

Puppy Scents™

The Kids' Guide to Puppy Care

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to moms & dads, boys & girls and dog families everywhere. Puppies are like kids. They are only little for a brief time. Have fun with your puppy. Learn why they do what they do and know that understanding each other is not only key to making friends with your new pup, but is also important in all your relationships in life. Give your pup kindness, love, respect and leadership and you will have a dog who not only loves you, but is happy to be your friend forever. – Don Kaleta



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A Note from Don...

You hold in your hand *The Kids' Guide to Puppy Care* that came from information in the book, *Surviving the Puppy Stage, How to Get Inside Your Dog's Mind Without Losing Your Own*, the parents' guide by my wife, Mindy J Kaleta.

Puppy Scents, The Kids' Guide to Puppy Care is written from the dog's point of view. With the pup's thoughts, feelings and suggestions on training, kids begin to understand that their puppy is not so different from themselves.

Our wish is that both you and your children enjoy the little pup's story and come away feeling delighted and eager to train, love and bond with your new puppy. Training is a family thing. Enjoy!





How It All Started...

Yep! It happened to me just like it has to a lot of other pups.

There I was, playing nip and tag with my brothers and sisters in a box in the front yard, when all of a sudden a shadow came over us. “Oh no,” I said. “I hope it’s not a rain cloud. We are having so much fun.”



Nope, it wasn’t a rain cloud; it was just some guy standing over us. He got all our tails wagging when he stooped down to pet us. We all liked that.

When he got to me he said that I had a personality all my own. I'm thinking to myself, a *personality*? Maybe it will come off and go away as I get older.

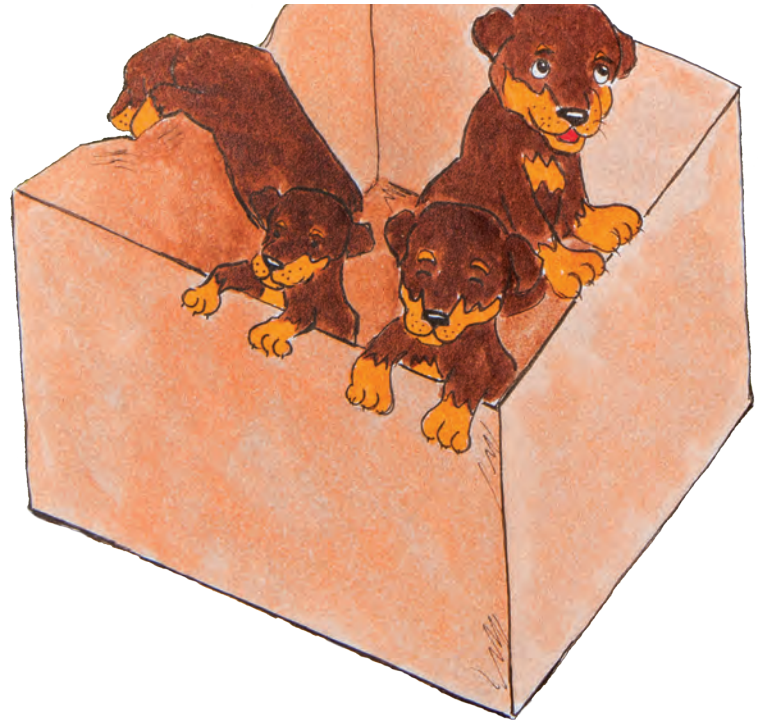


He got me a little scared. But he picked me up, and scratched me behind my ears. Oh, that felt sooo good. Then he put me down on the grass so we could play. I licked him and I let him scratch my belly too. That felt *really* good.

Then he said those magic words,
“How about coming home with me?”

Yipppeeee! You bet! The box was getting a little small for all of us anyway, and someone bit my tail the last time we were playing.

This guy had a nice smile and kind eyes. He just looked like someone I needed to go home with and take care of. After all, maybe that’s why I’m here. I’ve got a feeling he *really* needs me.





Home Coming

After I decided to go home with him, I said good-bye to my brothers, sisters and the nice people who took care of me.

