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Hi, We are Back!

If you have not met us before, let me introduce my family and myself to you. I am a young Scottish Deerhound. I grew up among my brothers and sisters, mother and aunt, but then one day moved to a new family . The new family has 5 members. Our Human and us 4 dogs.



Here we are, the dogs. From left to right (pointing like the arrow) we are:

Handsome, the Borzoi. He is very noble, and avoids humans if he can.

Box-Head the Irish Wolfhound. He is clumsy, funny, and always happy.

Grandpa-Dog. He is old, experienced, and nice. His eyes are not so good.

Then me, Penticton, or as you know me, The Professor. I am a Scottish Deerhound, and I want to know everything. ***I tell of all this in my books!***

When Box-Head went to Dog-School



ahoooo!, Heya folks, it is Box-Head here! Oooh I'm so glad to see you, how are you, oh we shall have so much fun! Wauu I have so much to tell ya all oh where

do I start - let's see - yes! I love the kids in school every time we come along on a walk, they come and cuddle me and I love it! And they love it too!

Eh, Box-Head, it is not *that* school I asked you about! Tell us about the Dog-school, please? We will come back to the other school some day. Promise!

Yeah man I'll do that. Dog-School is a big lawn and there are humans with other dogs. The dogs are all smaller than me. One dog is even smaller than my head!



You can read more about what we do in Dog School in this book!

Box-Head celebrates his Birthday!

Birthdays are when the calendar shows the same date as when somebody was born. So far I have not had any birthdays yet. Box-Head, however has a birthday today! It is the 26th of January.

Already from the early morning, there is more activity than usual in the house. It seems that Our Human has prepared something special for today! But I can't figure out what. This is all new to me. Our Human clears an area in the living room. I must keep myself up to date on this!

Then Box-Head gets a birthday cake! With candles and flags! There are three of each. Three candles means Box-Head will be 3, so today it will be 3 years since he was born.

Box-Head gets a piece of the birthday cake first, then we all get a piece of the birthday cake!. This is good! I am looking forward to my birthday now!

Box-Head also gets a new collar. A real large and strong one because Box-Head is large and strong.



What more will happen on that foolish Box-Head's birthday?

You can read more of that and much more in this book!

Landscapes change

Erosion, that is what the coast protection at the beach is there to prevent. Remember, the one I jumped over when we were at the beach on Box-Heads birthday? Human, tell us about erosion!

I just know that those coast protection things are funny to jump over!



When water moves along the coast, it often lifts up sand and clay at the water's edge and carries it away. This means that the coast line gradually recedes. We want to avoid this along inhabited areas, so we build these coast protectors, called groynes or break-waters. We hope they can help protect the coast from this continual wearing away. They can be much larger than the small breakwaters you jump. See here!



Protecting the entire coast with these would be impossible. They are expensive to build and maintain. Erosion takes away land, but it often

gives us new land back.

The sand and clay that the water wears away in one place, may settle down somewhere else - or collect at the bottom of the sea bed, some day becoming a problem to ships. Red arrows show how a sea current may wear away land in.....



Now, why do we talk about this here? Read my book and learn more!

Dog-School



Schools are more than just the kind of school you know. They are different if they have different purposes. Our Human has been to very different kind of schools, both as pupil, student and later also as a teacher. As you know he has been in Dog-School before with both Handsome and Box-Head. Sometimes Our Human still goes to Dog-School with Handsome or Box-Head, yes, sometimes even with Grandpa-Dog. They now assist at the Dog-School, because they are all good at calming upset or nervous dogs.

I am not easy to upset, in fact Scottish Deerhounds are very difficult to upset. I am just a normal pupil together with My Human. When we go out for longer walks too far for me to go, we use the red wagon. But this day Our Human lifts me in a black thing he calls the cargo bike. He can cycle on it while I sit in front.



I do not like to drive that much, but I am also curious where we may be going, so I accept it even if it is not so comfortable for me.

I do not even know for sure if we are going to Dog-School, but I think so, because I am good at anticipating what Our Human will do next.

I seem to be right!. This must be the Dog-School.... ***Then, what do we learn in Dog-School? And does it really always rain on a Scottish Deerhound?***

Veterinarians are like doctors for humans. They just help out animals instead. I have never been to a veterinarian, except there was just one to check on us when I was a very small puppy, but that is long ago now and I do not remember much.

A moment ago My Human drove me in the cargo-bike to this place where we are now, and we are in the waiting room of a veterinarian. There are dogs and cats waiting here. We are not playful, because we are either ill, or scared about what will happen. Many dogs do not like veterinarians.

It is my turn now, and together with My Human we come in to a smaller room where a Vet-Human waits for us.



