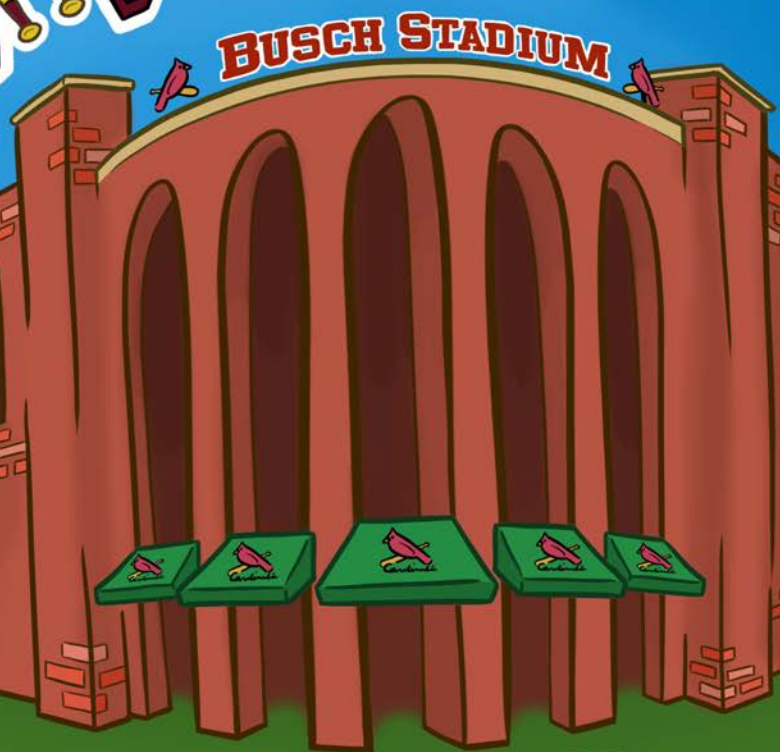
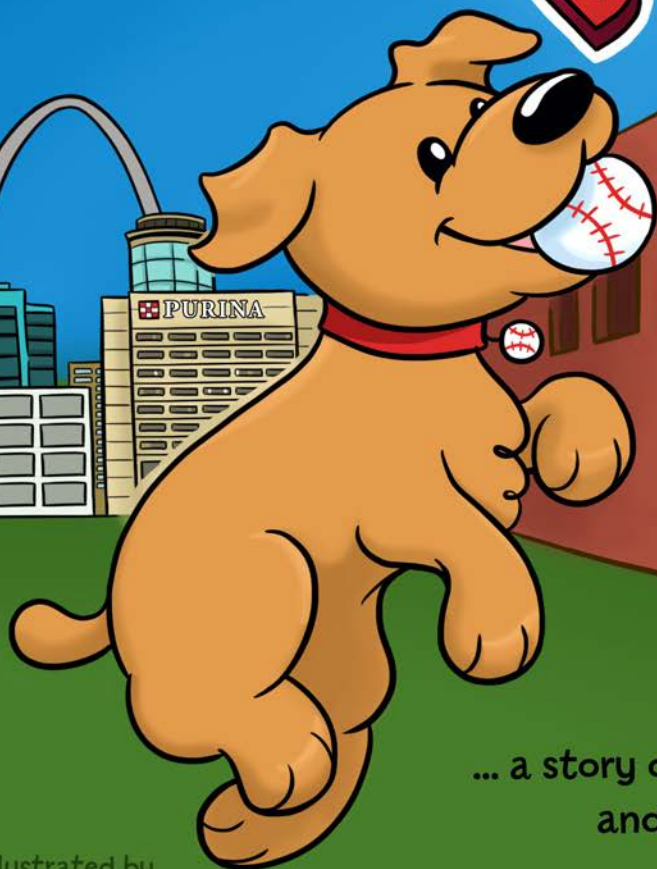




# Out of the Ballpark!



... a story of friendship, four paws,  
and the ♥ of baseball!

