

Sniffer & Amigo

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Sniffer's Invisible Friend

Sammy has a playmate
That no one else can see.
Sam says, when at the table,
“He’s sitting next to me.”

“My little friend is Alvin
And when I’m feeling blue
He tells me funny stories
‘Til I am laughing too.

He always comes to see me
When there’s no one to play
We splash in all the puddles
On every rainy day.

When I’m afraid that *monsters*
Will *get me* in the night,
He sleeps right beside me so
I know I’ll be alright.”

Sammy’s parents worried
They didn’t think it good
They wished he had a *real* friend
In his own neighborhood.

One day there was a new kid
Who moved in right next door
He and Sam became best friends
His name was Salvador.

Sam and Sal were playmates...
They left poor Sniff alone
And Sniffer often longed for
A new friend of his own.

He often would imagine
There was another pup
Who would come and play with him
And so he made one up!

Sniffer's 'friend' was Spotty,
A fire-house dog no less,
They ran to pretend fires...
Saved 'damsels in distress'.



This Dalmatian and Basset
Would bark and leap and bound
Ears would sail and spots would fly
As they went 'round and round'!

Sammy's folks watched Sniffer
And thought he'd gone berserk
They called the vet to ask him
"Would tranquilizers work?"

"I think that he is lonely
When Sammy is away
Another pet to play with
Would help him fill his day."

Then Dr. Paws suggested
They get a cat for Sue,
She'd have a pet to care for
A friend for Sniffer too...

They said they'd 'think it over'
They had to 'talk it out'
But this is how 'el Gatos',
Amigo came about...

One Saturday Sam's dad said
"Come on get in the car
Can you guess where we're going?
It isn't very far..."

He headed for the Dog Pound
“I thought we’d get a cat,
They have pets for adoption,
What do you think of that?”

Well, Susie was excited
She bounced in her car-seat
And clapped her hands and wondered
Just what cat would they meet?

The staff was very helpful,
“They **all** need homes real bad
When there are few adoptions
The outlook is so sad!”

“They’re immunized and *healthy*.
...Our vet looks at each one.
You buy their tag and license,
Before you take them home.”

“*This* ‘tiger’ we call Lilly...
This one is real genteel...
This ‘calico’ is cuddly...
This one has ‘Socks-appeal’.”

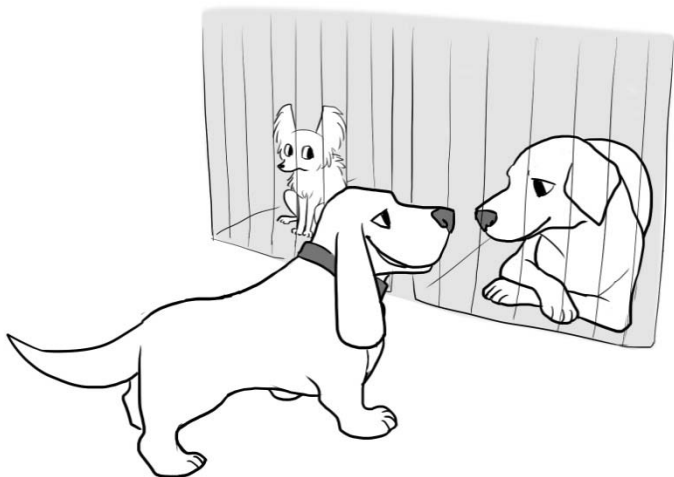
“*This* black one we call Midnight...
This ‘tom’ is just called Tom...
This one you get a ‘bargain’,
She’s going to be a mom...”

"This one we call Amigo,
He's everybody's friend..."
That was the *one* for Susie,
The search was at an end!

"Now, Susie, here's you kitty.
Don't cuddle him too close..."
Sue said: "I love Amigo
The very, very most!!!"



While Susie looked at kittens,
Sniff gave the dogs 'a view'.
Their faces said: "Take ME home
I'd love to live with you!"



He tried to cheer them *all* up...
“Though I can’t take you home,
There’s *someone* out there for you,
And maybe they will phone!”

“Why, *you* could be ‘a Lassie’...
And *you* a ‘Rin Tin Tin’...
Who *knows* all your potential,
All cooped up in this pen!”

“Why *you* could be ‘a Millie’,
You *could*, I’d bet a bone.
...A million dollar doggie...
Just *waiting* for a home!”

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“Buenos dais, Senor Sniffer.”
Said Amigo, when they met.
“Hola!” said he, suspiciously,
Who is this furry pet?”

“Amigo is my kitten”
Said Susie joyously,
He’s here to stay, he loves to play,
And he belongs to ME!”



Amigo purred so suavely:
“Su casa, mi casa...”
And with a grin, he snuggled in.
Sniff thought: “Por fuera.”

Say, “No hay cuidado.”
(There was enough to share.)
“Occupado,” said Amigo,
When Sniff went to ‘his chair’.

“Despotico,” growled Sniffer,
(But said it to the air.)
I’ll take a walk... I need to talk
‘El gatos’ everywhere!”

