

CHAPTER 1

Andi's family



Hi, I'm Friday! And I'm a dog. I'm waiting for my owners, Andi and Bruce. Hmm ... this is boring and I'm hungry. Hey, I smell sausages! Who's eating sausages? I'm going to follow that smell. Maybe today is my lucky day ...



Andi walked into the shop. There were lots of people inside. People took things there to sell. Andi had a box with a picture of a mobile phone on it. She looked at the picture and smiled. There wasn't a phone inside the box. There were just some stones!

Andi smiled at the shop owner. She had big, beautiful eyes and dark hair.

'Do you buy phones? This is new,' she said.

The shop owner looked at her. 'How old are you?'

'Eighteen,' Andi said.

The shop owner said nothing. He didn't believe her.

'Oh, OK ... I'm sixteen.'

'No, thanks,' he said.

Andi walked out sadly. Another man from the shop followed her. 'Wait!' he said. He looked at the box. It was a good phone. 'Here's twenty dollars.' He gave her the money. Andi gave him the box and ran.

She found Bruce at the corner of the street.

'Did you sell it?' he asked.

'Yes – for twenty dollars!' Andi smiled.

'Twenty dollars for some stones in a box!' Bruce was happy.

'And now we've got money for Friday's food!' Andi said.



Andi and Bruce looked for Friday. They found him in the street.



'Friday!' called Bruce happily. 'Where were you?' He gave Friday a big hug. 'Here, boy,' he said. 'Burgers!' Friday ate the burgers very quickly.

Andi laughed. 'He's always hungry!'
Suddenly she looked up. 'Oh no!' she said quietly.
There was a policeman in front of them. The man from the shop was with him. He looked very angry.



'I can't believe it! Not again!' Bernie drove Andi and Bruce from the police station to Carl and Lois's flat. 'Do this again and you leave Carl and Lois!'

Andi laughed. 'Great!'

'No,' said Bernie, 'it's not great. I can't keep you together again. That's five families in three years.'

Andi and Bruce were quiet. They were brother and sister. They wanted to stay together. But they wanted a new home. They wanted a family for Friday too.



Andi and Bruce stopped outside the door of the flat. The music was terrible. Carl and Lois were in a band. Carl played guitar and Lois was the singer. But she didn't sing – she shouted to the music. Cats were better singers!

Andi looked at Bruce and pushed open the door.

'You're late!' shouted Lois. Her hair was very yellow and her eyes were very black. She wanted to be a pop star and she tried to look young. Carl wanted to be a star too. He had long, dirty hair and a stupid smile.

Lois started to shout to the music again. Andi and Bruce ran to the bedroom and closed the door.

'Wow!' said Bruce. 'They're worse than before. Is that possible?'

There was a little bark. Friday was outside the window. During the day, the little dog lived outside. At night, he stayed in the bedroom.

Tonight they were all tired. Bruce went to sleep quickly. Friday was in his arms. Andi watched them. The little dog looked at her. There was a lot of love in his eyes. Next to Bruce's bed, there was a photograph of their mum and dad. Andi looked at the photograph. She was very sad. She wanted to keep her little family together – her, Bruce and Friday. But it was so difficult.

'What are we going to do?' she asked quietly in the dark.



FAMOUS DOGS

Everyone loves dogs. We love watching them in films and reading about them in books. Here are some dogs that are famous all over the world. Do you know why they are famous?



Greyfriars Bobby

Bobby was a real dog. He lived in the 1850s in Edinburgh, in Scotland. His story is very sad. Bobby's owner was John Gray and for two years they went everywhere together. In 1858 Gray died. For the next fourteen years Bobby sat on his grave. He only left for his food or when it got very cold in the winter. Today there is a statue of the little dog near John Gray's grave.



Laika

A lot of people know about this dog, but they don't know her name. In 1957 Laika went 2,000 miles into space. Russian scientists found Laika in the streets in Moscow. She didn't have a home. They trained her to travel into space. Sadly, Laika died. But we learned a lot about space travel because of this dog.



Lassie

Lassie is probably the most famous dog in film. There are more than ten films and many TV series about her. Lassie is beautiful and clever. She always helps her owners when they're in trouble. The first Lassie film was in 1943 but they are still making Lassie films today. Of course, it's not the same dog actor! A dog called Pal played Lassie in the first film. Many dogs from Pal's family are in later films.

Gromit

Gromit is one of the world's funniest dogs. Gromit can't talk but he's very clever. He's good at inventing machines. He does a lot of exciting things with his owner, Wallace. Gromit is one of the best-loved stars in the UK today.



Can you think of a famous dog in your country? Why is it famous?



What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.

real grave statue space scientist travel (n/v) TV series