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PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Can I Be Your Dog?
By Troy Cummings

Related Books:
A Dog Wearing by Sang mi Ko
My Old Pal, Oscar by Amy Hest
Bob to the Rescue by James Bowen
Maverick and Me by Phyllis Harris
Real Rescue Dogs (Paw Patrol) by Media Lab Books
Operation Rescue Dog by Maria Gianferrari
Nellie Belle by Mem Fox
Widget by Lyn McFarland
Trouper by Meg Kearney
Found Dogs by Erica Sirotich
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
Prudence wants a pet by Cathleen Daly
Pick a Pup by Marsha Chall
Let’s Get a Pet! Said Kate by Bob Graham
Scratch-Scratch a Perfect Match by Kimberly Marcus

Rhymes:
“Puppy Dog”
Puppy dog, puppy dog, turn around.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, touch the ground.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, way up high.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, touch the sky.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, touch your toes.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, touch your nose.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, touch your knee.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, sit down please.

Source: https://jeninthelibrary.com/tag/dogs/

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“My Puppy”
My puppy has a doghouse, just outside my door.
He licks me when I pet him, and wags his tail for more.
He’s always there beside me, no matter what I do.
My puppy is my special friend, and a family member, too.

“My Puppy”
It’s funny my puppy knows just how I feel.
When I’m happy he’s yappy and squirms like an eel.
When I’m grumpy he’s slumpy and stays by my heel.
It’s funny my puppy knows such a great deal.

Source: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/504332858266363336/?lp=true

Songs:
“Mail Dog”
*Sung to “How Much is that Doggie in the Window?”*
Oh would you please be my owner?
I’d love to come home with you.
Oh would you please be my owner?
I’d be a good friend to you!

Oh I could be a Mail Dog,
One with a waggly tail.
Oh I could be a Mail Dog.
And be by your side without fail.

Source: Words by Pat Williams

“Six Little Dogs”
*Sung to "Six Little Ducks"
Six little dogs that I once knew,
Round ones, skinny ones, fair ones too.
But the one little dog with the brown curly fur,
He led the others with a grr, grr, grr.
Grr, grr, grr. Grr, grr, grr
He led the others with a grr, grr, GRR!

Source: https://www.kidsparkz.com/preschool-sings-pets.html

“If You’re a Dog and You Know It”
*Sung to “If You’re Happy and You Know It”*
If you’re a dog and know it, give a bark....
If you're a dog and know it, wag your tail....
If you're a dog and you know it, sit up and beg....
If you’re a dog and you know it, dig a hole....
If you’re a dog and you know it, sit please!
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“Bingo” From Wiggleworms Love You by Old Town School of Folk Music.

Activities:
YouTube video of a reading of the book “Can I Be Your Dog?” The reader uses voices.
Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an4jAjfJKe4

Play, “Pin the Tail on the Doggie”

Ask people who have Service Dogs or Therapy Dogs to bring their dogs and explain what their dogs do for them and others. Ask an officer to bring his K-9 dog in for a program.

Betty White reading Harry, the Dirty Dog. At the end she shows a shelter dog who has found his forever home.
Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j0OY3236jw

D is for Doghouse Craft: Create this craft with construction paper, glue sticks, tape and markers for a fun letter-reinforcing activity.
Source: https://crystalandcomp.com/is-for-doghouse-preschool-letter-of-the-week-craft/

Paper Bag Puppy Puppet: Use a paper bag, construction paper shapes and glue sticks to create these adorable puppets.
Source: http://86lemons.com/paper-bag-animal-puppets/

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