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"A hilarious story about a special rescue dog who makes a difference in surprising ways" *Scotsman*

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School's Out!

Betty Peachey opened her eyes.

She could hear birds singing. She could see sun shining. The air felt warm. Outside her window, bees buzzed and flowers nodded in the breeze.

She listened carefully. There was no shouting and no rushing about. No one was

pounding on the bathroom door or stamping down the stairs. There was no smell of burning toast from the kitchen.

In the next room, her brother was still asleep.

In the room next to that, her sister was reading the works of a German philosopher whose name no one could spell.

Downstairs, Betty's parents ate breakfast and read the newspaper.

The house was quiet except for the sound of turning pages and munching.

Summer! Betty thought. *The first day of*

the summer holidays is the happiest day of the year. Even happier than Christmas.

Lying in her bed, with the sun streaming in through the window, Betty sighed. *I must be the happiest girl in the world*, she thought.

Lying on his bed under the stairs, McTavish sighed. *I must be the happiest dog in the world*, McTavish thought. For there is nothing a dog likes more than to have his entire pack all gathered together peacefully in one place.

McTavish had made a great deal of progress with the Peachey family since

deciding to rescue them, but they still required hard work and patience.

Pa Peachey could be extremely stubborn. Ollie Peachey could be argumentative. Ava Peachey tended to read too much German philosophy and come up with too many theories.

Only Betty Peachey and her mother were the sort of calm, sensible, well-behaved humans that dogs prefer to share a home with.

Training the Peachey family had been slow and difficult, but he was an intelligent dog and was up to the job. He understood that a family

with an uncertain and chaotic past could not be fixed overnight. With a combination of love, patience and consistent handling, he had helped the Peacheys become far more organised and relaxed than when he had first decided to rescue them.

But there was still a long way to go.