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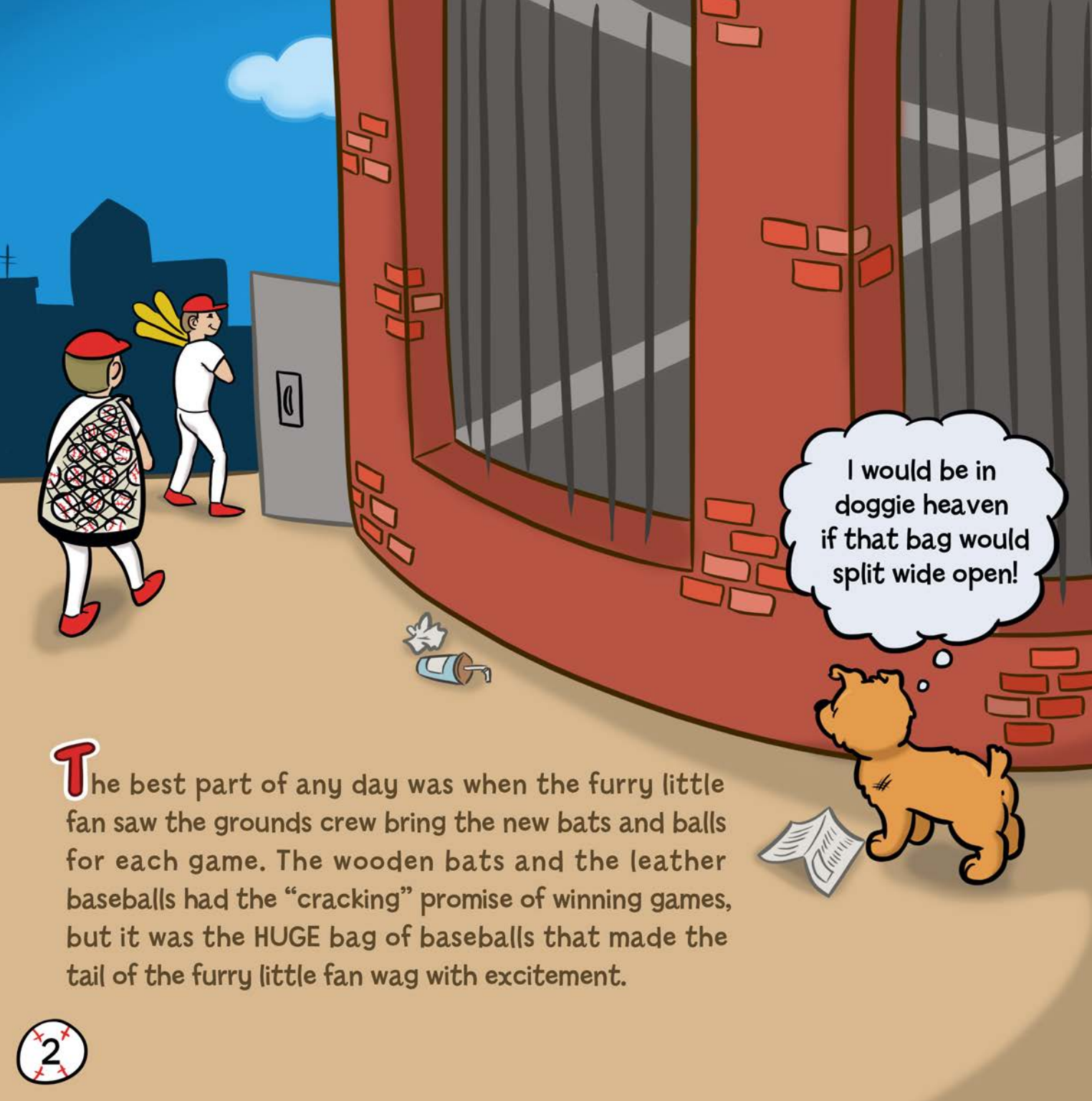
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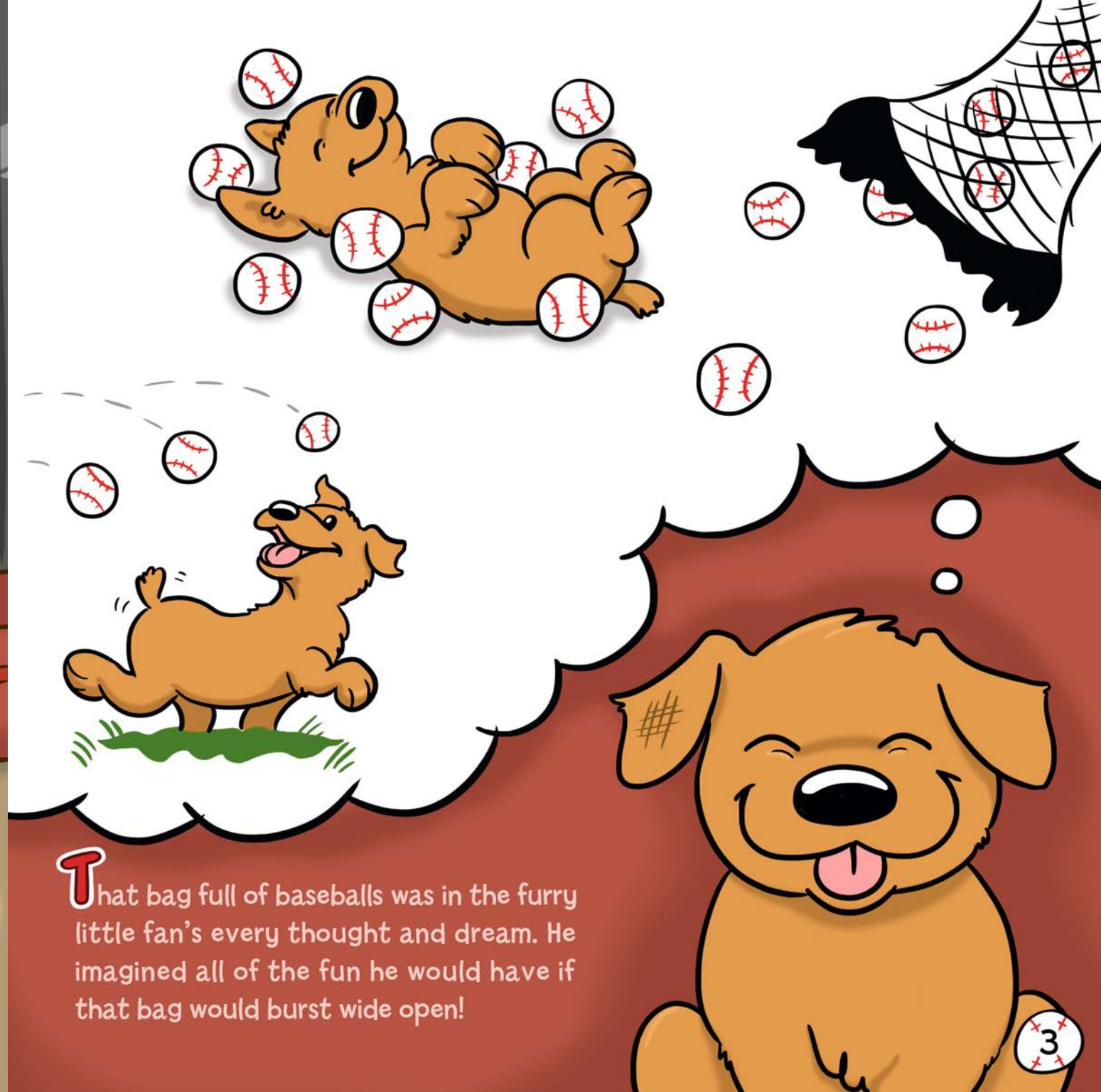
**I**t had been the best baseball season ever. Games filled with home runs, hot dogs, and hometown spirit. But with every crack of the bat, there was still one sad furry little fan with no real home and only a chewed up tennis ball.







