

# ARL's Kids Corner Newsletter

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# National Dog Bite Prevention Week is

April 7-13, 2024

# DID YOU KNOW?

As kids, there are steps you can take to prevent a dog bite from happening.

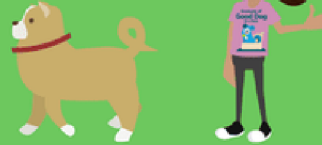
## Steps to take to be SAFE around dogs...



**Soft touch, not too much**  
Pat dog gently on chest and side

**Ask the dog**

If they've had enough, that's OK



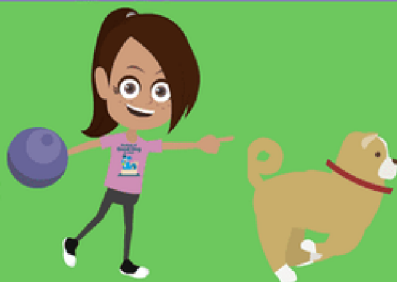
**be a Friend**

Don't bother when eating or sleeping



**Enjoy, but not as a toy**

Don't ride, push, or dress up your dog



- Pat the dog gently on their chest and side. Many dogs find having their head touched uncomfortable and invasive. The dog's chest and side are more neutral areas that many dogs are more comfortable with.
- After a brief period of gentle petting or other interaction stop. Stop playing or petting and see what the dog chooses to do. If they have had enough and walk away, it's OK. Allow them to have a break if they need it.
- Don't bother your dog when they are eating or sleeping. Your dog needs space, especially when they are eating and sleeping. Make these times off limits.
- Dogs aren't toys. Just because a dog tolerates being poked, prodded, dressed up, and climbed on, does not make it appropriate, safe or fair.





# How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.

Avoid taking people's food



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating

Avoid stealing other people's toys



Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys

Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face



Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face

Avoid bothering when asleep



Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Avoid pestering



Avoid grabbing tail/ears

Avoid climbing on or trampling



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Avoid pinching



Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.

Avoid screaming around



Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.

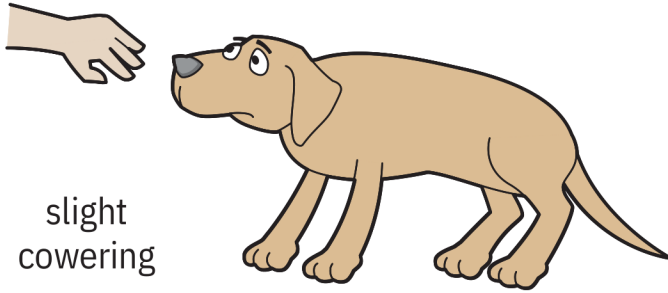
**Dr. Sophia Yin, DVM, MS**  
*The Art and Science of Animal Behavior*

For additional free dog bite prevention resources and more dog behavior books and products, visit [www.drSophiaYin.com](http://www.drSophiaYin.com).

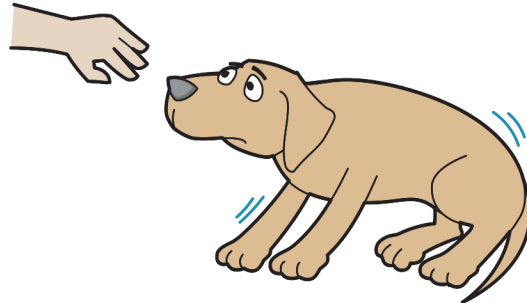


# IMPORTANT!

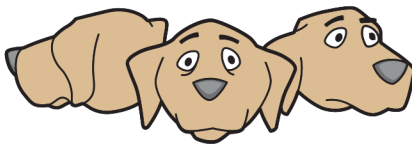
When pets are nervous or frightened they tell you with their bodies. LOOK FOR THE SIGNS TO KEEP YOU AND THEM SAFE.