The people said to the man, “Don, you’ve got one great pup there, and we’re sure you’ll be the best of friends always.” All I got out of that is, I’m going to my new home with this nice guy and his name is Don. Woohoo, Don, let’s go!

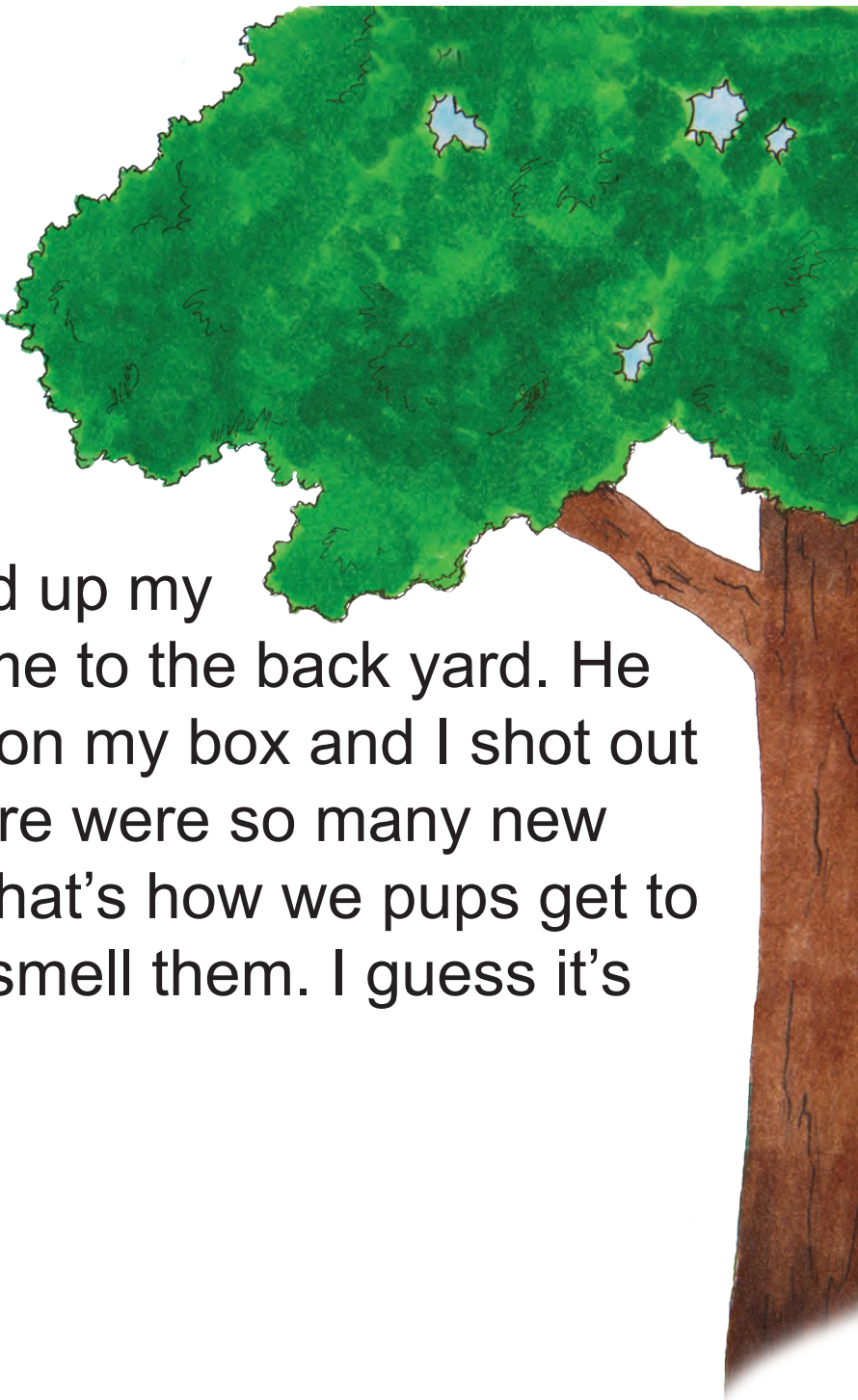


Don put me in this boxy suitcase, then carried me to his red truck. Wow, let the adventure begin!

