

Let's Talk!

The Life of Dixie Doodle



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ABOUT THE BOOK

This is an interactive book that shares the life experiences of a goldendoodle named Dixie. Through her heartfelt stories, Dixie helps the reader explore a range of topics that are familiar to all of us, including friendship, sharing, caring, patience, pride, gratitude, sadness, growing up and belonging. With each topic, the reader is given the chance to journal and express his or her feelings and tell about personal experiences. Talking and sharing are what really matter to Dixie. Everyone's answers are GREAT!

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Dixie loves to talk and share.

In this book, Dixie shares her life experiences as a goldendoodle,
and then gives you a turn to tell all about your experiences!

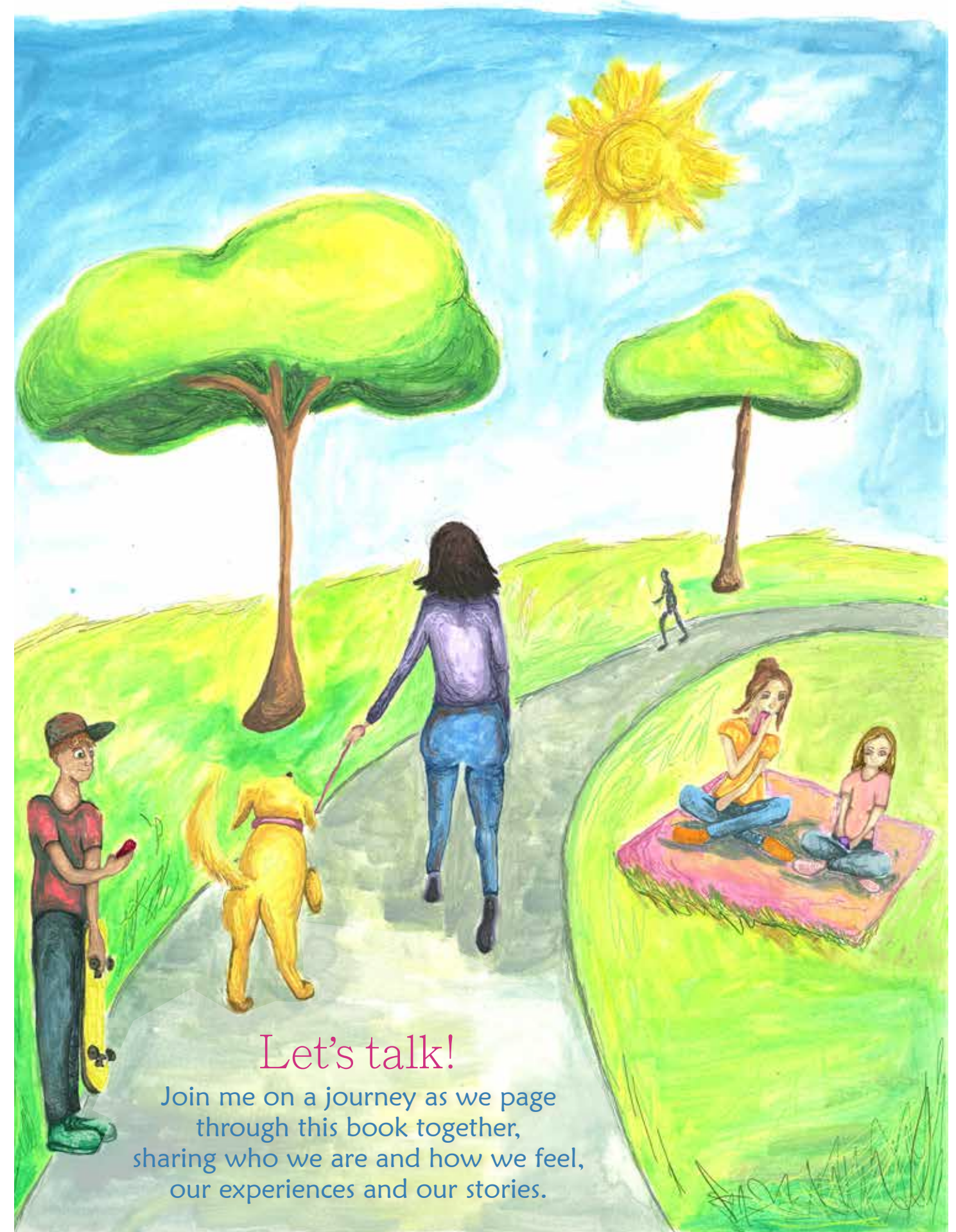
This book belongs to:



