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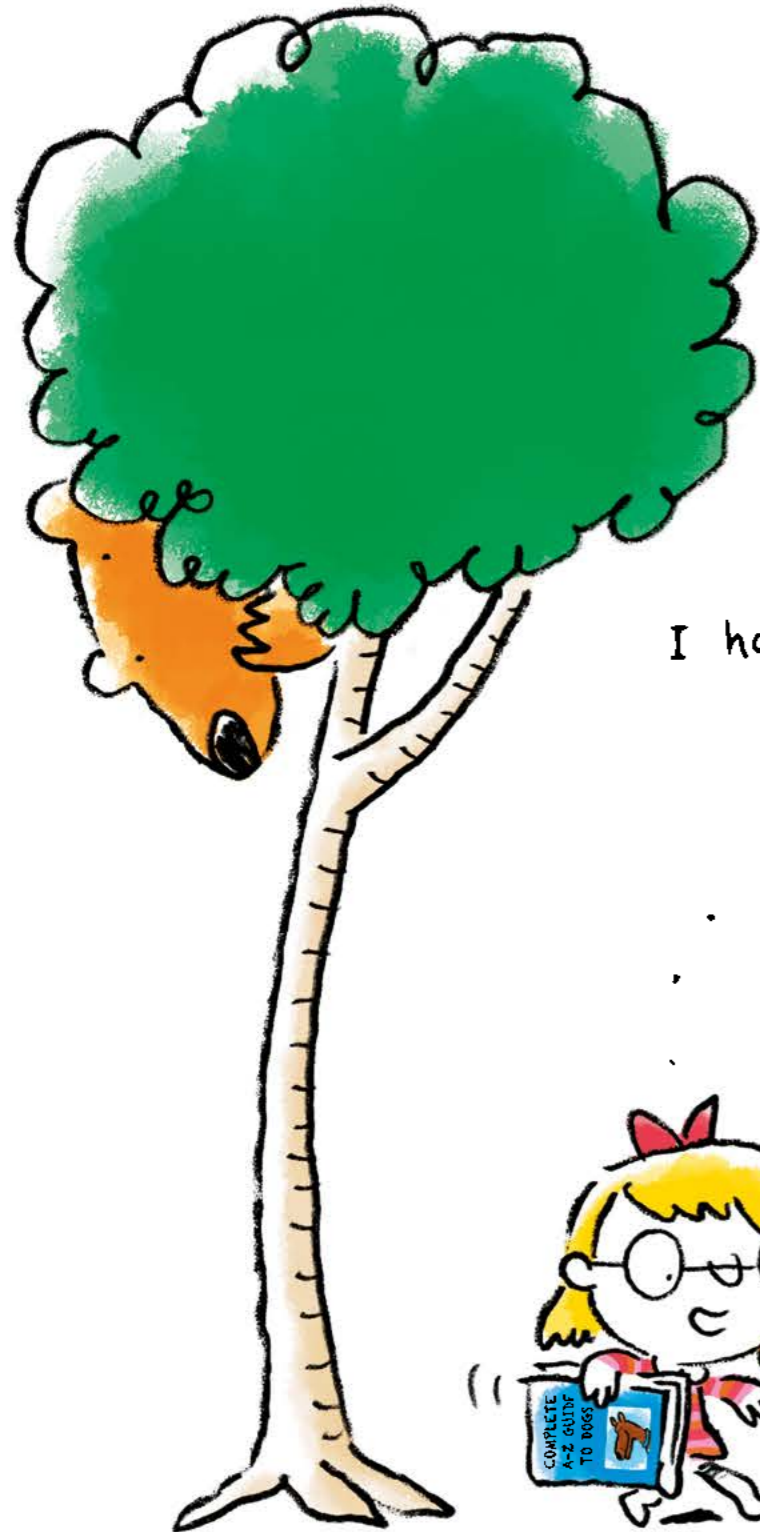
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Lucy had always wanted a dog.

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 . . .

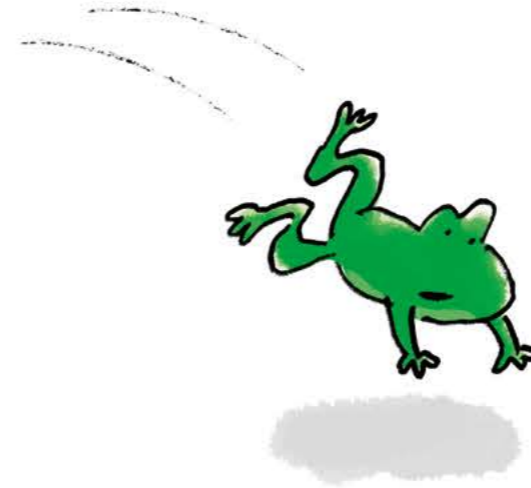


Hello, my name is Lucy  
and I'm looking for a dog.

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.



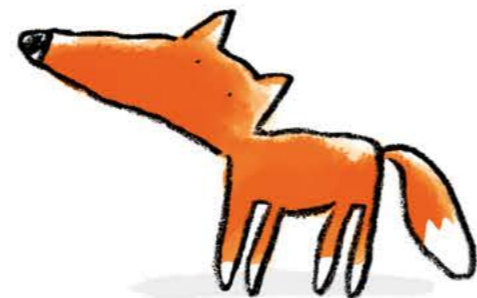
Soon Lucy met another animal.



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.