When we got to the truck, he put me on the floor so I wouldn't be scared. Good idea! I was scared a little bit, but didn't want to show him.

We weren't in the truck long before we stopped and he said, "You're home now, little buddy." Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Oh, boy! I'm sooo excited! Let's get out of here.





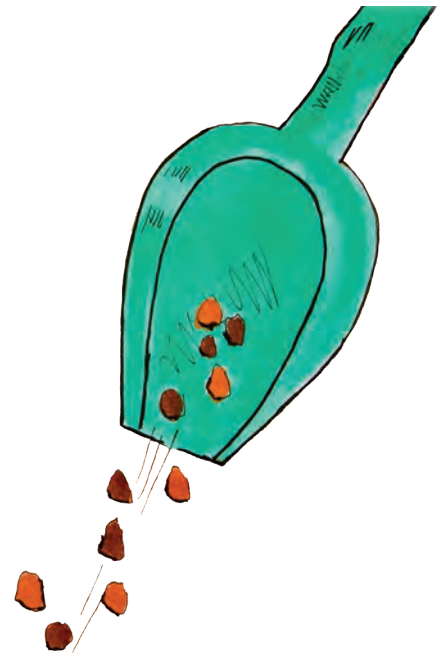
Well, he picked up my box and carried me to the back yard. He opened the door on my box and I shot out like a rocket. There were so many new things to smell. That's how we pups get to know things; we smell them. I guess it's ***Puppy Scents!***



Come and Get It

After checking out my new back yard, Don took me in the house to show me around. Soon we were in the kitchen, and I heard Don messing around with a bag.

Wait a minute. I know that smell. Hey! I smell food. I hope it's for me. All that exploring and chasing critters in my new back yard really made me hungry. This being a pup is hard work.

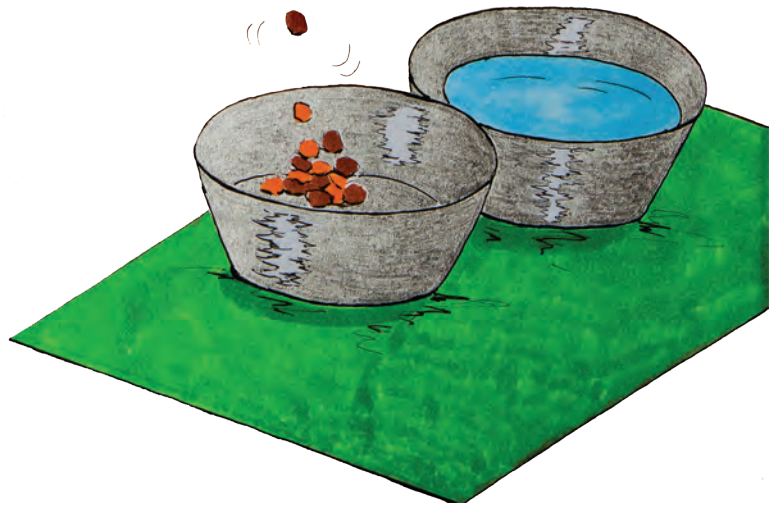


Don said, “Well, little buddy, are you hungry?” And I was thinking, “You bet, I’m starving! Yooohooo, Don! Do you see me? Oh, boy, Oh, boy! He sees me and he’s bringing something to put in my new, shiny bowl!”



Well, I gobbled it down as fast as I could so I would get my share. But then I noticed I didn’t have to fight for my food anymore. It was all mine.
Cool...

Don was telling me that since I'm a pup, he'd be giving me snacks all day. No big meals... until I'm bigger. I'm only about ten weeks old, so he gives me three to four meals a day. And that's okay with me! Just keep them coming, yummy!



