PUTTING ON THE DOG

What are you looking for, Dennis?

Just checkin' to see if we have plenty of dog food!

Oh, I don't think Ruff will starve for a few days!

It's not just Ruff... he's got a few friends comin'!

Friends?

Yeah! I'm givin' him a birthday party!

WHAT?!

Oh! It's a surprise party!

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An' here come the guests!

$\text{Stand still, boy!}$

$\text{Hey! That's my good sport coat!}$

It needs cleaning anyway. Henry And Ruff does have to look nice for his party!

$\text{Happy birthday, Ruff!}$

$\text{With presents, yet!}$

$\text{Sure! That's the best part of a birthday!}$

Listen, Dennis, we can't feed all the kids in the block and their dogs, too!

Oh, the kids aren't stayin'! They'll pick up their dogs after the party!

So long! Have fun! I never heard of such a thing!
Boy, thanks, Butch! Just what he needed!

Your favorite kind, huh, Ruff?

ERF!

Whee! It's a beauty, ERF!

Look at this! Autographed!

Rowf!
Be back in a sec, you guys!

ERF?

What have you got there?

PARTY stuff!

Ya gotta have funny hats for a party, don't ya?

Oh, of course!

I see it, but I don't believe it!

RAWF!

ROOF!

ARF!

How 'bout playin' hide an' seek?

YOWP! WOOF!

SURE they do! SEE? They're beginnin' to get the idea!

What....?

Don't be silly, Dennis... dogs can't play hide and seek!
I hid some bones, and now they're finding them! That's how dogs play hide and seek!

Oh, no! My flowers!

Shoo! Beat it!

Ruff! Let your guest have it!

Grrr! Grrr!

I hope you haven't dreamed up any more crazy games for these mutts!

I got a dilly!

Now what are you going to play? And what's in the sack?

The leader! Rrrrowl!

We're gonna play follow the leader! An' this is...

Woof! Rawr!
HEH!

ATTABOY FELLERS!
WOOF! WOOF!
ROWF! ROWF!
YWPE! YWPE!

WHOOMP!

DENNIS!
That was NO WAY to treat that POOR cat!

Well, how 'bout the way CATS treat MICE? Huh? How 'bout THAT?

Guess what we're gonna do NOW, fellers!

ERF?

What do YOU guess?

I don't DARE!

Last one in is a SCAREDY CAT!

ROWF!

WHAT NEXT?!

NOTHING is NEXT!! THIS IS IT!! THE PARTY'S OVER!

YWPE! YWPE!

RAWF!
ALL RIGHT, DENNIS! THIS IS ENOUGH!

Yeah... I guess it's time!

TIME! Time for what?

Will ya open the cage for me, Mom?

Well all right... if this is the end of it!

Time for their freshmants!

HAPPY  EM DRESS, HUM, DAD?!

HELP THEM DRESS? BROTHER!

I CK!!
LOOK at them EAT! Well... they DID bring PRESENTS, you know!

Hi, Dennis! Party over?

ME! ME!

CHOMP!

Yeah! Boy, did they have FUN!

Well, I'm glad THAT'S over!

Until NEXT year... huh?

NEXT year!
LISTEN... IF YOU THINK....

DARN! I forgot the most IMPORTANT part!

We didn't have a BIRTHDAY CAKE!

That's AAAAAAA we needed!

Ohhh....
A RUFF DAY!

Go get 'im, boy! A-Ruff!

Rowf! Grrr! Yirp!
WOOF! WOOF!
YIP! YIP!
YIP! YIP!
RUN, RUFF!
RUN! THIS WAY, BOY!

INSIDE! QUICK!

CRASH!

WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL GEE WHIZ, IT WASN'T OL' RUFF'S FAULT!!

THAT DOG!!
I'd started to do the laundry and that dog barged in here and knocked me flat!

Dennis, why can't you keep that mutt out of trouble?

Go, Whiz, Dad, a mean dog was chewing him! You didn't expect him to stay out there and get chewed up, did ya?

Never mind, Henry... just help me get this stuff cleaned up.

Oh... all right!

It's the bleach, it's taken the color out!

What a mess! It looks just awful!

Never mind, honey, it was just about time we put in a new floor anyway!

I'll call up the tile people and have them come right over!

Oh, honey, that's wonderful!
Yes, vinyl tile for a kitchen... oh, about 14 by 18... yes, installed!

Here, honey. Now you and Ruff run outside and play!

Accidents will happen... I guess!

Gee, thanks, Mom! I'm sure glad you're not mad at poor ol' Ruff!

Yeah! Come on, Ruff!

WHAT?! JUST FOR ONE LITTLE KITCHEN?!
YOU MUST BE KIDDING!!

