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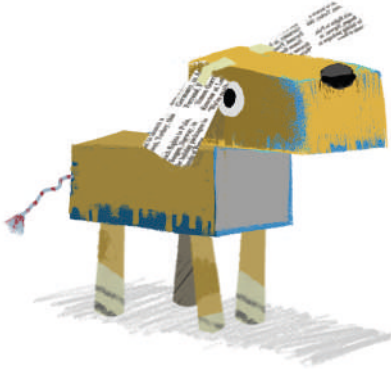
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Do you?

Old dogs.

Tall dogs.

Waggy dogs.

Muddy dogs

and **buddy** dogs.



Every morning,
as soon as I get up,
I ask Mum...

Can I have a dog?

"We'll see."



Can I have a?



Can I have?



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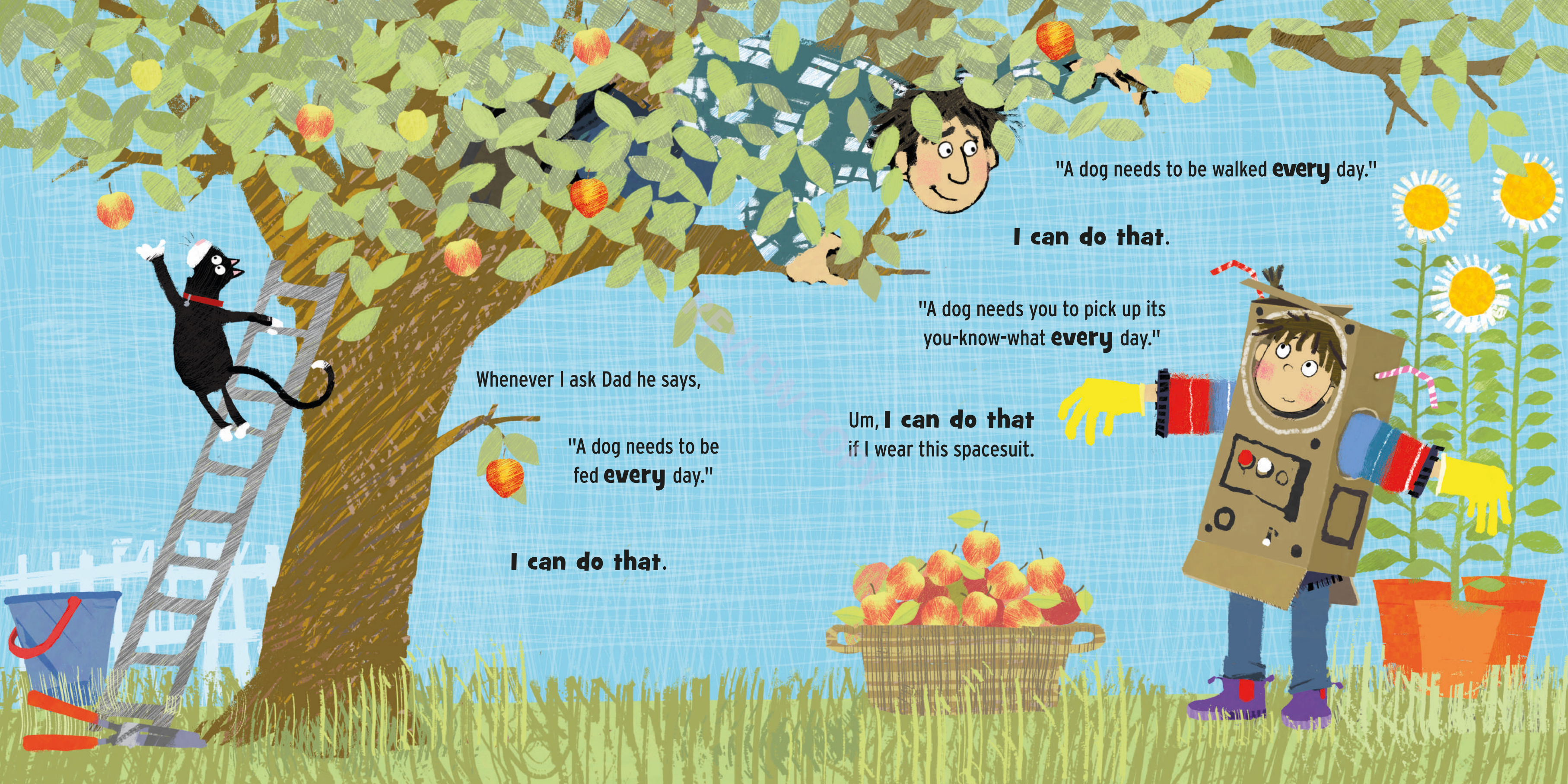
"We'll see!"