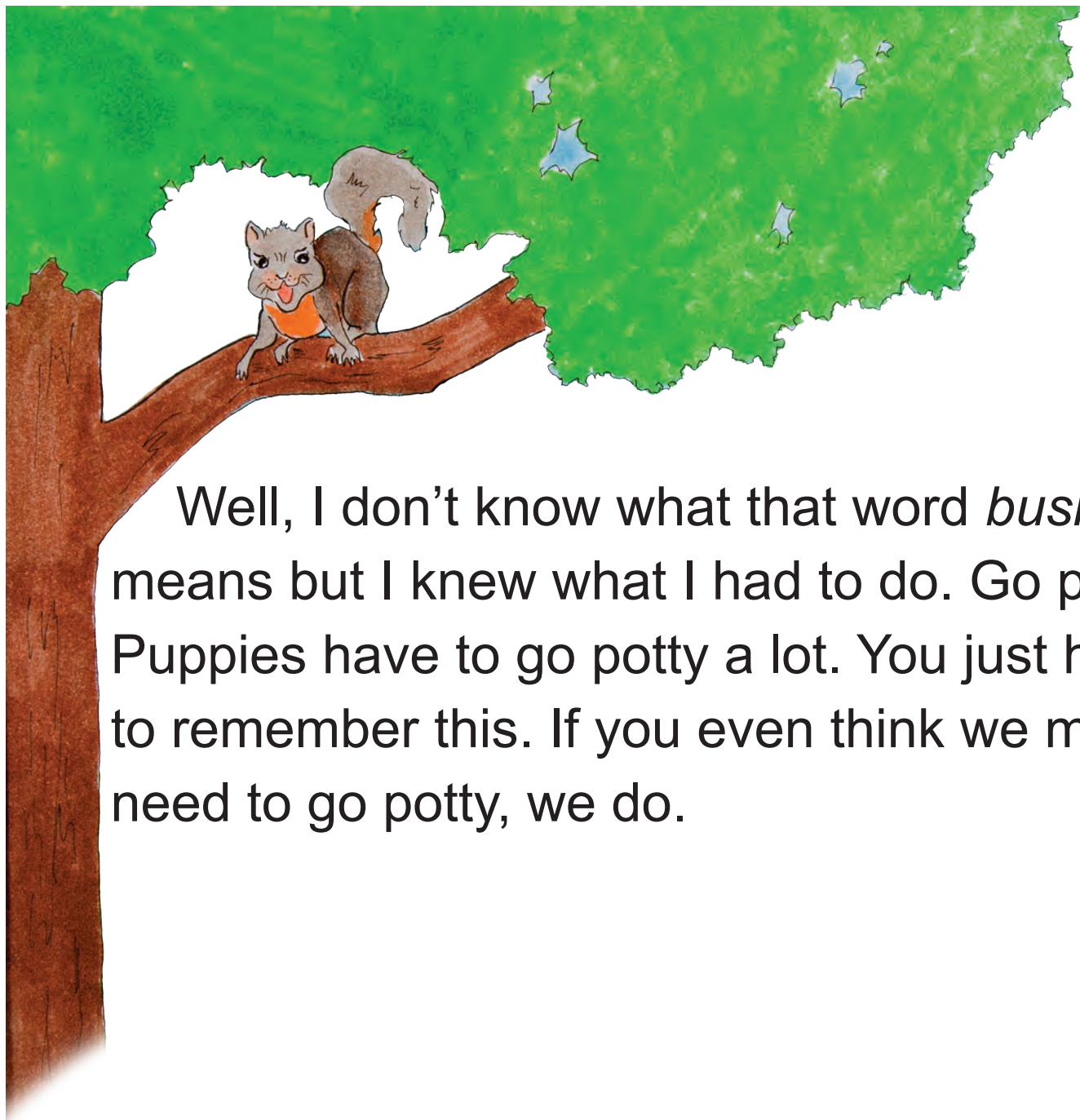


When & Where

Since I got my little tummy filled up and drank some water, I really had to go potty.

Don put a leash on my collar and took me out to the back yard to what must have been a special place because he said, “Here, little buddy, this is where you need to do your business.”





Well, I don't know what that word *business* means but I knew what I had to do. Go potty! Puppies have to go potty a lot. You just have to remember this. If you even think we might need to go potty, we do.

Oh, one more thing. Dogs have to find the right spot to go potty. Don takes me to my potty area, but he gives me time to find that right spot. Hey! It's important. I don't know why we need to do this, we just do. Give us time. We'll find it.