DON'T BOTHER! JUST FORGET THE WHOLE THING!

But... Henry...

Their price was ridiculous!! They must take me for a fool!!

But, dear, we can't leave the floor like this!

Who said we were going to leave it like this! I'm going to get the tile and lay the floor myself!!

Are you sure you know how?
LOOK Alice...IT'S SIMPLE...Any MORON could do it!

Well, don't count on THIS moron's help, because I've got a BIG WASH to do!

Well, Alice, by the time you are ready to cook dinner, you'll be walking on a BRAND NEW FLOOR!

Or you'll be taking me OUT to dinner, sir!

HEY DAD, WHATCHA GOT IN HERE? PRESENTS OR SOMETHIN?!

RUFF! RUFF!

DENNIS! YOU KEEP OUT OF THERE, THOSE ARE TILES I'M GOING TO PUT ON THE KITCHEN FLOOR!

Gee, Dad they're real PRETTY Me'n Ruff will help ya... Huh, Dad?

I SHOULD SAY NOT! THAT KIND OF HELP I DON'T NEED!

Now, Henry... you could let him do SOMETHING to help!

Like WHAT?
Like we'll load 'em in my wagon and haul 'em for you!

SAY, that's NOT a BAD IDEA!

See?

THERE! You're all loaded and ready to roll! WAGONS WEST!

Yeah! This is a PRAIRIE SCHOONER headed for CALIFORNIA!

Come on, Ruff, you can be the team of mules that pullin' it!

I don't think you'll get very far with that team, pardner!

Sure I will, Dad... watch!

LOOK OUT! HERE COMES A CAT!! SCAT!!

Hey, Ruff! STOP!! I WAS JUST FOOLIN'!

OH, NO!
O.K., Dad. Ol' Ruff didn't mean to! We'll help ya load 'em up again!

You can help all right! Just keep that mutt out of my hair!!

Boy! Ya don't hafta be such a sorehead!

Come on, honey. you and Ruff can help me hang out the clothes!

There! That's the last piece.

Ol' Ruff's pretty smart to carry the clothes pins, huh, Mom? Not every ol' dog could do it, I betcha!

You were both a lot of help! Now Dennis, if you'll go get the car keys from your father, you and Ruff can ride to the market with me!

This is a cinch. You just spread on this goo and then you're all ready to stick the tile down!

Oh, boy!
Hey, Dad...Mom wants...Dennis! Don't let that dog in here!

Gosh, Dad...I didn't let him in. The door was open and he walked in!

Well get him out of here!

Sure, Dad. Here, Ruff! Come on, boy!

No, no! Hold it!

Not that way, stupid!

Come back here, you mutt!!
STOP, RUFF! STOP I TELL YOU!!

CLANK!

SEE, DAD, YOU'RE JUST SCARIN' HIM!

JUST WAIT 'TIL I GET MY HANDS ON YOU!!

HENRY!! LOOK WHAT YOU'RE DOING!!

I don't know why, you're hollerin' at ol' Ruff so... you're makin' as many TRACKS as he is!

GET THAT DOG OUT OF HERE!!
WHAM!

YIPE!

RUFF!! LOOK OUT!!

SOMEONE BETTER COME QUICK!...DOOR OL' RUFF IS TANGLED UP IN THE CLOTHES LINE!

CLOTHES LINE?!

MY CLEAN CLOTHES!

OOF!
This is awful!! He got that black stuff on every single piece!

Come on, boy, we better wash your feet before you get into trouble!

Don’t worry, honey, I’ll take care of it!

You can’t clean up all this mess and lay the tiles too!

Well, er... I thought we’d just call the laundry to pick up the clothes, and the rug cleaners for the living room, and the tile people to finish the kitchen laying tile involves more than I realized!

You folks don’t have to worry about Ruff any more... I washed his feet in the bathtub!

You WHAT?!

Any bright ideas about cleaning up this?

Er... sure, you just lie down and take it easy... I’ll take care of this myself!

Gee whiz, Dad... it wasn’t our fault... it was all just an accident!

I know, son, but we’d better do as your mother said, and sit here until everything is cleaned up... Could be it will make the job much easier?"
A BONE TO PICK

RUFF! You know better than putting bones on my CLEAN RUG!

Now take that thing OUTSIDE and BURY it!

ROWF!
Rowf! Rowf! Hey! What's goin' on here?!

Oh, no! You've been robbed again!

Rowf! Rowf!

Hey, you!! Come back here with Ruff's bone!!

Roff! Rawf!

Rowf!

Whap!

Yihi! Oof!
We might as well give up, Ruff... We'll NEVER catch that ol' dog now!

Never mind, boy! We know where there's Lotsa bones, huh? BRR!

DENNIS! How many times have I told you to keep your toys in your TOY BOX?!