Can?



Can I have a dog? PLEASE?



"A dog needs to be walked **every** day."

I can do that.

"A dog needs you to pick up its
you-know-what **every** day."

Whenever I ask Dad he says,

"A dog needs to be
fed **every** day."

I can do that.

Um, **I can do that**
if I wear this spacesuit.

I tell my Papa I **really** want a dog for my birthday. He stops knitting and says,
"A dog is forever. Not just for one day."



Just like this big baggy jumper
that I will **never** grow out of!



I don't think I will **ever** get a dog,
so I make one out of junk.



It doesn't eat anything.

Or go for walks.



And I still have to
pick things up.



I tell Dad about the homeless dogs at the **DOGGY DEN**.

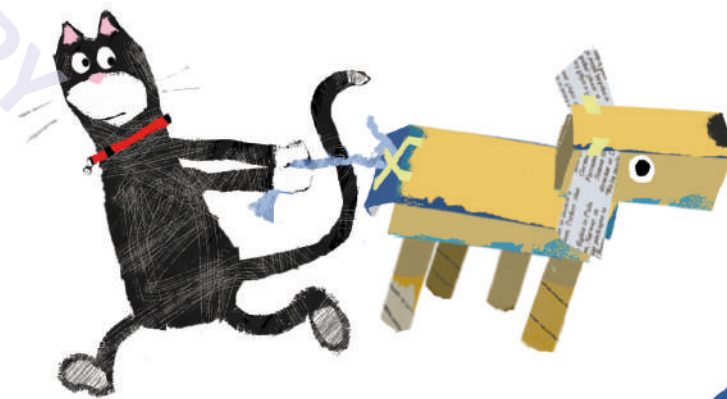
They look sad.

I'm sad too...



...Until Dad says

we **can** go and see them!



"Just a quick look."

Bow WOW WOW!

Big dogs.

Saggy dogs.

Waggy dogs.

