

4.3 Helping a Student

Exercise Character Sheets

NOTE TO TEACHER: The following pages are characters (roles) for your students to play during Exercise 4.3, in which students will take turns in the roles of dog trainer and pet owner. Please see the Goals and Objectives page in the Workshop 4 Leader's Guide for more specific details.

You will assign these randomly to students at the beginning of the exercise, and give them a few minutes to come up with additional details, embellishments really, about their character.

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Pat Smith, and “Shelby,” a 4-month-old papillon

Pat is having trouble housebreaking Shelby. Pat puts Shelby out in the backyard multiple times each day. Shelby will bark when she’s ready to come back inside. Within a few minutes of being let back in, Shelby pees on the floor.

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Terry White, and “Mikky,” a 7-month-old Labradoodle (Labrador/poodle cross)

Terry is embarrassed by Mikky’s jumping on visitors. Mikky is friendly, but overly so. The jumping occurs when visitors come over and when they see people out on walks.

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Jan Russo, and “Flash,” a 1½-year-old border collie

Flash is nipping at kids’ heels and rears. Jan has three kids, ages 4 to 9. The kids and Flash play together in the backyard.

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Rene Witten, and “Fluffy,” a 5-month-old Yorkiepoo (Yorkie/poodle cross)

Rene has two kids, ages 6 and 12. Fluffy likes to steal the kids’ socks, gloves, and toys, and the dishtowel from the kitchen. When she steals an item she runs away and no one can catch her.

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Kim Turner, and “Riley,” a 2-year-old beagle

Riley is digging up Kim’s yard, making big holes along the fence line and in the middle of the yard. Sometimes Riley stays in the yard when Kim leaves and will dig then, but some of the digging happens when Kim is home.

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Jean Lareau, and “Ella,” a 1-year-old boxer

Ella has always pulled on the leash, and when she was small it wasn't a big deal. Now she is so big and pulls so hard no one wants to walk her.

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Sean Wright, and “Lucky,” a 3-year-old miniature schnauzer

Sean has tried everything to stop Lucky from barking. He barks at the window and at visitors. Nothing works to stop it.

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Gale Swanson, and “Mattie,” a 5-month-old golden retriever

Mattie is chewing up the house. She has chewed table legs, baseboards, shoes, cable TV wires, sprinkler heads in the yard, etc.

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Jerry Harvey, and “Baxter,” a 3½-month-old wire fox terrier

Every evening Baxter gets extremely excited and starts nipping at Jerry’s hands. Though he still has his puppy teeth, Baxter is biting hard enough to leave scratches on Jerry’s arms and hands. Jerry says that Baxter runs up and nips and barks, and it’s hard to tell if he is playing or being mean.

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Jamie Monroe, and “Georgia,” a 1-year-old Maltese

Jamie has had Georgia since she was a 7-week-old puppy. Housebreaking was very difficult, but a couple of months ago, Jamie thought Georgia finally got it! But over the past couple of months, Georgia has been pooping in Jamie’s closet and bathroom.

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