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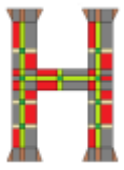


In memory of Cat Mum.

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The Professor is temporarily out of action!



ello. I am Grandpa-Dog. I think you had expected the Professor to welcome you here, but there is some sort of a problem. He is busy elsewhere and not available in the moment. I will not let

you wait, so why don't I introduce us MY way? Finally I have a chance to do it! The youth of today, they have so much to learn. My real name is Bjørn but you know me as Grandpa-Dog. I am the oldest dog here, more than 13 years old. The picture you see is from my younger days. Now I am old and grey and my eyes are not good, but my nose works well.

I used to live as a chain dog on a farm until Our Human bought me for next to nothing. I like being here with our pack even that youngster, that nosey Professor!

Here is a picture of me and Our Human. Taken in those olden days when I could still do dog sport. Those were days! Our Human is some kind of inventor and he works with some noisy things he plays and uses to call musical instruments in his special workshop. Here both of us are jumping a hurdle in the dog-sport area we sometimes have set up in our garden.



Why is The Professor busy elsewhere?

In my other books I have told you about the beach, and you have seen a lot of pictures. The beach is the best place for racing around. There is a forest here too, it is a great place to discover things. While I recovered from my leg injury last year, I had a lot of good learning time here together with Grandpa-Dog.

I really enjoy these walks with Grandpa-Dog because I love him and there is so much to learn from him. His eyesight is not so good, but his nose is much better than mine.

Here we are out on a walk, Grandpa-Dog and me together with Our Human.

Often Our Human lets Grandpa-Dog lead the way, because he can be sure Grandpa-Dog will always end up at home at dinner time, no matter where we go.

At one place, there is a hole in the ground. I stand watching, and listening... what is this? I am sure there is something down there. Something that breathes! Grandpa-Dog seems to know.

We need to know for sure, right? I will ask Our Human to find an answer to this.



We continue our walk in the forest, I am getting hungry, and I think Grandpa-Dog's internal clock is also ringing bells that it is soon dinner time.

We are still some distance from home, when we come to a big tree. There is a large sheet of paper attached to that tree. Our Human wants to see that paper, and takes us to that tree, even though we are not due to get feed there.



What does the hole hide? What is written on that tree? Box-Head has a job now - read about it in The Professor - explores the Forest!

We look at sticky Plants.



e brought some samples home from the forest. It is time to have a closer look at them now, because the samples are of organic material that will decompose. First we will take a



closer look at the plant seeds from my fur coat. I am ready with a magnifier! Instead Our Human suggests to use a microscope. A microscope can magnify far more than a magnifier.

It just takes a little longer time to prepare objects to be viewed in a microscope. You do that, Human. Then we will have a look in the microscope.



What does The Professor see in that microscope?

Here we have a woman who demonstrates how to make herbs and tea.



Herbs and tea are not my number, but My Human wants to have a look. I let as one must be extra kind with humans now and then.



Tea is basically the dried leaves of different kinds of herbs that adds flavour to some hot water when they are dissolved again.

What brought our Professor here?

They are closing now, and preparing to go home. That is why I have all this luck with the free samples. I manage to pick up even more pieces of campfire bread, before we have to leave and return home. If they were not closing now, My Human would have had a hard job dragging me away from here! It has been a great day, I discovered a lot, and got a lot of good things to eat. So I easily accept the ride home in the cargo bike.



I know there is a nice sofa waiting for me when I get home, that is why I don't mind the ride so much this time. I need a good sleep now.

After an exhausting day for The Professor..What did he discover?

The right Sofa



sofas are very important to Scottish Deerhounds. If you have read my other books you will know why. We sleep a lot, sofas are just perfect for that. The bad things about sofas is that they may already be full up. I would say that I do have a lot of sofa experience, as you can see here!



Our Human has been measuring up in the living room, and from what I can see, he intends getting a new sofa! So it is a big honour for me when he takes me out alone again. He takes the cargo-bike, but this time I am allowed to walk beside it, rather than sit in it. We are not going very far. Soon we stop at something that looks like a storage building.

It is a sale by the Salvation Army. They sell all kinds of second hand things here, and the money they earn this way is used to help homeless people and other good deeds.

Their store is full of all kinds of different things, books furniture - and sofas! There are several sofas, but there is one that really appeals to me.

It is a blue one. We already have a red sofa.



Our Human arranges something with another human at this place, they do something with paper, oh humans and their paper.

Then they carry the blue sofa out and lift it onto the cargo bike. Does that mean that it is now our sofa? That is great! I make a jump up in the sofa, even if it is sitting high on the cargo bike.

This is the kind of driving I like!

We start our way home, My Human drives extra carefully, because I am in the sofa. It is not so safe this way, but very comfortable. My Human looks nervously around, as if there is something or somebody he wants to avoid meeting.

How do they get that sofa back home?

Who is it they do not want to meet? Can they avoid that?

You may have noticed that the eyes of the animals shine in the darkness in many of the pictures. My eyes can also do this trick, as you see here.



This was the original cover picture, but our proofreader did not think I looked cute enough, so she painted them back to brown. Here you see my eyes shine green. Why is that? Let us have a look.



Why indeed do those eyes shine so? What eyes are that shining in this collage? Read the book and get the answers!

Grandpa-Dog walked his last walk, but soon we take a different route: We are going to the beach. That is a place we love to be, our lives continue. We do what we always do at the beach, explore and race around. Racing is fun, exploring is learning. Out on the water I spot something unusual.

There are humans but they are not bathing. They are sailing in some slim boats.



Box-Head does not hesitate and goes straight out into the water to the humans there. Didn't Grandpa-Dog say I should become their leader? I had better go there too, a leader should go in front. I am not too keen on the water, but that does not matter now. After all I am also curious!

Fortunately the humans out there are also curious about us; they come closer to land. Now watch this! Even Handsome goes into the water! He who is normally afraid of any humans he does not know. He who is also

Even if this looks funny, they are not all that happy on this walk. What happens, and why are they not so happy?



We all get a little petting, the humans out there find us funny, and laugh.



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