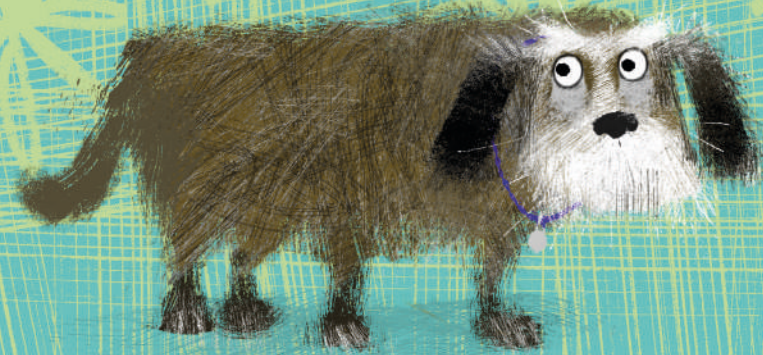
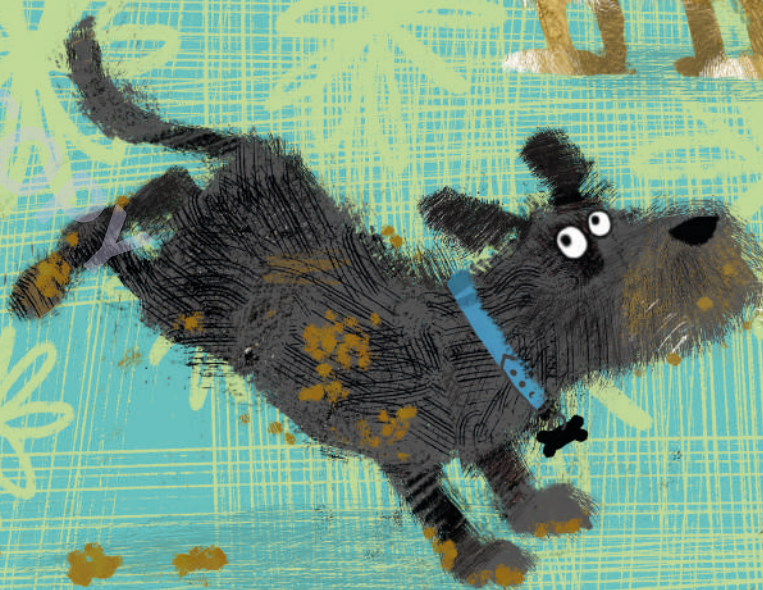
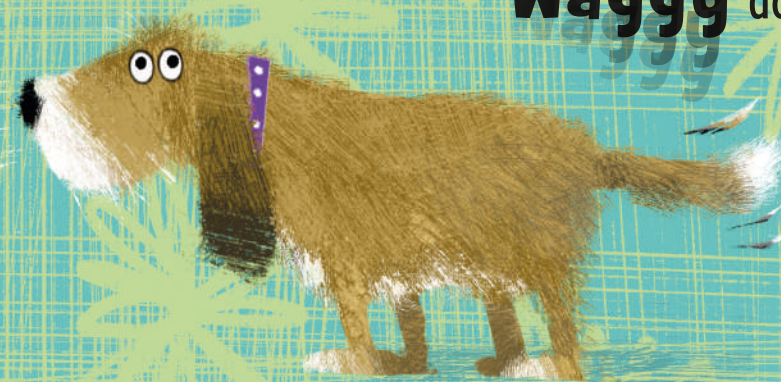
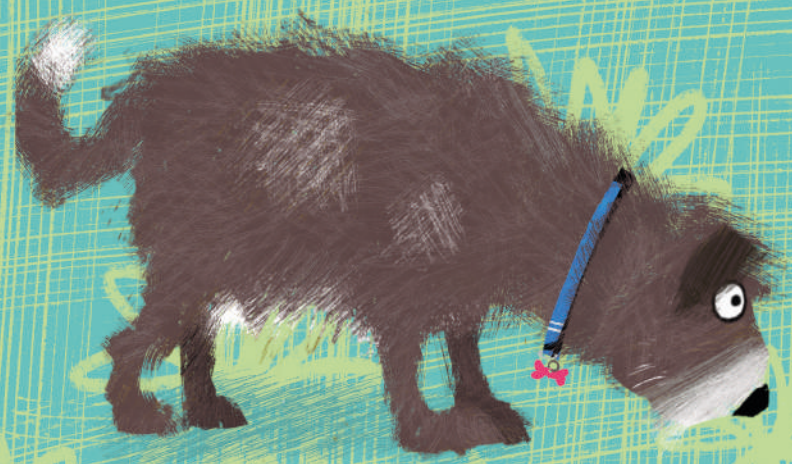
Tall dogs.

Muddy dogs

and **buddy** dogs.

Old dogs.

Small dogs.





A dog called **Max** is in the mix.

He's **funny, furry**
and **friendly**.

I miss Max already!



We wave goodbye to all the dogs,
and I say nothing all the way home.

I **LOVE** Max the most!



At school, I think of **Max**
while I eat my lunch.



At home, I think of **Max**



while I fix a hole
in the fence with Mum.

A friendly lady waves at us
and walks around the garden, taking notes.
She leaves with a smile,
and my big baggy jumper!



I ask Mum if we are getting something.



"Yes..."

A bus!



But that's okay.

It goes all the way...

...to the **DOGGY DEN!**

Bow

WOW

WOW!

Max is sat

on my big baggy jumper,

waiting to say HELLO!





We both **jump** about like excited puppies,



until the lady tells me it is time to go. **Oh No!**



She gives me the big baggy jumper,
a long lead,



and...

...Max!

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Back home, we need to see if Max will settle in.

Max does lots of **eating**.

and **walking**.