Like I told ya, Mom... I CAN'T!

And why CAN'T you?

'Cause there's NO ROOM!

SEE? This is where me 'n Ruff keep his BONES!
So that's where that smell was coming from! Out they go!

GLEE WHIS, Mom... we Gotta keep 'em SOME place! Those other dogs dig 'em up an' STEAL 'em from poor ol' Ruff!

Well, you'll just have to find another place!

Okay, okay!

Don't worry, boy, we'll find SOME place to keep 'em!

Hi, honey... I took off early today. Will I have time for a few holes of golf before dinner?

Oh, yes... I haven't started it yet!

DENNIS! What are you doing, P?

Hi, Dad! We're stashin' away Ruff's bones. Mom won't let us keep 'em in the house!
Well, you're certainly NOT going to keep them in my GOLF BAG.

Aw, Dad!

But, Dad....!

YOU HEARD ME!

Now look what you've done! Ruff's gonna starve to death!

Rooooo!

Not the way THAT dog eats!

Kids will be kids... but why does HE have to OVERDO it?!

Mom! Dad threw out all Ruff's bones! Ya gotta give him another one!

I don't gotta... I mean, I don't have to. Besides we HAVEN'T any!
Boy! This place is worse’n Mrs. Cubbards’ Hubbard!

You ever hide a bone in here, boy?

ERF?

Nope, no bones in here!

I know! The ‘frigerator!

WHAT ON EARTH??!

You was wrong, Mom! We found a swell bone in the ‘frigerator! Bet ya forgot ya had it, huh?
Dennis! We were going to have this for dinner!

That's okay, Mom! I'd rather have hot dogs and root beer!

Well I wouldn't. Now we'll have to eat out!

See? Ruff saved ya a lotta work!

But you didn't! Run along and wash up before Daddy gets home.

Gee whiz! I washed this morning!

And you can just get used to eating dog food outside!

Well, dear, dinner ready?

Not here it isn't...Dennis fed it to Ruff! We'll have to go down to the Drive-in.

Hey! Wait for me an' Ruff!

The dog stays home!

He's already had more to eat than we have!
I'm gonna bring ya back a big SURPRISE!

Hello, Ruffie! I've been saving these nice scraps for you all day!

ROOF!

MY, you certainly like KITTY FOOD!

They went away without FEEDING you? Well I'll fix THAT!

CHOMP CHOMP
Hey, Ruff! Look what I brought ya!

URK!

What's the matter, boy? You sick or somethin'?

Oh, oh! I knew a keen place to hide these bones!

I had better not be in my golf bag!

There! Betcha those other dogs'll never find 'em in a million years!

Hic!

'Night, Ruff! Sweet dreams!

Want to watch TV tonight, honey? No, I think I'll turn in, too. I've had a big day with Dennis and Ruff... and I have a big washing to do tomorrow.
Ruff Treatment

Hey, mom! Dad! Ruff don't feel so good. We better take him to the dog doctor!

Hic!

Hmm! He doesn't look very well!

Not that he ever does look very good!

Whaddya mean? Ruff's the best-lookin' dog aroun' here!

He seems to have an upset stomach. Has he been eating anything unusual lately?

Hic!

Oh, no... the usual stuff. Marshmallows... candy... pickles... ice cream...

Ugh! No wonder!
Well, this medicine should fix him up!

Give him a tablespoon of this every hour. And just feed him his dog food!

AW, Gee! he thinks he's a people!

Thanks, Doc!

It's not fair to your dog to feed him marshmallows and pickles and ice cream!

SURE it was fair! I swapped 'em for some of his dog biscuits!

Well, the patient is doing fine. We just have to give him some of this medicine every hour.

Better give him some NOW, Dad!

Okay, Ruff... take it just like you did for the doctor!

URK!

ACHOO!
All right, gentlemen... let the nurse give him the medicine!

Oh? How?

I'll squirt it into him!

Huh? with a water pistol?

No... with my turkey baster!

Good idea!

All ya gotta do is make b'lieve you're a turkey, see?

ERF?

Hold still, darn it!

ROOOO!

SPLASH!

HEY!
ALL RIGHT! I'll put it in his DOG FOOD! He'll take his medicine or STARVE!

Hear that, boy?

Go ahead, boy! It's GOOD for you!

No use, Dennis. It's like the old saying... 'You can lead a horse to WATER, but you can't make him DRINK!'

YEEE!

HEY! That's IT! I'll make him DRINK his medicine!

WHAT...?

You don't suppose...

I don't suppose ANYTHING any more!

SEE? He takes his medicine in ROOT BEER okay!

BLUG! BLUG! BLUG!

Oh, NO!

I never COULD stand seeing a DOG drink ROOT BEER!

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