Sometimes
I am busy.

Do you ever feel
like everyone around
you is too busy?

Do you ever wonder
why we don't talk
and listen more?



Let's talk!

Join me on a journey as we page
through this book together,
sharing who we are and how we feel,
our experiences and our stories.

My Family



Doggie
Mom & Dad

I love them!

My mom is a golden retriever.
My dad is a standard poodle.



Puppy Brothers & Sisters

This is my new family!

My new mom and dad are
Patsy and Timmy Boy.



New Sisters
Caiti & Nora

New
Mom & Dad

Tell me about your family.
Why do you love them?

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Growing Up

When I was little, I fit in the bicycle basket, and my mom took me for rides.



Now that I am grown up, I run with my dad while he skateboards.



How have you grown up?



Fun Adventure

Every summer I go to my grandpa's lake house in Minnesota.

Riding in his boat is my favorite summertime adventure.



What is your fun adventure?



Being Scared

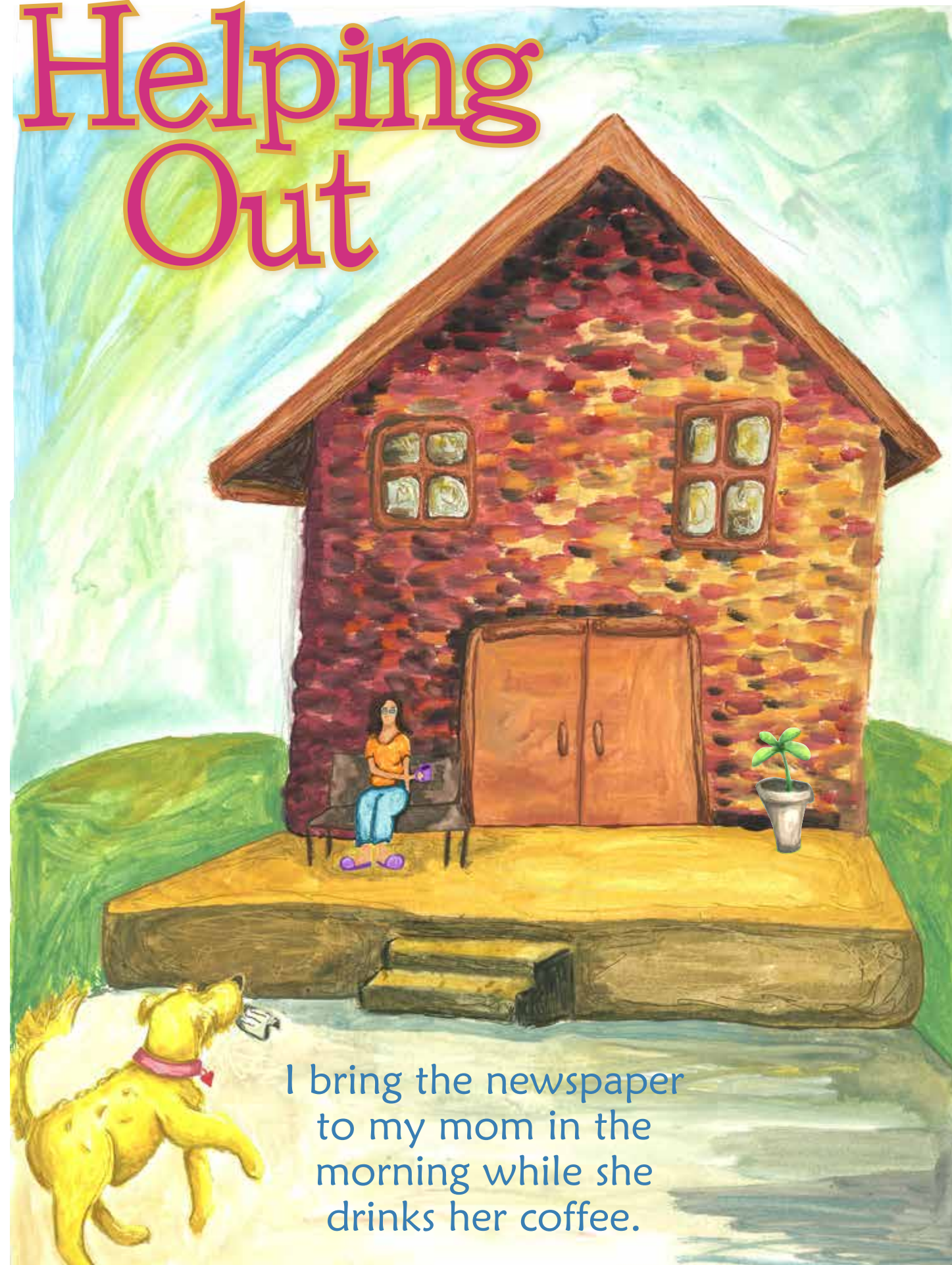


I hate to admit it, but I am afraid of loud noises, especially thunder and fireworks.
The bathtub is where I hide.

What scares you?
Do you have a hiding place?



Helping Out



I bring the newspaper to my mom in the morning while she drinks her coffee.

How do you help out?
How does that make you feel?



Belonging

I love the dog park.

We look different, but really,
we are so much alike.
We just want to have fun.



How are you different from others?
How are you like others?

[illegible]

Friendships

I have many friendships
because they are important.

The mailman is one of my dear friends.
He gives me treats because he cares about me.



Who is your friend?
Why is your friend important to you?

[illegible]



Patience

My groomer tells me I am her best client.
I sit so patiently when I get groomed.

When do you practice being patient?



Kindness

I went to visit my mom's good friend.
She fell and broke her wrist on vacation.
I enjoy making people feel better.



What acts of kindness have you done
to make someone feel better?



Gratitude

I was limping and had to visit the veterinarian for an x-ray.

My vet said I needed therapy.
The therapy helped me feel better!



When have you felt grateful?
Who made you feel that way?



Pride

I am proud of myself because
I earned the Good Canine Certificate.
Now I am ready to start therapy school.

What do you take pride in?



Sharing

Sharing can be hard,
but I know it is very important.

When my cousins and friends come over,
I share my bones and toys.



What do you share with others?