And, um,

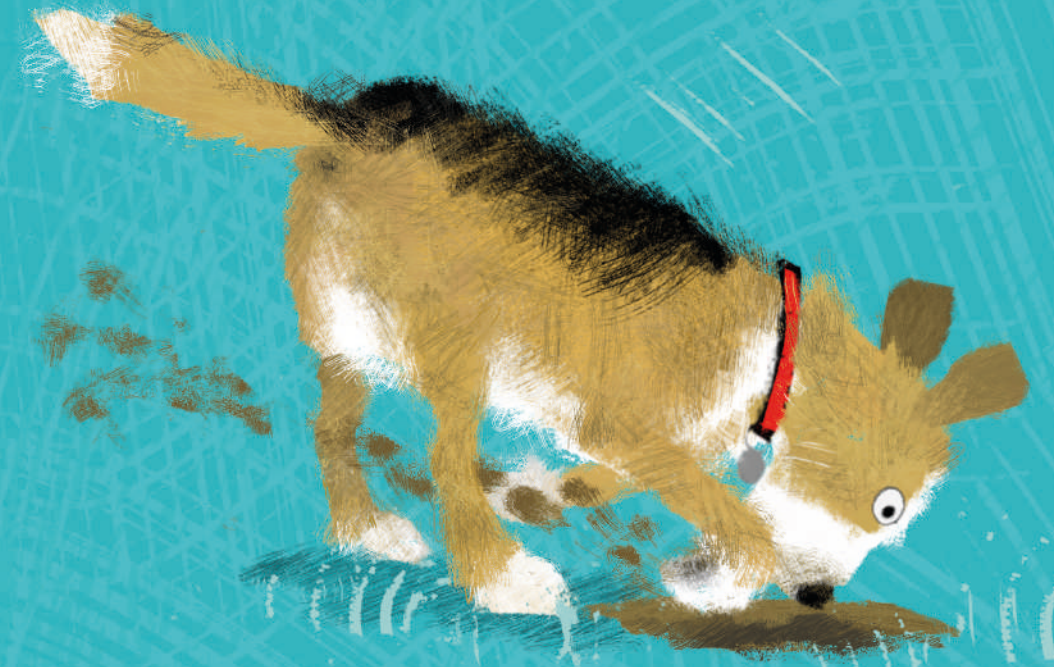
Max loves to **dig**

and **jump**

the other
thing.

and **sniff** all day.

so I wonder...





Maybe Max was once

an archaeologist,

digging up bones?



An astronaut,

bounding

on the Moon?

A doggy detective,

sniffing out secrets?



"We don't know what Max **was**," says Dad.

"But we know what Max **is**..."

says Mum.





"...Yours!"



Every night, **my dog Max** bounces into my bedroom,

and I read him a story about how we first met.

And it ever so always starts like this...

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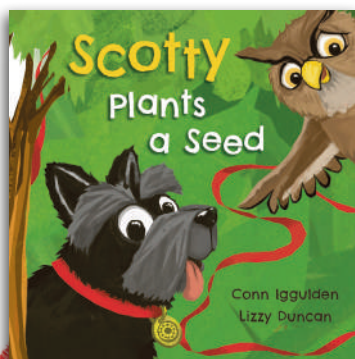
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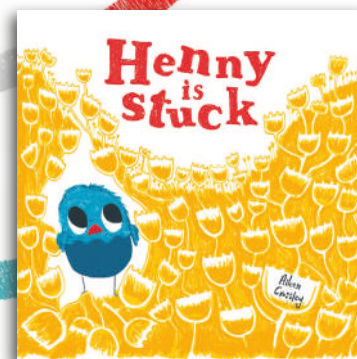
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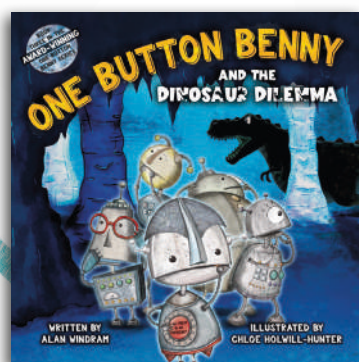
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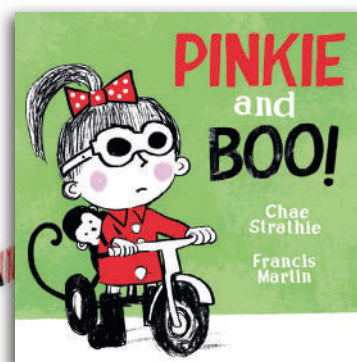
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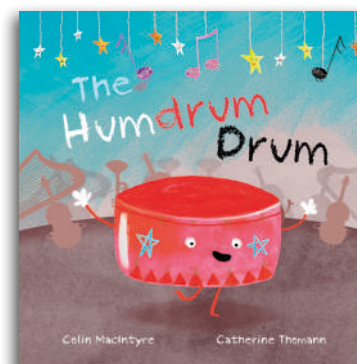
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