**T**he best part of any day was when the furry little fan saw the grounds crew bring the new bats and balls for each game. The wooden bats and the leather baseballs had the “cracking” promise of winning games, but it was the HUGE bag of baseballs that made the tail of the furry little fan wag with excitement.



**T**hat bag full of baseballs was in the furry little fan's every thought and dream. He imagined all of the fun he would have if that bag would burst wide open!

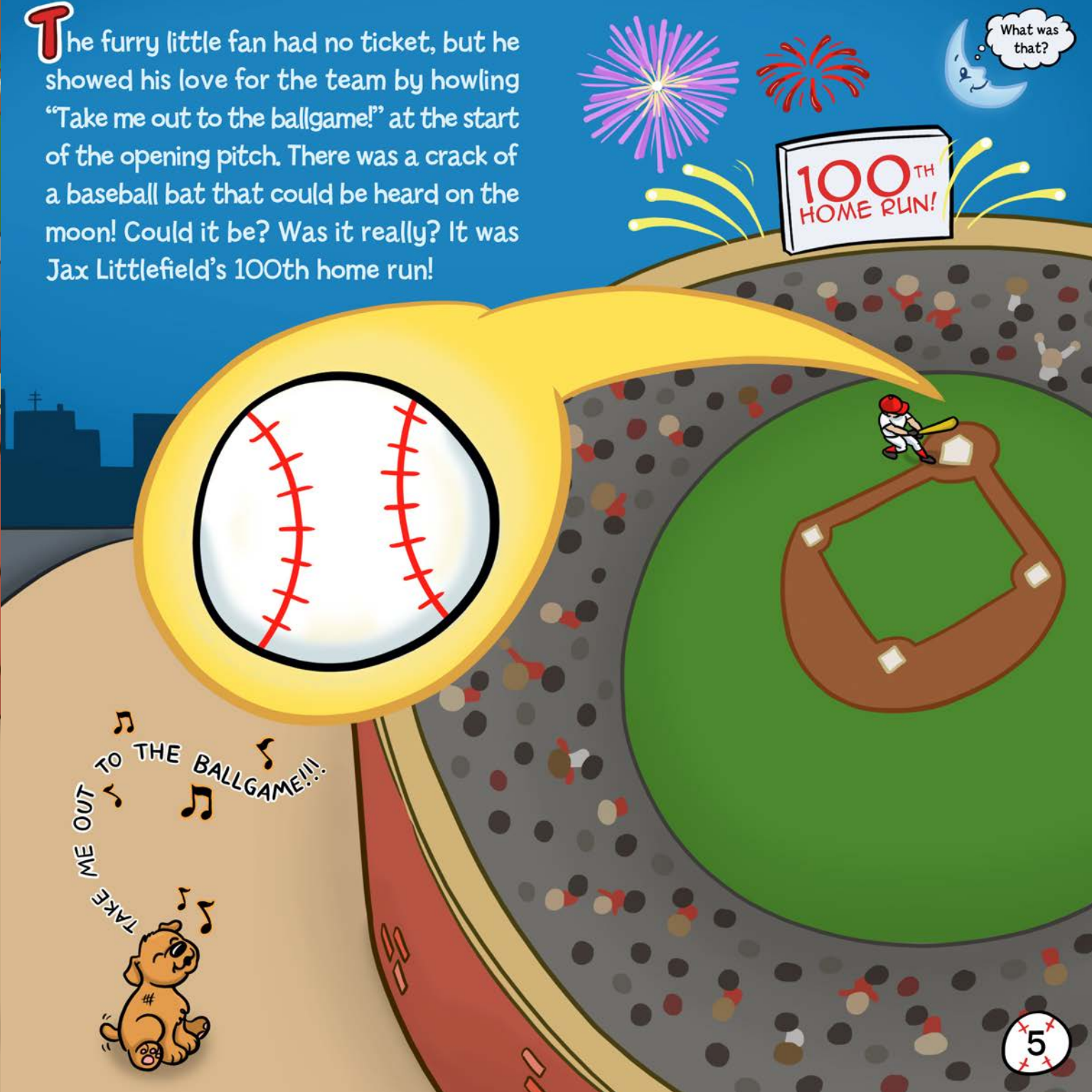


Game days always had a special spark in the air. Fans hustled and bustled to get into the stadium to see if THIS was the game that the hometown hero, Jax Littlefield, would hit his 100th home run of the season.



