@hotmail.com](mailto:morejulie@hotmail.com) with your email address. We will choose a winner, and post it in our newsletter for everybody to see.



Never take away a dog's bone or toy.

## Game

Be a dog detective.

Decode what you need when you get a new puppy .....



Here is the code you will need to figure out the answers. Change each clue (the red numbers) with the blue letter that you see below it.

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**F Y E O B V T N D L**

### Clues

First clue: **7 4 2** (three letters)

Second clue: **1 4 4 9** (four letters)

Third clue: **5 3 9** (three letters)

Fourth clue: **10 4 6 3** (four letters)

Fifth clue: **5 4 8 3** (four letters)

When you have finished all the questions, the answers are at the end of the newsletter (no peeking until you have finished the puzzle!) 😊

## 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 to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter.

Tyler and Morgan

## Answers to the detective game

- First clue: **TOY**
- Second clue: **FOOD**
- Third clue: **BED**
- Fourth clue: **LOVE**
- Fifth clue: **BONE**