slight cowering



major cowering



hyper vigilant, looking in many directions



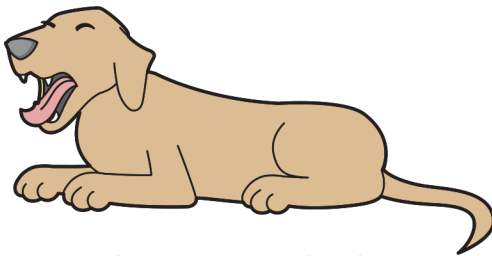
panting when not hot or thirsty



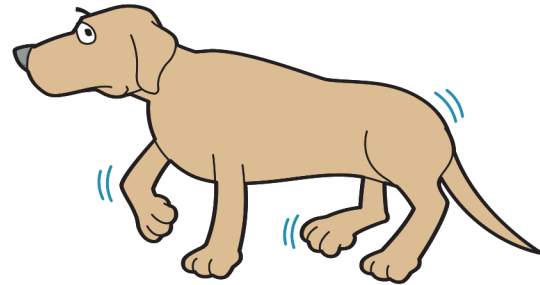
brows furrowed, ears to side



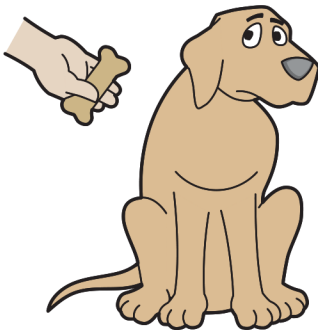
licking lips, when no food is nearby



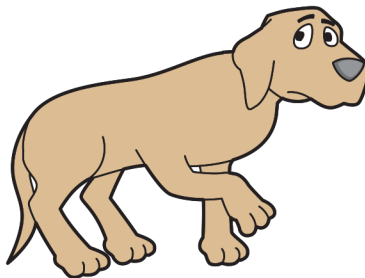
acting sleepy or tired, when they shouldn't be tired



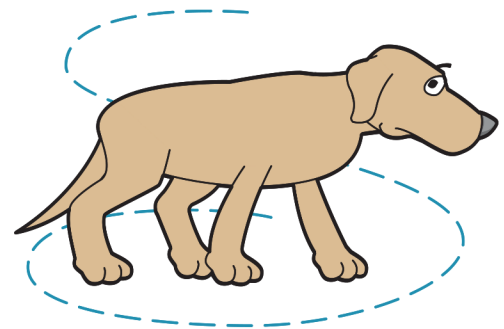
moving in slow motion walking slowly on the floor



