



A Home for Hobbit

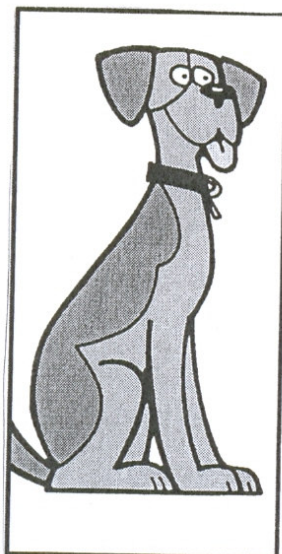
The SPCA takes in stray, abandoned and surrendered animals all the time. The people who work at the Societies have very important responsibilities. They have to teach the community to have respect for animals and how to take care of these animals and treat them kindly. While these animals are in the SPCA's care, they have to be fed, groomed, kept healthy and safe. When an animal is put up for **adoption**, the SPCA has to carefully think about what is best for that animal so that they can be placed in the **right** home.

So what **do** companion animals need?

- ✓ To be part of a family for the rest of their lives.
- ✓ To be protected and kept safe.
- ✓ To be fed the right kind of food.
- ✓ To always have clean water.
- ✓ To be kept healthy through sterilisation, regular vaccinations and de-worming
- ✓ To sleep in comfort.
- ✓ To have fun and be exercised.
- ✓ To be respected and cared for.
- ✓ To know that they can always trust their guardians.



Pretend that you work at the Isibaya SPCA. One of your dogs is up for adoption. Hobbit is six months old. He is a big, friendly, energetic puppy that loves playing with a ball and being with adults, children and other dogs. Four people have said that they want to adopt him. You need to make sure that that he will go to the **right** home. Read their reasons for wanting Hobbit and decide who would be the best guardian and why. Write your decision in the adoptees block. For each of the other three, explain why you **did not** choose them. What could have happened to him if he had gone to the wrong home?



Hi guys, my name is Hobbit and I would love to be a part of your life. I do dig and dribble, but I will love you, *no matter what!*



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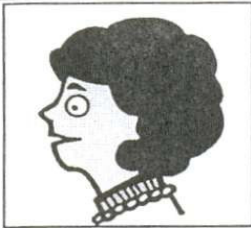
"I have just seen a movie about a dog that looks exactly like Hobbit. This dog was so cute and funny. I would really like a dog just like that, to make me laugh."

Peter:



"There have been a lot of robberies in town and I need to protect my family and property. A dog like Hobbit would provide peace of mind when we are out or asleep."

Shireen:



"I would like to give a dog like Hobbit a good home. We could have fun walking in the park and playing ball in the garden. We can also curl up and watch TV together."

Lee:



"My friend Amir is very down lately. He does not want to do anything or go anywhere at all. Perhaps if I gave him Hobbit as a surprise birthday present, he may cheer up a bit."
