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HE opened the door and something woolly bounced in!

'Who are you?' gasped Old Bear.

'I'm a dog,' said their visitor.

'We can see that,' said Little Bear.

'But what's your name?'





‘I’VE never had a name,’ said the dog.

‘Shall we call you Ruff?’ suggested Little Bear. ‘Because that’s the noise you make.’

‘I love that name,’ said Ruff.



‘WHERE have you come from?’ asked Duck.

‘I was left in the garden,’ said Ruff. ‘Nobody seems to want me.’

‘Perhaps you were a bit bouncy,’ said Little Bear.

‘Everyone’s bouncy when they are young,’ said Bramwell kindly.

‘How old are you, Ruff?’

RUFF counted his paws.

'**One, two, three, four**...' then he added his ears,

'**...five, six...**' and his nose,

'**...seven!**' he said. 'I think I'm seven.'

'Don't you know?' gasped Little Bear.
'I always count my birthdays.'

'I've never had a birthday,' said Ruff.







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