suddenly won't eat, but was hungry earlier



moving away

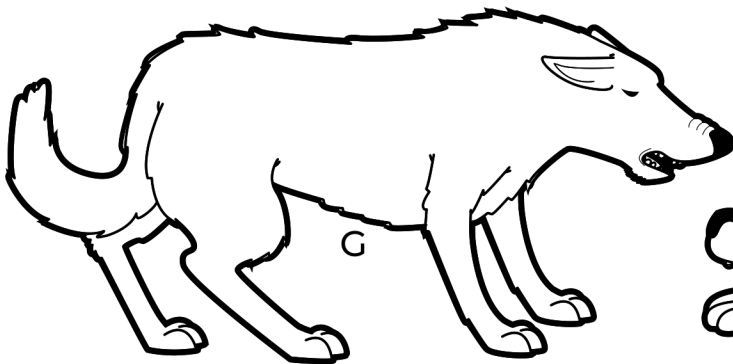
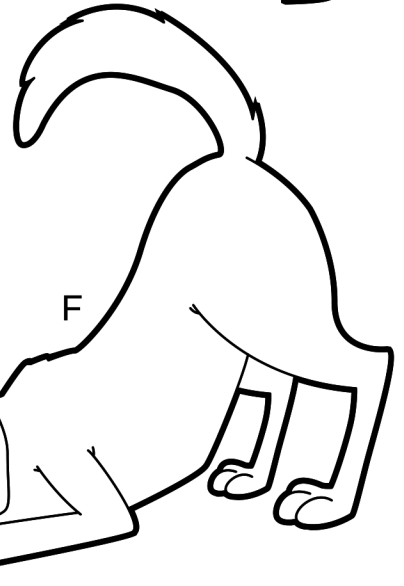
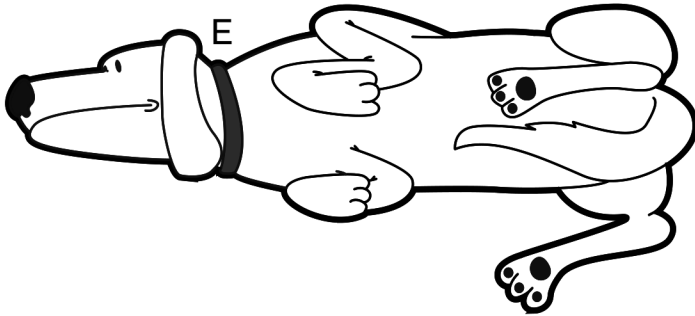
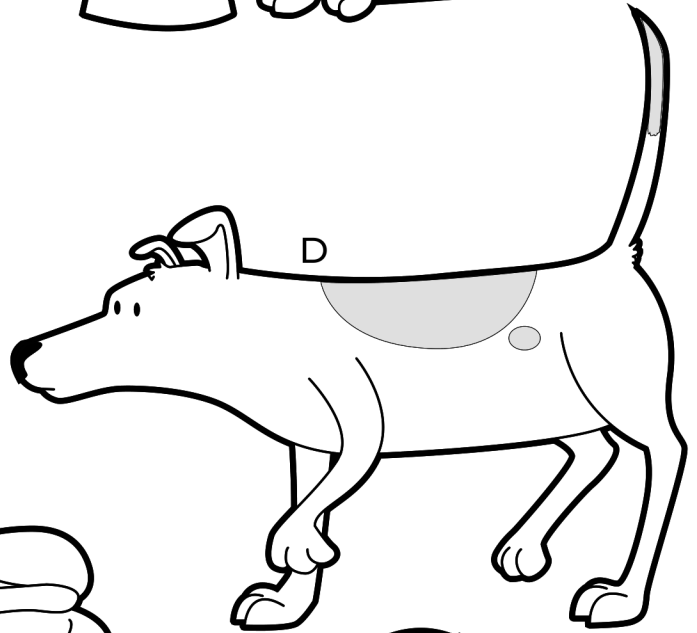
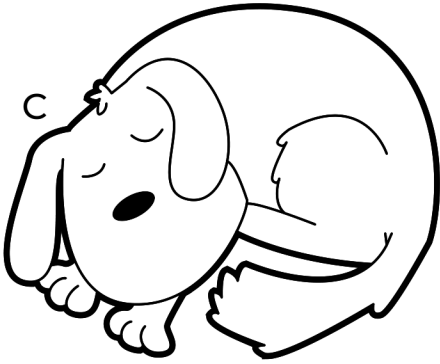
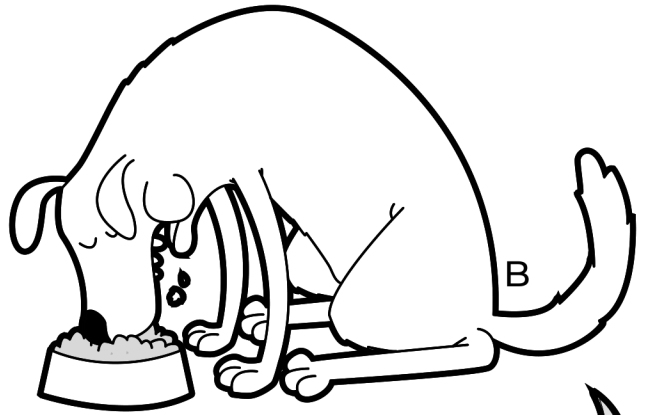
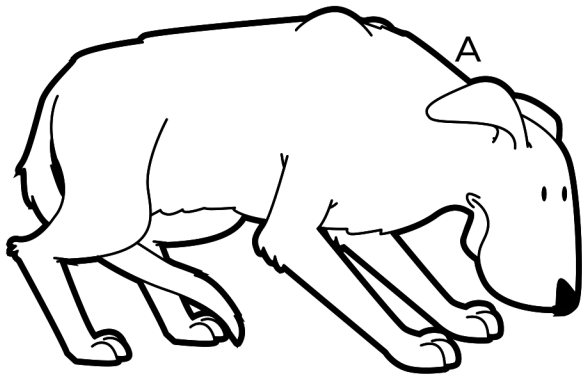


pacing back and forth



Circle the answer!

Which of these dogs is ready to play?



