

My Friend Maisy

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My name is Jenny and this is my dog Maisy.

She is four years old just like me.



We play together all the time.

Mum and Dad are always there to make sure we play safely.



There are times when we like to be left on our own.

When we are sleeping and eating and...



when we are not well

or with their babies.



All the kids love to see Maisy in the park. Mum and Dad make sure they pat her safely.

First they must ask, and then they must let her smell the back of their hand.



If Maisy smells their hand they can pat her gently on her back or shoulder.

They must never pat her on the head or cuddle her around the neck.



One day, while I was walking down the street with Mum, a strange dog came up to us.



We were scared!

I knew we had to stand still, keep our hands down, stay as quiet as a mouse and look at the ground.



Soon the dog lost interest and walked away.

Mum and I backed away slowly and then walked home.



Mum and I were happy to get home and Maisy was pleased to see us too!



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