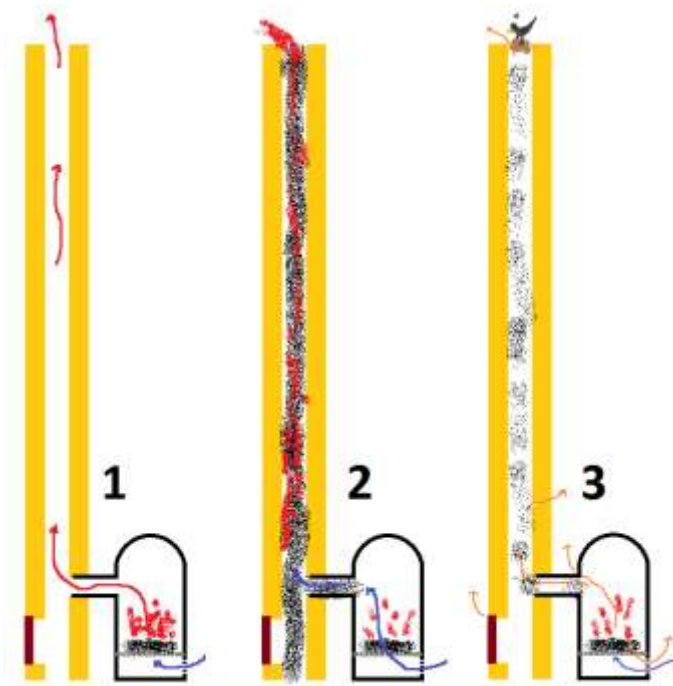
She starts to examine my leg, bends it back and forth. My Human calms me down, but I am all curious and just want to lick that Vet-Human in the face.

The movement of my leg does cause some pain, but my curiosity wins.

They talk again now, humans always talk so much. I can tell that My Human likes this even less than I do. So far it is actually quite fun here, because the Vet-Human here gives me treats.

We leave the smaller room and go to one that is even smaller than that. This room is quite dark, as it has no windows. There is just a large machine here, goodness me what will they do now?

Yes, what is going to happen to our Professor here?



How an oven works - and how not



Cleaning hatches and damper

In example 1 the fire is burning properly. The chimney is clean and everything is working fine. The blue arrow shows how oxygen gets into the oven, and the red arrow shows how the combustion gases escape. In example 2 there is a lot of soot lining the chimney walls. Soot is coal dust and it can burn. If the chimney gets hot, and oxygen gets into the chimney, the soot may get on fire and cause a chimney fire. That can cause a house to catch fire. In example 3, there is a blockage in the chimney, a bird has built a nest, yes that actually does happen! Combustion gases cannot escape, and carbon monoxide escapes seeps through cracks and crannies into the house, as the orange arrows show you. The chimney sweep is here to make sure this all works correctly, so you can rest safely in front of the fireplace as I know you like to do! Hey, there is something wrong outside. The chimney sweep calls from up on the roof... ***What has happened outside, and how will we solve it? Why are we talking about chimneys and fireplaces here in first place?***

The strangest day ever



ur Human has been restless for some days, and we are sure that there is something coming up. He has talked a lot into the bell-thing that sometimes makes the bell noises and he seems really concerned. Then one day he wakes us all up in the middle of the night....

We are far away from home here, what is going to happen now?

My Human holds me gently, while the Vet-Human sticks a needle in my left foreleg. Oh I knew they'd mix up the legs. Hey folks, it is the other leg...

But what is this? I feel dizzy? Things begin to look strange, then all of a sudden I just want to sleep?

I Remember no more.

Human please continue the story.... Zzzzzz



Yes folks, I will do that, but it will be in the Professor's book!

Fast recovery?

Just when he has finished talking to the bell-thing, he takes me outside and lifts me into the cargo-bike. Are we going to Dog-School now? Hey I am ill! Even if Dog-School is fun I'm not in the mood for it now.



We race off at a speed I have never tried before in that cargo bike. As you know I do not like driving too much, but this is so far the worst I remember. That is, as good as I am able to remember, because I feel really weirdo now. We are not going to Dog-School because this is not the way. At least I do not think so.

Now I remember where we are going. At least I think so because right now I don't really know anything. That is not a nice feeling for a Professor-dog like me!

What is wrong now, where are we going in that hurry? You will learn more in this book.

Then, what does Box-Head know about all this?

Days out with Grandpa-Dog

Next day Our Human is OK again, and I am also OK. When we go on our daily walks, we are usually all dogs together with Our Human. Today it is different. Our Human takes Box-Head and Handsome first, while he leaves me at home with Grandpa-Dog. When they come home, he takes Grandpa-Dog and me out for a walk. Well I call it walk even if I am driven a part of the way in the red wagon. We come to the forest. Our Human leads us to a place he seems to know, and Grandpa-Dog begins to sniff the ground. I also get curious and yes there is a scent.



I follow Grandpa-Dog through the forest, and we find..... **Yes, what do we find, and what do I do here together with Grandpa-Dog?**

What do I find here?

Who will be chasing my tail?

Who is Cat Mum?

Why do I get hit by laser beams?

Will somebody really be trying to teach Box-Head to calculate?



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