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## Doggy Daycare

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Gabriela Nightham was a kind hearted, dog loving girl. She had been very good over the week but not because she wanted to be good. It was because her mom had told her that if she was good then she would be able to go to her best friend Katherine's house. The reason she wanted to go so badly was because of the secret club they had started making in school.

At Katherine's house they had finally gathered all the materials and had sat down on the floor ready to work.

"Alright, let's get started," said Katherine.

"So, your dad is a carpenter," started Gabriela. "And there is a nice clearing in the woods next to your house. So, your dad can make our clubhouse, then we can make a little path from the club house to the main road. We get people to bring their dogs and bam, doggy daycare!"

"Wow." said Katherine. "You make it sound so easy, but really we're gonna need a lot of help."

"Well, I guess we could ask Josh and Bree." said Gabriela.

"Ya. Zoey and Mat too." said Kathrene excitedly. "They all love dogs, so they'll love the idea!"

The next week Gabriela found herself sitting on a tall stool in front of all her friends.

"Okay." Gabriela started. "This is the first meeting for doggy daycare. Does anyone have anything they would like to announce?"

Katherine raised her hand. "Yes." Gabriela said pointing at Katherine. Katherine explained to everyone where they were going to meet every day. Soon the meeting was over. They kept having more meetings over the week to get ready.

The next week it was the first day of doggy daycare. The club house was finished and everyone was in their spots and ready. They had put out so many advertisements. Hopefully they would make lots of people come. Mat stood in the driveway that led to the club house with a sign that said doggy daycare this way. At the top of the driveway, Zoey stood holding a clipboard with a piece of paper and a pencil. She would check people in. Josh would take the dogs and bring them over to Bree and Katherine who would start brushing them and playing with them. Gabriela's job was to make sure everything went smoothly.

Everything was going great until Zoey was giving a little pug a bath and he jumped out of the tub. Water went everywhere! He knocked over tables and chairs. He woke up the sleeping dogs and started

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yapping like crazy. Luckily he was caged in. "Here's another one." Said Josh holding a golden retriever on a leash. As soon as he opened the gate the pug ran out. Zoey ran as fast as she could trying to catch the pug.

"Okay everyone." said Gabriela. "Josh, go get the pug with Zoey. Mat and Bree, you can start cleaning up all this mess. Kathene and I will calm down all the other dogs."

"Alright captain." said Josh.

"You're a great leader Gabby." Said Bree.

"Thanks. Now let's get to work." Said Gabriela before running off.

"Josh, we can corner him over there." Zoey said, pointing towards a wall of the clubhouse.

"Okay." Josh agreed.

They cornered him and Zoey slowly walked up to the pug and grabbed it. They brought it over to the bath section and gave the little dirty pug a bath. Soon people started coming and picking up their dogs. Once all the dogs were gone, all six of the friends turned into a clean up crew and picked up the dogs mess till it was spotless. They gathered again at their next meeting.

"So that was the art of running a doggy daycare." said Mat sitting down on a cushion.

"Ya, it was harder than I thought." said Bree.

"So it got a bit crazy. But we did it." said Gabriela.

"She's right. We did it." said Zoey.

"Maybe we should think of something else to do, though." Josh said, sounding tired.

"A kitty daycare maybe??" suggested Katherine.

"We can try!" said Gabriela.