Answer: F) The dog is in the downward dog pose, with his bottom up in the air and front low to the ground. This means he wants to play.

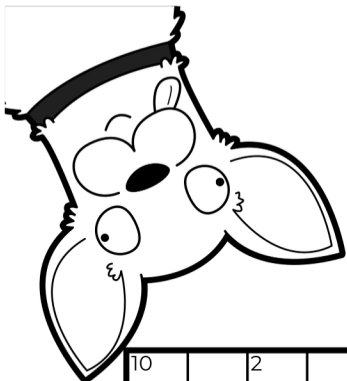
# April 23rd is National Lost Dog Awareness Day!



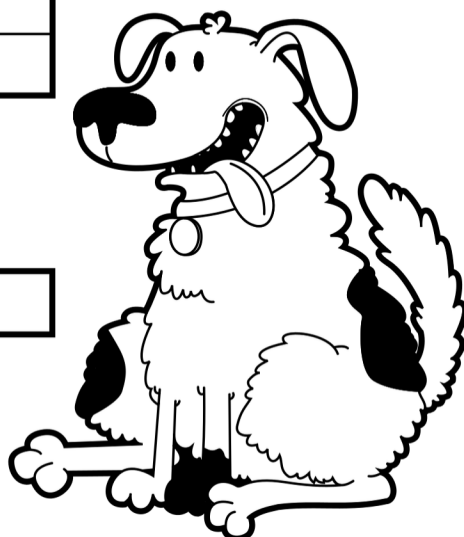
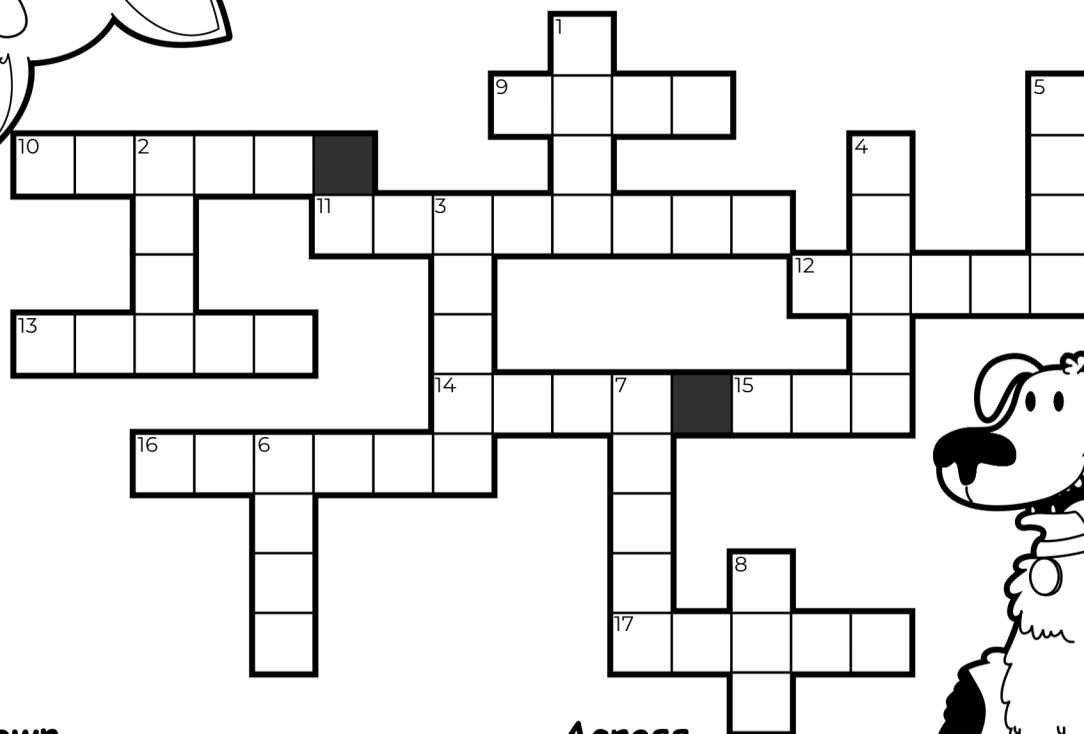
## Steps to take to help prevent or reunite lost dogs:

- **Keep your dog secure.** Make sure you keep your dog on a leash or in a fenced-in area with supervision.
- **Training.** Dogs who have been trained are less likely to go missing. Training can also help build a relationship between the dog and the owner.
- **ID Tags and microchipping.** Have your dog wear a collar with an ID tag (dog's name, owner's name/contact information). Consider microchipping your pet and keeping contact information up to date to help in the recovery of a lost pet.
- **Spaying and neutering.** This helps reduce your pet's likelihood of wandering.
- **Keep records up to date on your animals.** That includes photos, vaccinations, ID tags, and microchips, too.