It's the big game with Jax Littlefield!

The furry little fan had no ticket, but he showed his love for the team by howling "Take me out to the ballgame!" at the start of the opening pitch. There was a crack of a baseball bat that could be heard on the moon! Could it be? Was it really? It was Jax Littlefield's 100th home run!




TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!!





He caught the  
100<sup>th</sup> ball!

**T**hat home run sailed through the clouds, past the stars, around the moon and over the stadium wall right into the furry little fan's mouth. He had caught the 100th home run!



I am never  
giving my  
ball up!

**I**t seemed as though every baseball fan wanted that ball, but he was so happy about getting a new ball that he was NEVER going to give it up.



**J**ax Littlefield was glad he made his team and his hometown proud with his home run. He wasn't sure exactly where that special ball went, but Jax knew it was "out of the ballpark!"

Did you know a dog has your 100<sup>th</sup> home run ball?

Really? Can you take me to him?



**J**ax heard that a furry little fan had caught the very special baseball. He wanted to meet him and thank him for catching it! They became instant friends through the love of baseball!

Hey, boy! Do you want to come see the stadium?

Let's go out on the field and play some fetch and catch!





Growling isn't a good thing... especially from your stomach! Let's get you cleaned up and checked out!

**J**ax and the furry little fan went inside the stadium to play a little catch and fetch! After lots of tail wagging playtime, Jax heard the furry little fan's stomach growl! They needed to get him something to eat.



**Veterinarian**  
a doctor who keeps animals healthy and happy!

**J**ax took him to the team's favorite veterinarian, Dr. Pawla, to get him checked out, cleaned up, and his belly filled with some healthy food and fresh water!



**A**fter Dr. Pawla did a full checkup, she gave Jax his dog tags and a new collar and asked him the dog's name. His furry little fan friend was very special and he had to have a very special name. So he named him Duggie, after dugout, where Jax always felt at home!



He's all done!  
What's this little puppy's name?

His name is Duggie!



You're all fixed up with a new baseball collar that even has your name on the tag!  
Why don't you come home with me, Duggie?



**J**ax and Duggie had a day filled with home runs, baseball, and friendship. Jax couldn't imagine a day without his new four-legged friend.



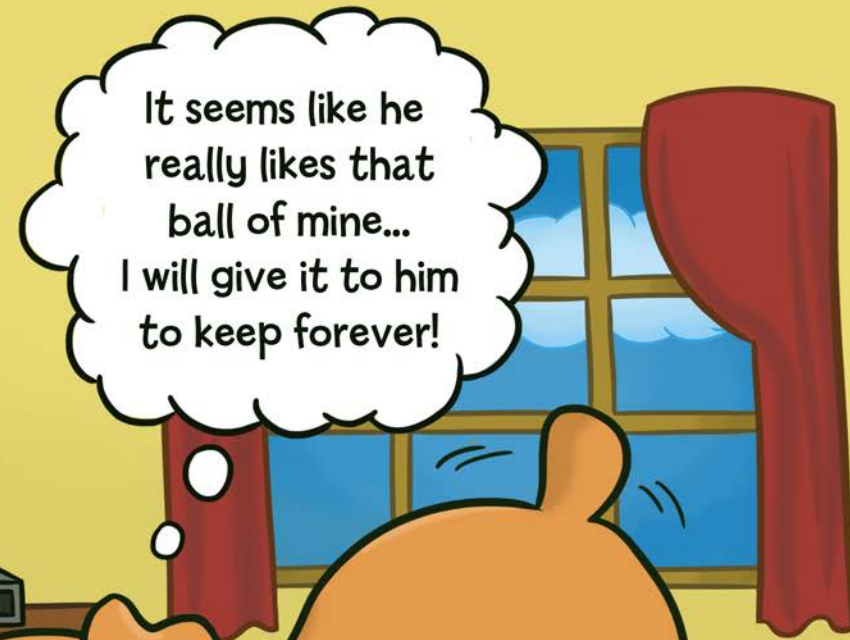




**S**o Duggie went to live at Jax's home. Duggie's belly was full, he was warm, safe, and loved. That night, he had dreams about running, fetching, and playing with his beloved baseball.



