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# **SALLY'S BIG DAY**

# IT'S SALLY'S FIRST DAY OF PUPPY SCHOOL!

**IT'S HARD TO FOCUS AT PUPPY SCHOOL** when there are all kinds of pups to play with, water to splash in...and so many smells! But Sally doesn't give up and keeps trying, ending the day triumphantly. Just like children, puppies have a lot to learn about and explore in the world around them. This sweet story will give confidence to young readers as they venture into the world to learn and try new things.

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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- The book shows how sometimes learning is not easy and that's okay. The teacher demonstrates warmth and encouragement for the new learners.
- Puppies share many similarities with children, such as curiosity, energy and playfulness.
- Puppy school is in many ways like preschool. Readers will relate to the experiences of starting a new school, trying to train a puppy, or both!
- Andrew Larsen has two children and a puppy named Sally. He was inspired by his experiences with puppy school and wrote most of this book while out walking Sally.
- The adorable illustrations include a rabbit hidden in most spreads for a search and find activity.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Sally is excited.  
She is waiting by  
the door.





When Sally goes walking,  
she sees many things.



She sees a wagon.



She sees a pup  
in a stroller.



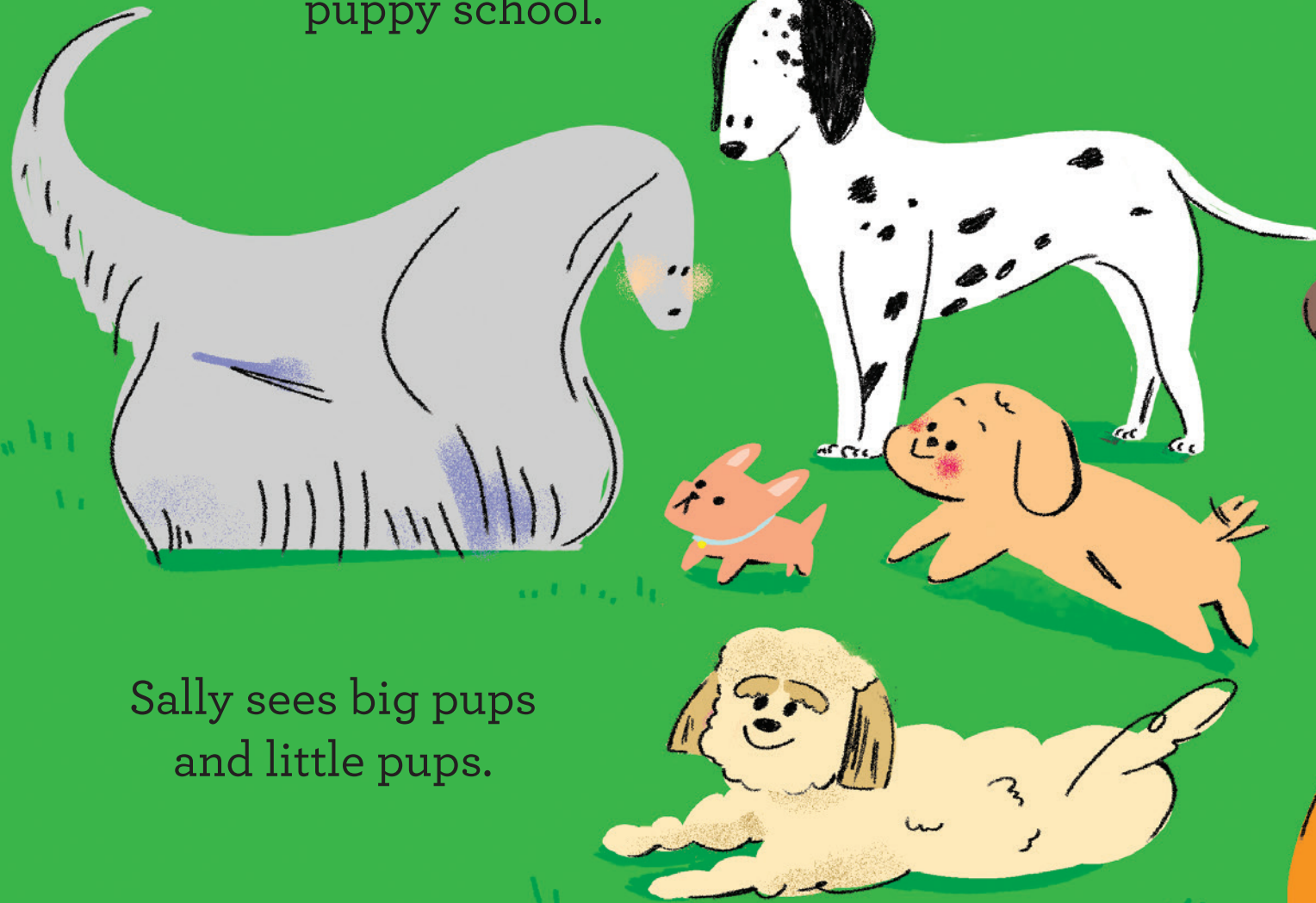
Sally sees one, two,  
three, four pups.