# Crossword Puzzle



## Down

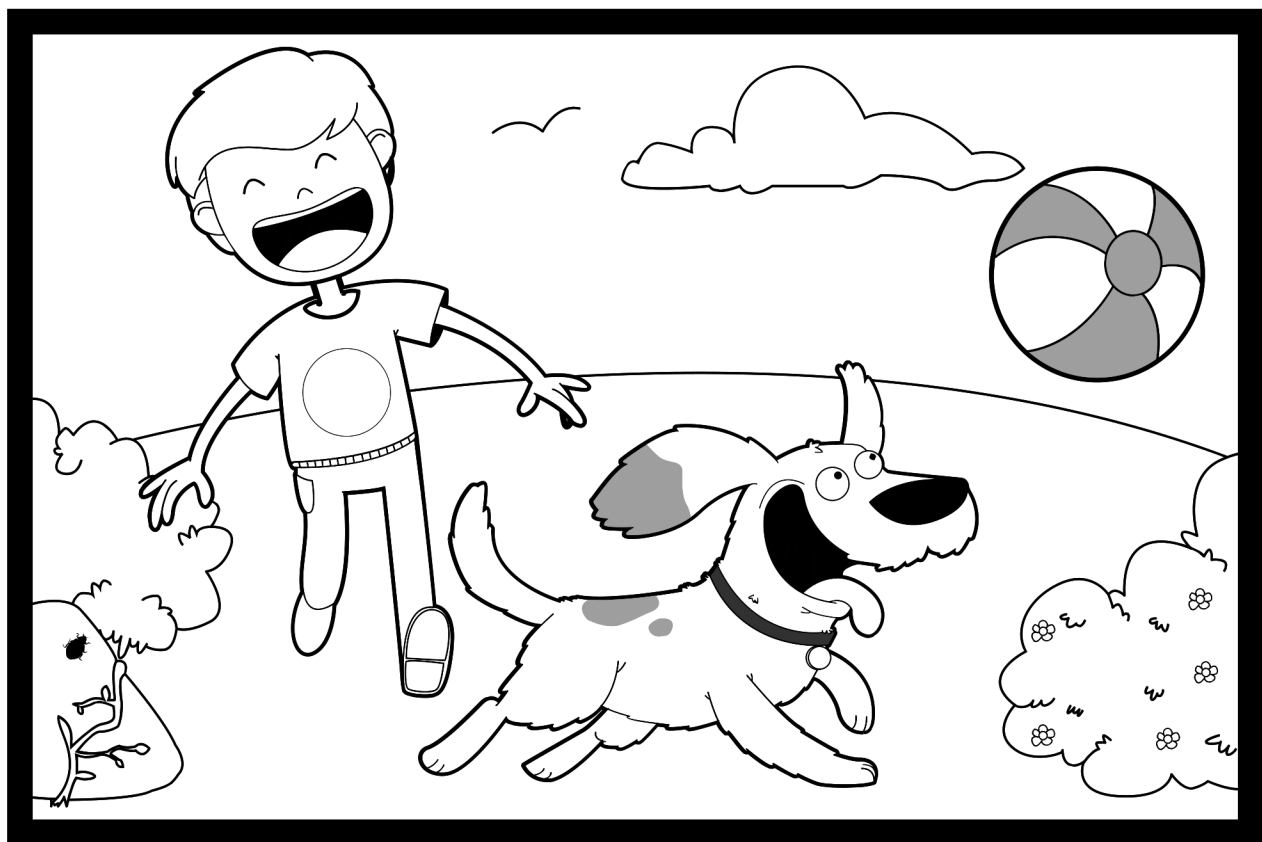
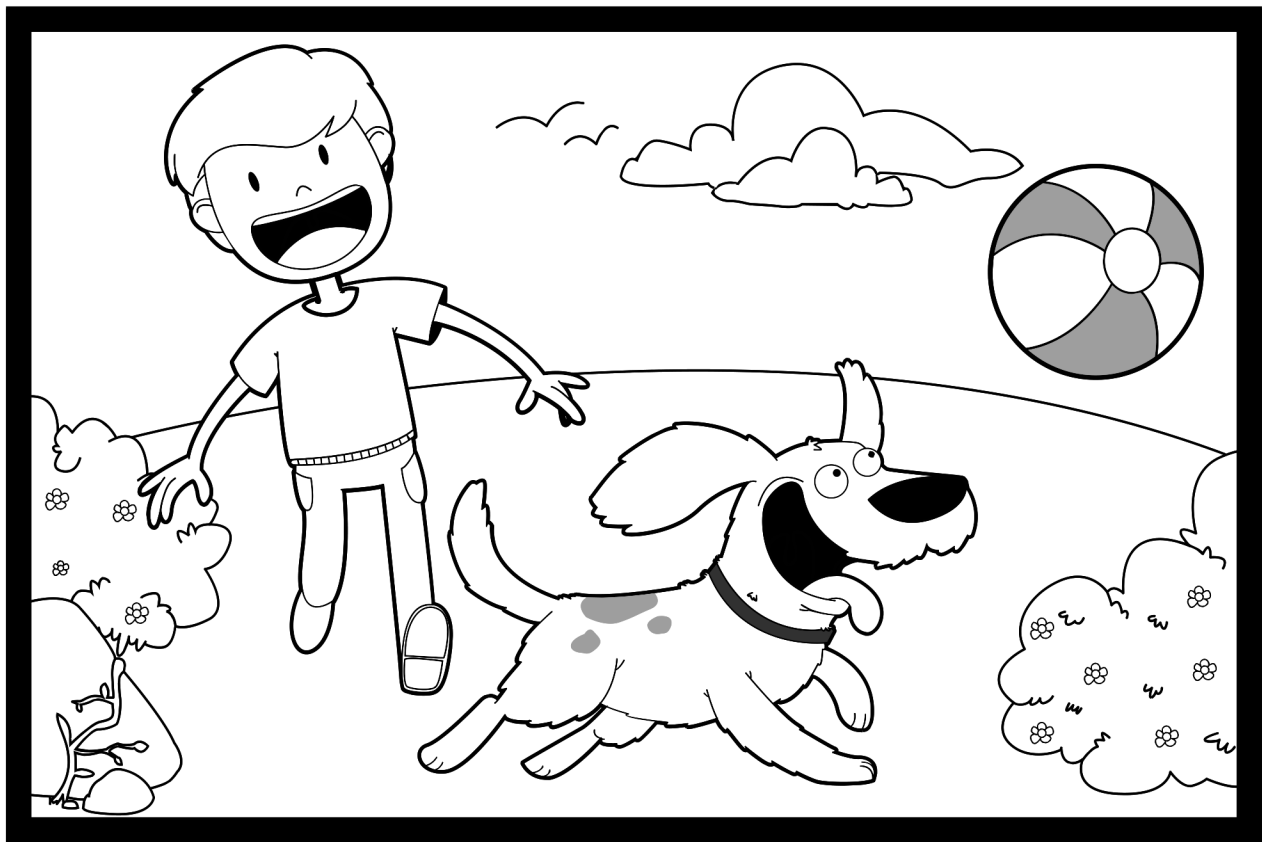
1. A dog will wag its \_\_\_\_\_ when it is happy to see you.
2. Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ when they get hot.
3. Always ask a dog's \_\_\_\_\_ for permission to pet their dog.
4. Feed your dog a \_\_\_\_\_ when he does something good.
5. Stand like a \_\_\_\_\_ when a strange dog comes near you.
6. Dogs have four \_\_\_\_\_. You have two.
7. Dogs have a really good sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Never leave your dog in the \_\_\_\_\_ when you go shopping.

