

The Magic Corgi



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I'd begged my parents for a dog forever!
One day we went for a drive. Soon we
stopped at the animal shelter! There were so
many animals barking and meowing - as if to
say, "Look at me!" Suddenly there she was!
My favorite, a Corgi!
We adopted her. I named her Sparkles.
Later we were playing in my room.

Sparkles was jumping around barking. Suddenly the barking changed to talking!

I screamed, "What! How can you be talking?"

"I know I can trust you with my secret," Sparkles answered. "I lived with the great Dr. Dolittle. He taught me to speak human, cat, and parrot." Sparkles told me how lonely she was at the shelter. All the animals missed having someone to snuggle with.

I told Sparkles I had an idea.




"We'd need volunteers to stay at the house to snuggle with and care for the animals. There would be different rooms for dogs, cats and other animals. We would have playrooms with toys, quiet rooms, and bed rooms.

At breakfast, I told my parents that Sparkles could talk. They thought I'd been dreaming



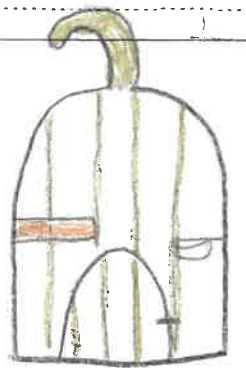
until Sparkles sat up and said "Hello!"
We told them our idea, they loved it!
The only problem was finding a house.
Sparkles leaped up and said, "I know a place!"
"Dr. Dolittle has an old house across town.
I bet he'd let us fix it up to use to help
animals. I'll ask one of my bird friends to
take him a message."



Dear Sparkles,
I'd be happy for
you to use my old
house. What a
wonderful idea!
I'd been wondering
what to do with
it. I can't wait
to visit!
Your friend,
Dr. Delittle

It was a large brick house with big windows, many rooms, and a fenced yard. It needed painting and decorating. Lots of things needed built: pet beds, climbing towers, and perches. Many people showed up to help. In no time, the house was finished!

HELP WANTED!
We need people to fix up the **Pet Play-house** and care for the animals.
call: 999-999-9999 or just come on down!



Volunteers could help take care of the animals too. Sparkles talked to her homeless animal friends, soon the Pet Playhouse was filled with happy animals.