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Caring

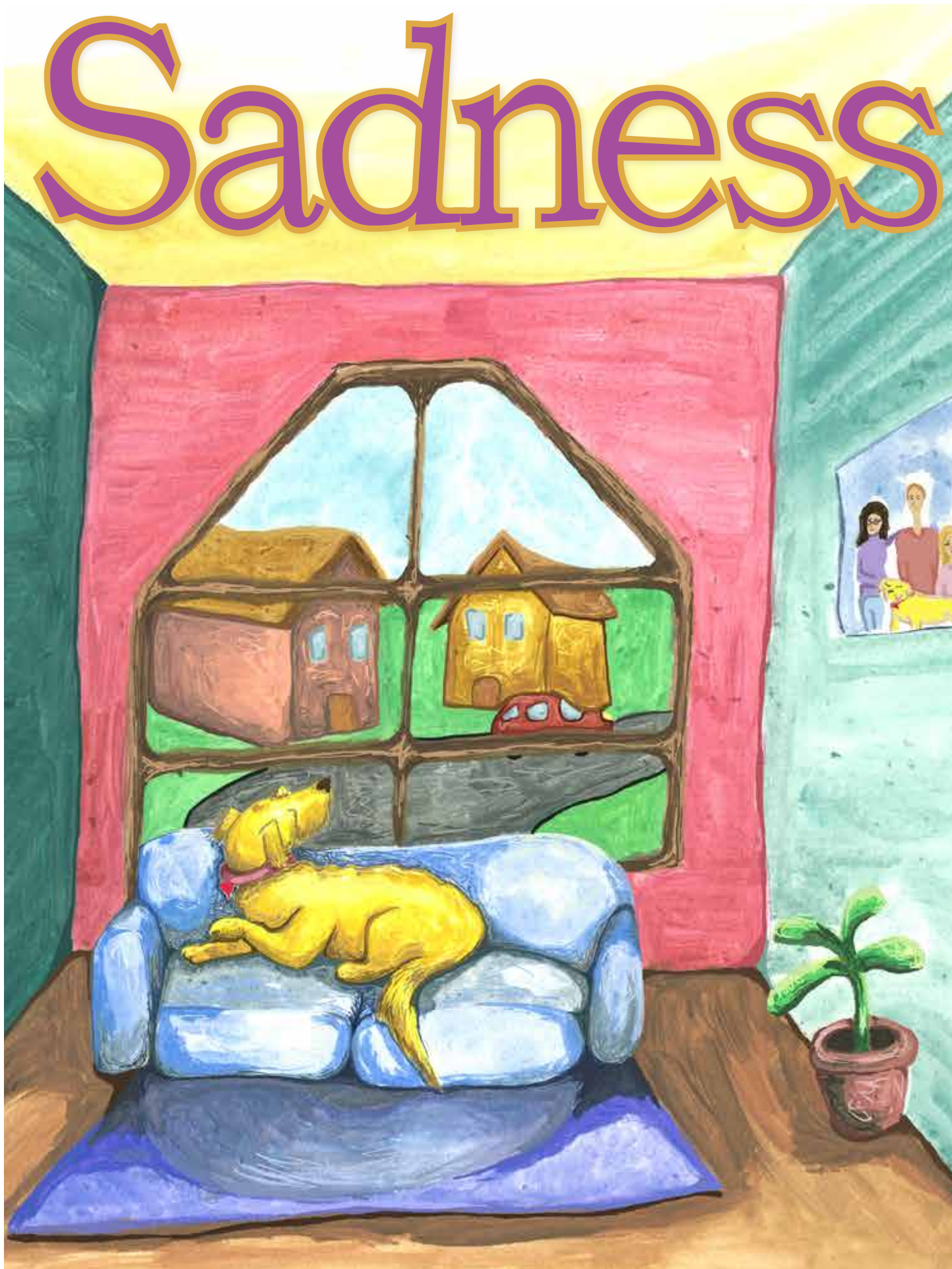
I went to visit my friend, Kerby.
He is old for a dog (14 years old).



Kerby has been very ill lately.
I wanted to say,
“Feel better!”

Have you had to care for someone?
What did you do for them?