**D**uggie woke up bright and early with a smile in his heart and a wag in his tail. Jax had made him so happy that he wanted to give something special back. He gave the only thing, besides love, that he had to give. Duggie laid his prized baseball on Jax's pillow.

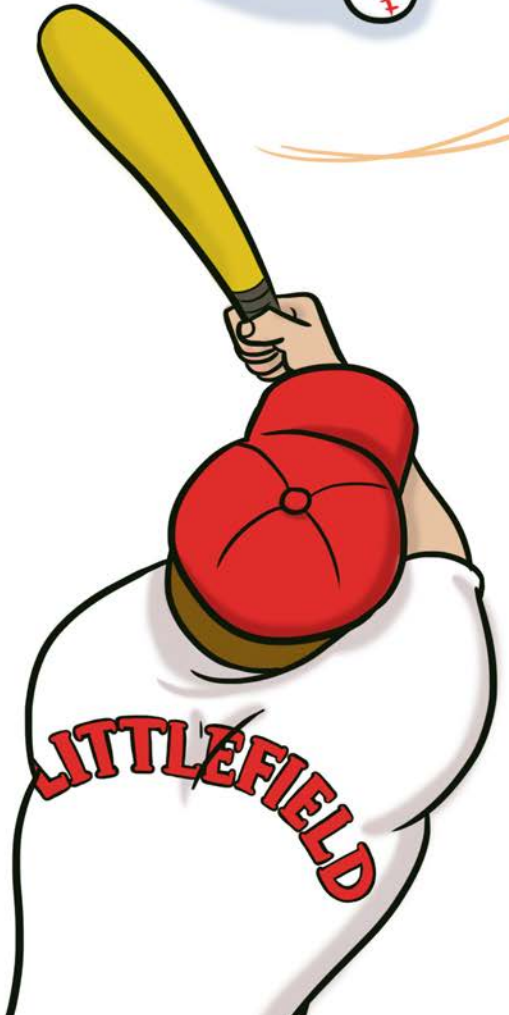


It seems like he really likes that ball of mine... I will give it to him to keep forever!

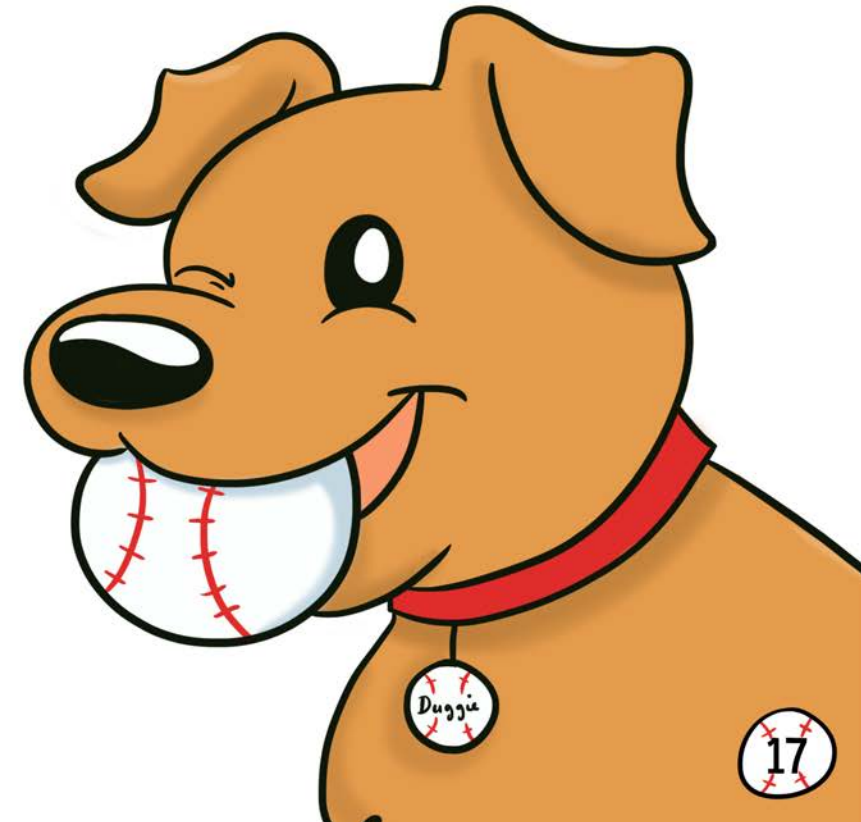




Come on, Duggie!  
You need to be our team's  
Dogbassador for the ballpark  
and the official ball fetcher  
for batting practice! It will  
be a home run of a  
good time!