## Across

9. Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ to talk.
10. A baby dog is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Never go near a dog that is \_\_\_\_\_ at you.
12. All houses with outdoor dogs should have a \_\_\_\_\_ around the yard to keep them from running away.
13. Always give your dog fresh \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
14. Newborn puppies are born with their \_\_\_\_\_ closed.
15. When your dog needs its annual checkup, you take it to the \_\_\_\_\_.
16. A \_\_\_\_\_ goes around a dog's neck.
17. Always put a \_\_\_\_\_ on your dog when taking him out for a walk.



Spot the differences (there are 13)!

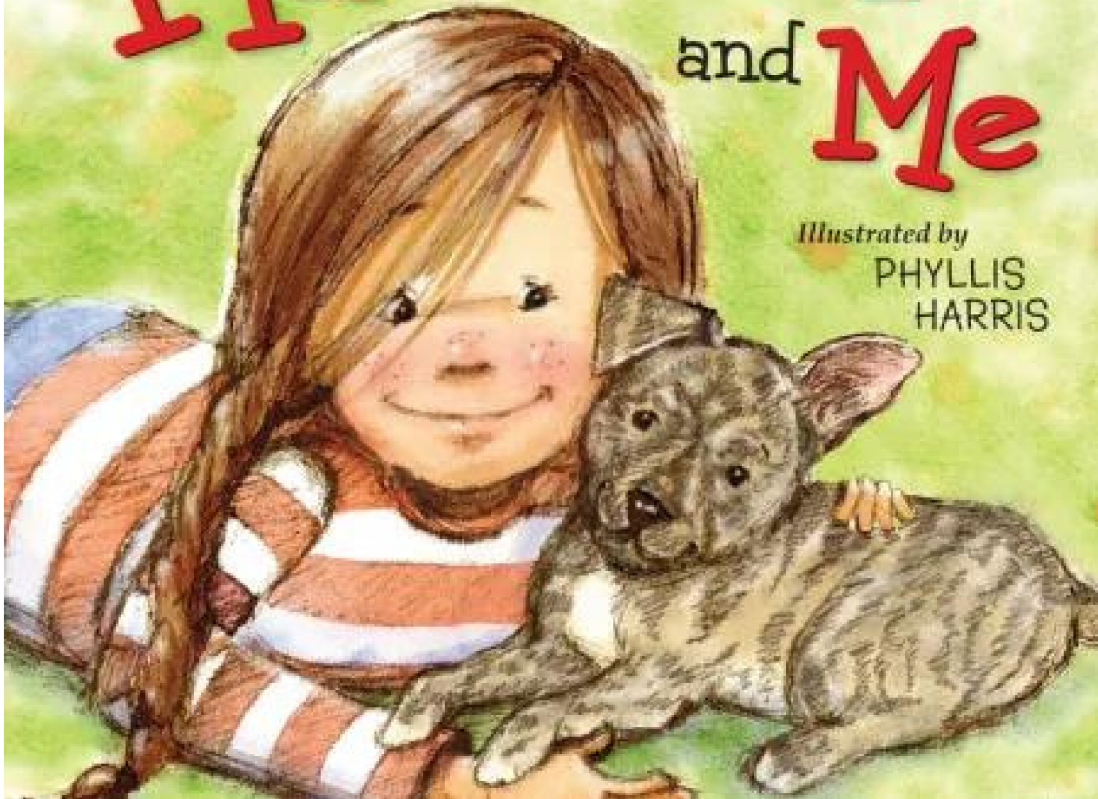


# Our Book of the Month!

KATHERINE SCHWARZENEGGER

## Maverick and Me

Illustrated by  
PHYLLIS  
HARRIS



In the heartwarming story of *Maverick and Me*, Maverick is rescued by a kind-hearted stranger after being dumped on the side of the road. The little puppy's luck takes a turn for the better when young Scarlett meets him at an adoption event. Scarlett is so moved by Maverick's story that she and her mother decide to give him the forever home he is looking for. Each year, millions of dogs find themselves in shelters and with animal rescues through no fault of their own. *Maverick* will help teach children about these dogs and empower even young readers to advocate for shelter pups.

# Tales for Tails!

LOVE READING? COME ON BY  
AND READ TO OUR SHELTER PETS  
AS THEY AWAIT ADOPTION DAY!



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