

DAISY & BISCUIT

(The Pet Contest)

The Backyard.
Anytown, USA.

The young puppy Biscuit is newly arrived at the home of the Little Girl. Mom and Dad have told her that her new puppy must be trained quickly and mind his manners since the family is expecting a new arrival – a new baby. For her birthday, the Little Girl has been given a book: "How to Make Your Puppy the Best Puppy in the World" – which has a "Best Puppy" test at the end. Both Little Girl and Biscuit's goal is for Biscuit to pass that test.

Biscuit is a young male puppy (played by a woman) who is sweet, innocent, loving, with lots of positive energy. He is very eager to learn but like most children, he doesn't always think things through, which can frustrate his wanting to grow up as quickly as he can.

Here, Biscuit has just failed his latest attempt to prove to Little Girl that he is ready to take and pass his "Best Puppy" test – or as he would say to be "top dog." He is feeling rather discouraged.

His new friend from next door, a cat named Daisy – has come over to Biscuit's yard – all excited about the upcoming 'Pet Show'. Daisy is fun, playful, loves to be well-groomed, and is a good friend to Biscuit.

Note: 'Cat movements' are not wanted.

DAISY (*to herself*)

Wow, this will be great! I always love it when the pet show comes around! And maybe this year... (*referring to herself*)...best groomed will take the prize!

(*BISCUIT enters*)

...Hey there, Biscuit old boy, what's the matter?

BISCUIT

Nothing. So, what's up?

DAISY

Haven't you heard? Today's the big pet show!

BISCUIT

Pet show? What's that?

DAISY

A contest to see who's the best pet in town.

BISCUIT

Can I enter?

DAISY

You already are. Little Girl is going to help run the show.

BISCUIT

So, what do I have to do?

DAISY

Just be there. Of course, I'll be the best-groomed. Then we'll see who's 'top dog'.

BISCUIT

Top dog...Top dog?!

DASIY

Yeah?

BISCUIT (*fast, agitated*)

Daisy, you've got to help me out! Today I've just gotta be 'top dog'!

DAISY

What's the matter?

BISCUIT

Yesterday I really messed up!

DAISY

Messed up?

BISCUIT

But maybe today if I win the contest...

DAISY

Hey, slow down. Everything's going to be okay.

BISCUIT

But what do I do?!

DAISY

Sounds like you need a new start.

BISCUIT

Yeah, so how do I...?

DAISY

Yesterday's history. Forget about it. Start over. Have confidence.

END OF SIDE.