TAKE ME OUT TO THE  
BALLGAME!



As Jax and Duggie left for practice, they both knew that their days and seasons would be filled with each other and the love of baseball...



Color Jax Littlefield and Duggie!



BUILD-A-BEAR  
WORKSHOP

Can you list three ways you take care of your pet?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

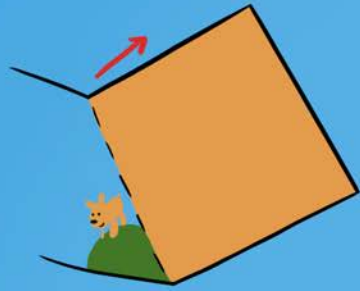


Dr. Pawla

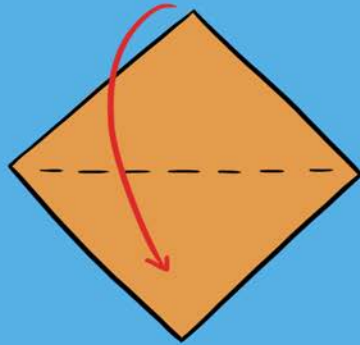


# Make your own origami Duggie!

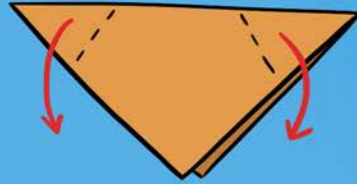
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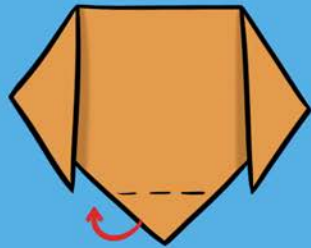
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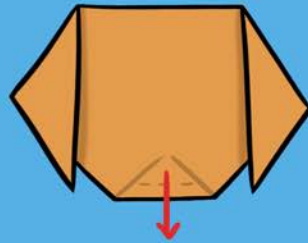
3. Fold the two corners down to make ears.



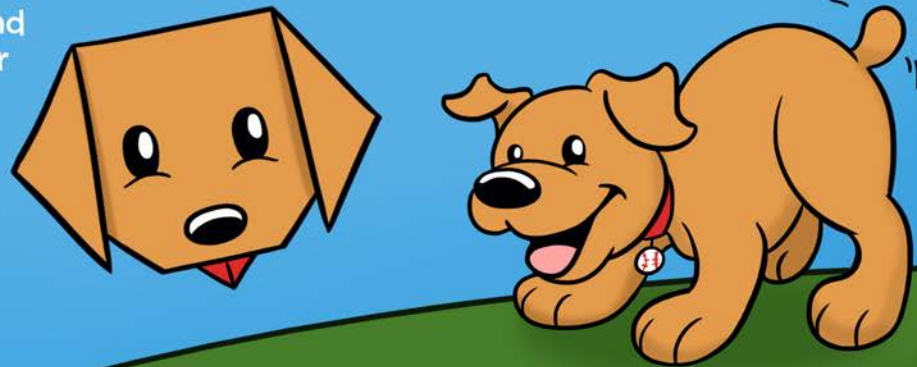
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5. Fold the tip of the inside down to make the tongue.