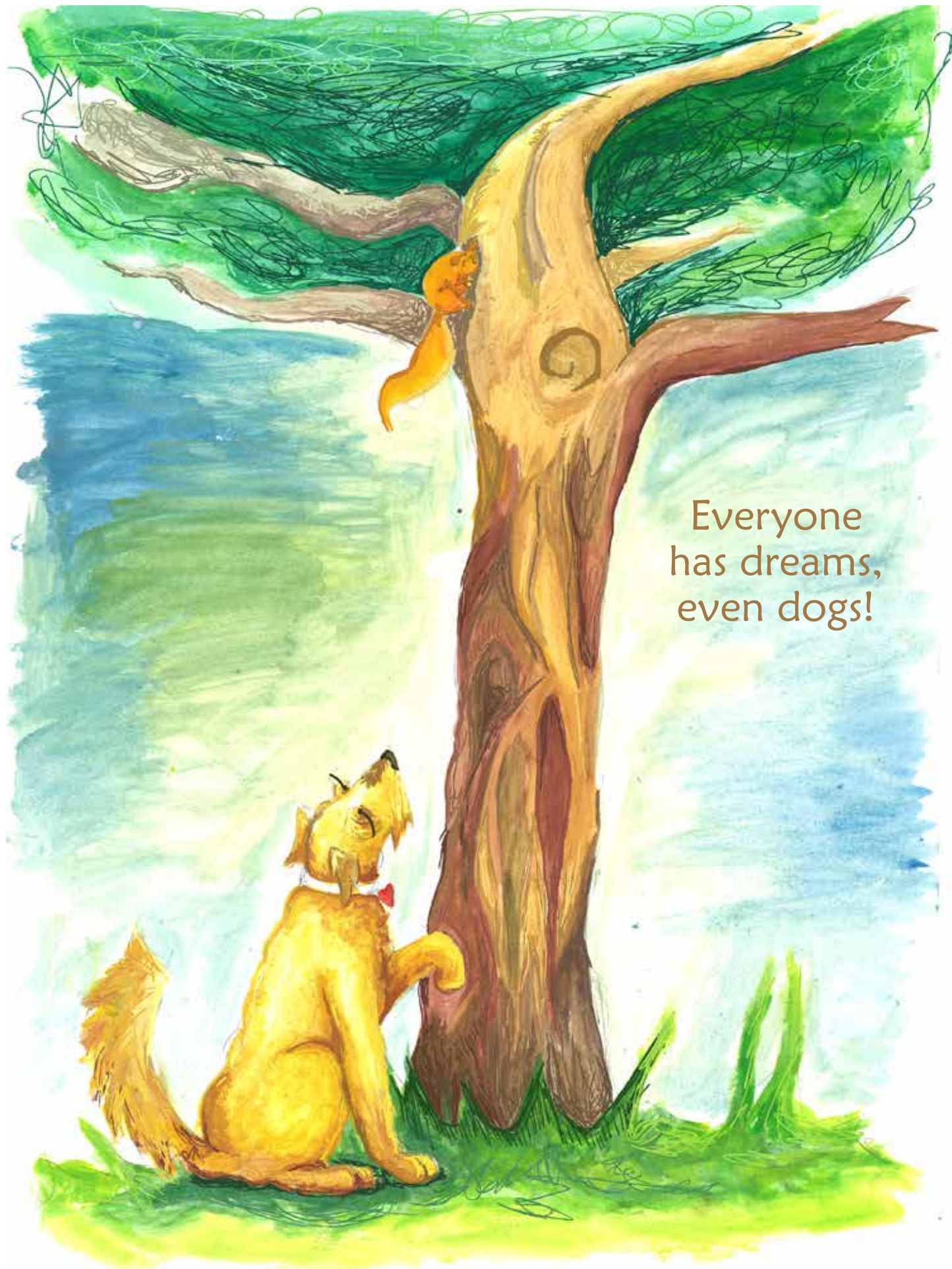




Sometimes I get sad when I am home alone. I wish I had company. I know everyone will be home soon.

What makes you sad?
What cheers you up when you are sad?





Dreams

My dream is to catch a squirrel
or a rabbit someday.

What are your dreams?



Thankful

I am thankful for this time
together with you!



Love,
Dixie





ABOUT DIXIE AND THE AUTHOR

Dixie is a beloved goldendoodle who lives with her wonderful family outside of Chicago in Aurora, Illinois. This interactive book is a labor of love written by Patsy Gallagher, a retired teacher, who wanted to share Dixie's story. Patsy hopes through Dixie's experiences we can all learn about ourselves and our connection to others.

Dixie and Patsy would love to hear from you! Contact them by email at: pgbalance@hotmail.com



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