Sally sees a pup in a pouch  
and a pup in a basket on a bike.  
Where are they going?



It's the first day of  
puppy school.



Short pups and  
long pups.



Sally sees big pups  
and little pups.

Fluffy pups and  
smooth pups.



“Good morning, pups,”  
says the teacher.  
“Are you ready?”  
Sally wags her tail.



“Sit.”  
Sally does not sit.  
She sniffs.





“Sit.”  
Sally does not sit.



She sees something  
behind the tree.  
What is it?

It's time for recess.  
The teacher gives each  
pup a bowl of water.



Sally slurps and splashes.



She plays with the  
other pups.  
Recess is the best  
thing about school.





“Sit,” says the teacher when  
class begins again.

Is Sally sitting?  
No.



Sally is squatting.  
“That’s okay. Pups need to pee.”

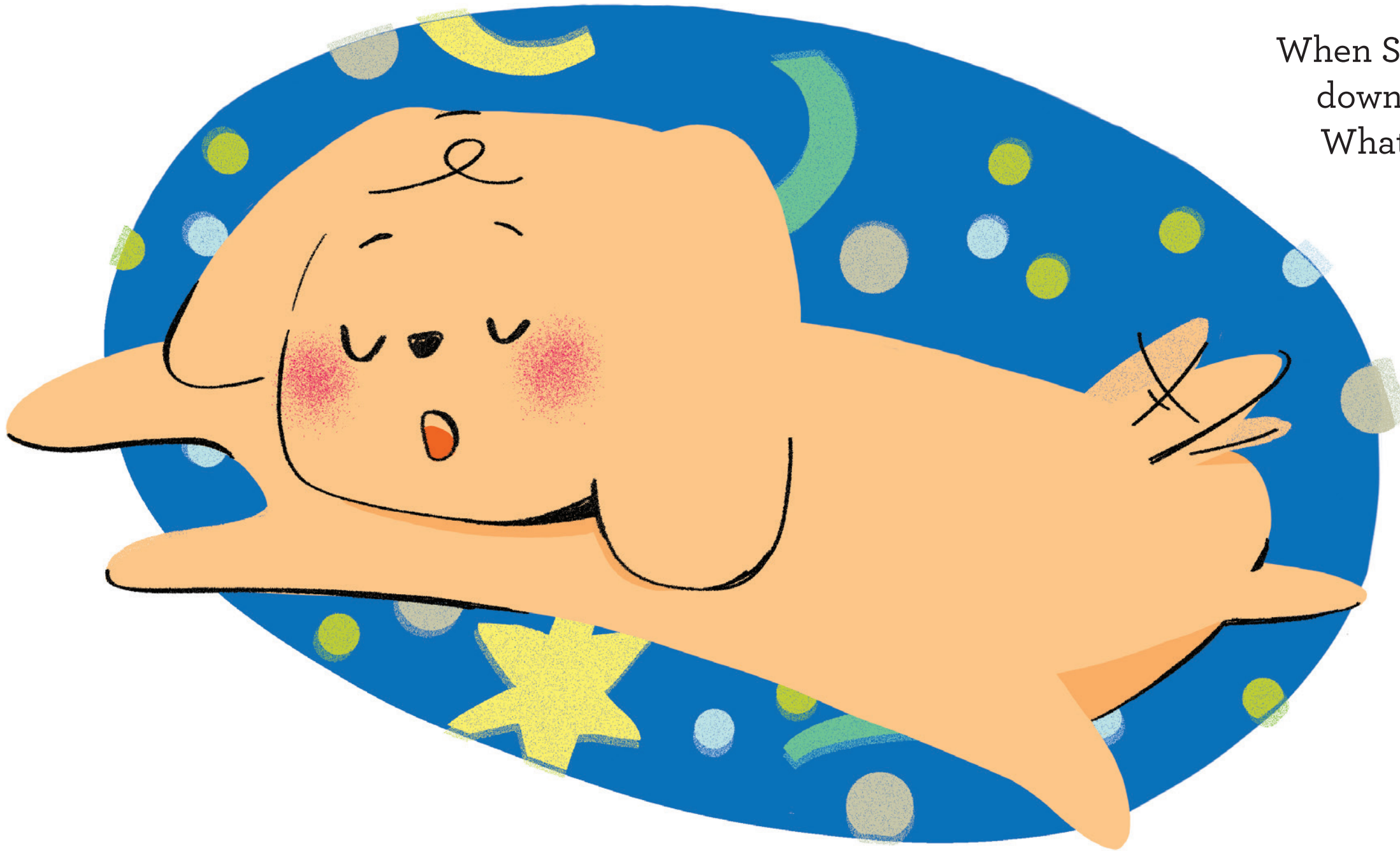




The teacher reaches into her pocket and gives Sally a treat.



When Sally gets home, she lies  
down and closes her eyes.  
What does she dream of?



Sally dreams of rabbits.



For Sally. Good Dog! —A.L.

To all the good dogs out there. —D.L.

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