6. Draw two eyes and a nose, then color the tongue red!





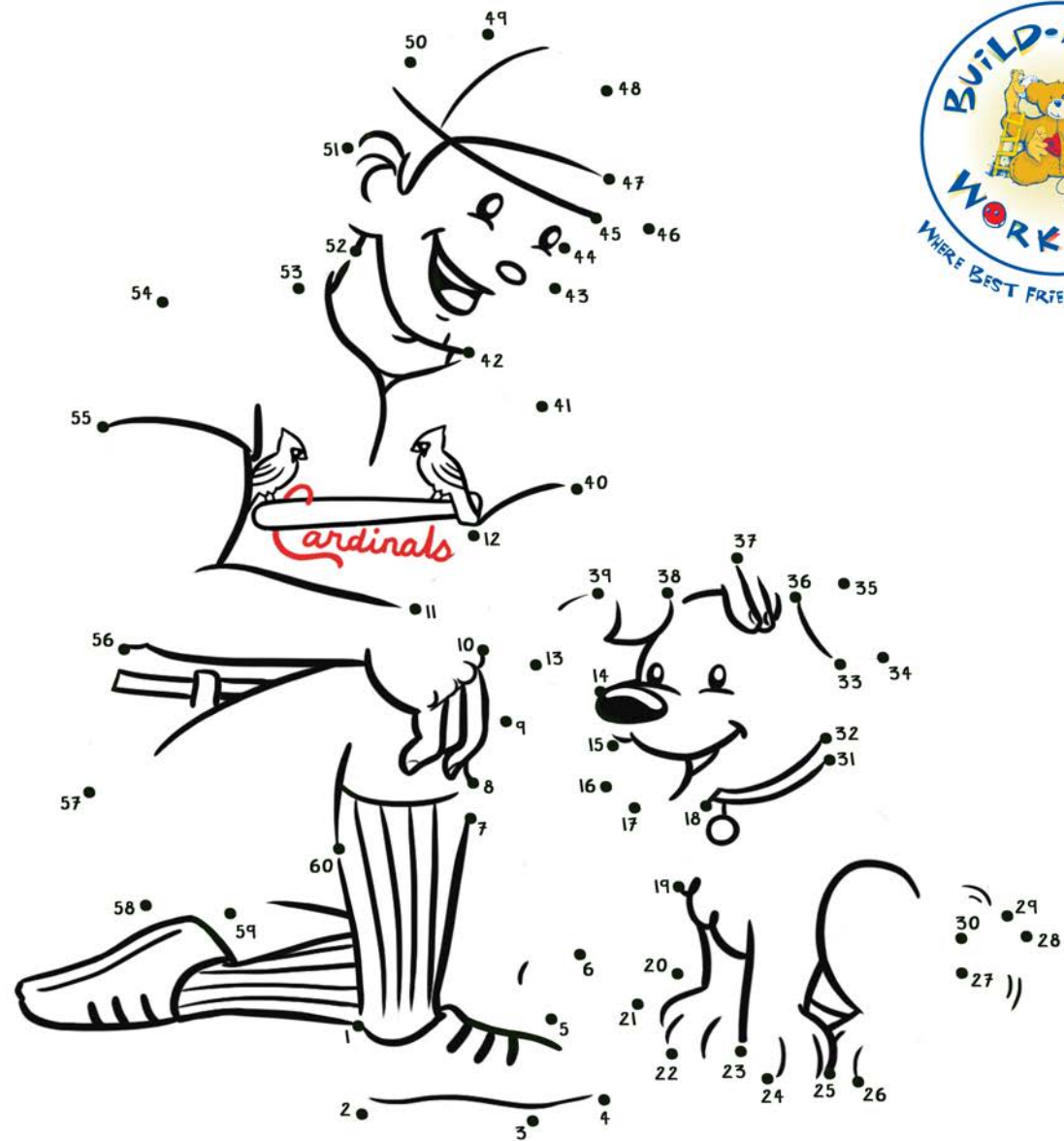


# Home Run!



Jax just hit a home run!  
Help him make his way  
around the bases through  
the baseball maze.





**Connect the dots!**

# Out of the Ballpark!

## Pledge

I raise my right paw,  
And pledge on my "bones!"

To cheer for my team,  
Whether away or at home.

I will care for my pet,  
Like Jax does for Duggie.

To always feed and water them,  
and give them big huggies!



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