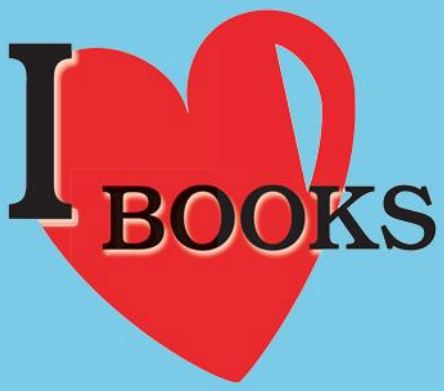



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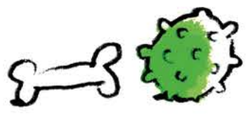
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Lucy had always wanted a dog.

She'd read all the doggie books.
She'd collected doggie pictures from magazines.
She'd saved all her money to buy doggie things.

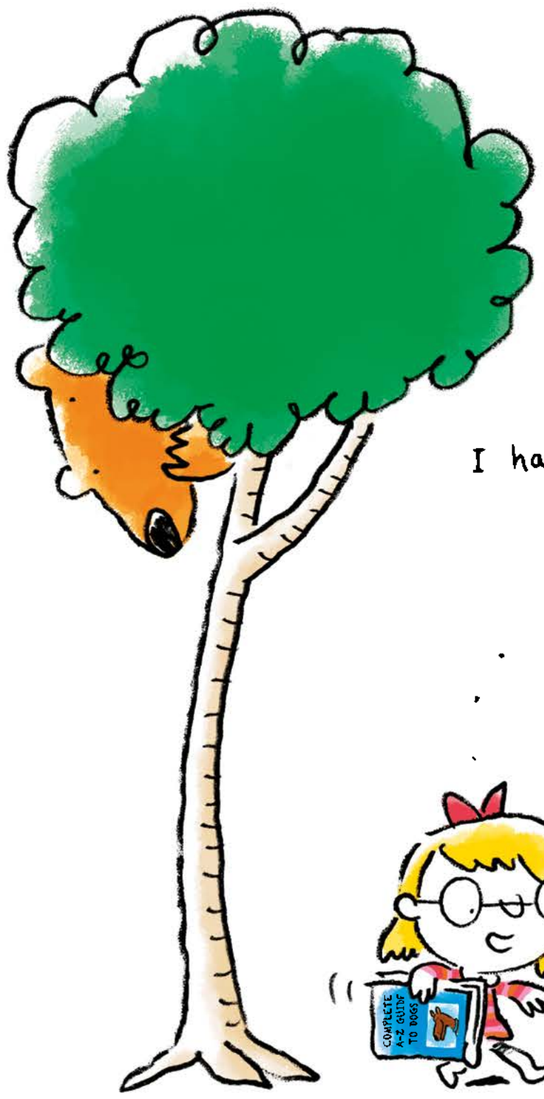








One day Lucy set off in search
of a dog of her own . . .

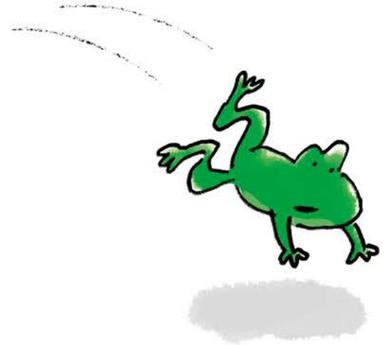


Hello, my name is Lucy
and I'm looking for a dog.

I have a very nice basket at home,
and if I had a dog I would
love him and care for him and
take him for walks every day.





But dogs are licky and barky
and smelly. I would make a
much better pet, as long as
I can have a bath every day.

Oh, that's a pity,
I only have a shower.
Otherwise, I might have
been very tempted.



Soon Lucy met another animal.



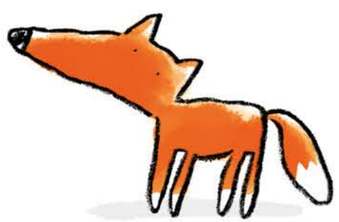
I'm very similar to a dog but I'm not very keen on living indoors. Could we try it for three days a week?

Excuse me, I'm looking for a dog.

I have all the food he could eat, and I would love him and care for him and take him for walks every day.







Well, I was really looking for a full-time dog, but I can put your name on the list and if nothing else comes along I'll let you know.

