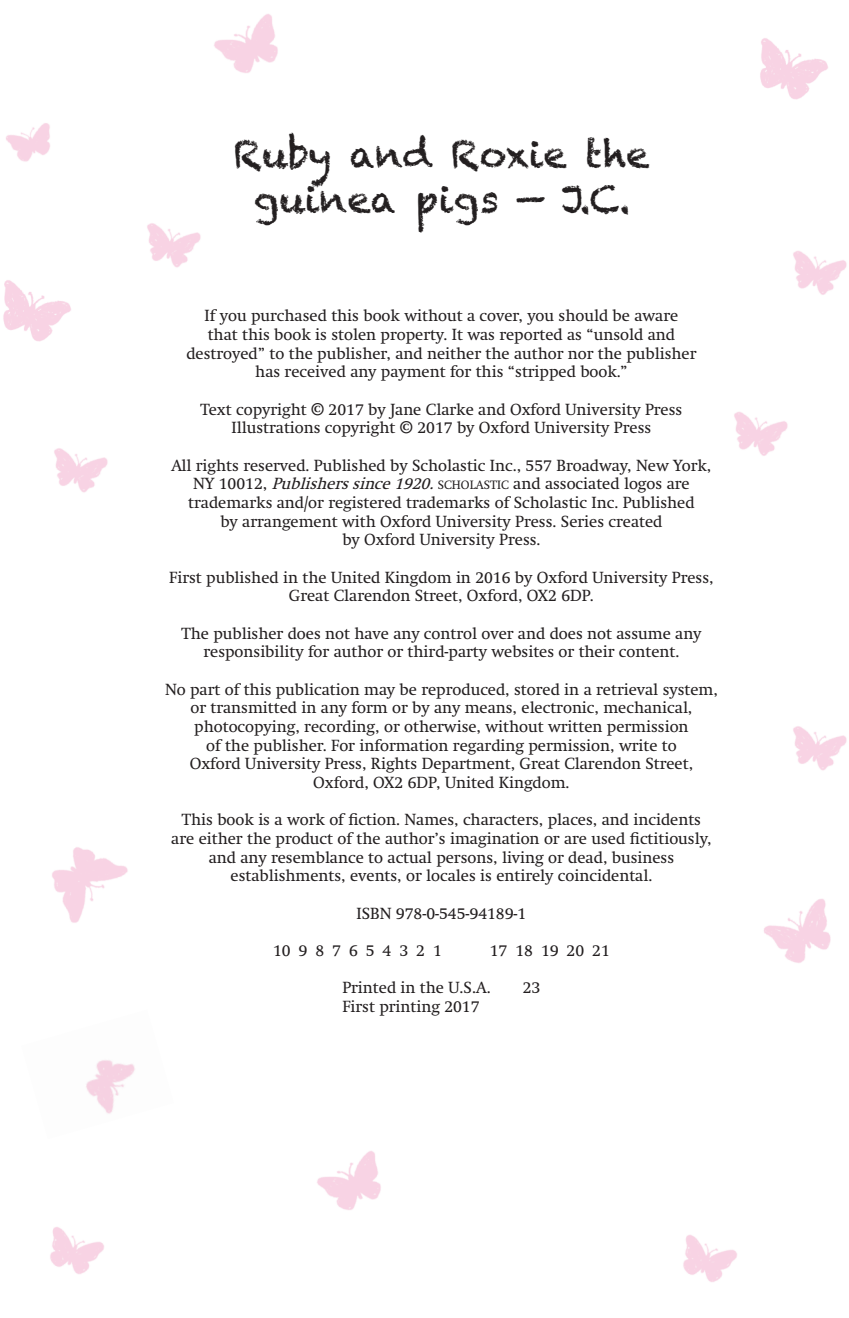




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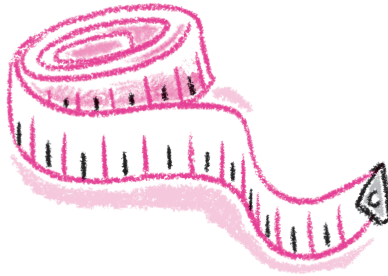
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# Chapter One



Peanut stood on his hind legs with his back against the clinic wall and stretched his whiskery nose as high as it would go.

“How big am I?” he asked as Dr. KittyCat read off the measurement on the height chart.

“Exactly three inches from nose to



toes,” she told him.

“Only three?” Peanut squeaked. “Eek! I was longer than that last time I was measured. I must have shrunk!”

“Don’t panic, Peanut,” Dr. KittyCat meowed reassuringly. “Your tail also measures three inches. So you’re six inches long in total. That’s the purr-fect length for a mouse.”

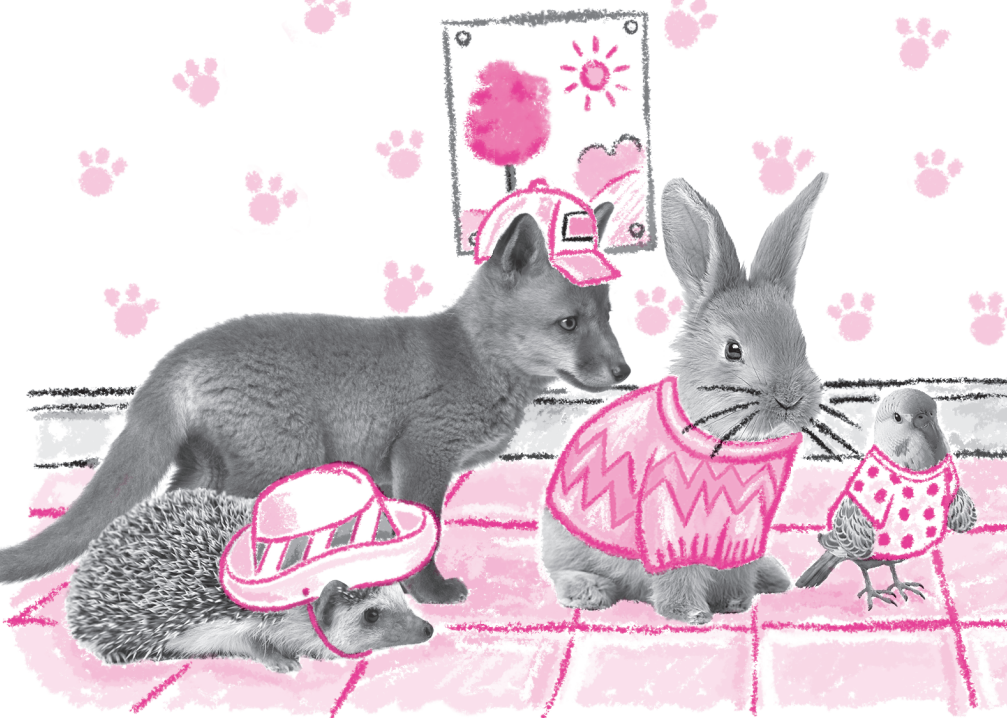
Peanut sighed with relief.

Dr. KittyCat smiled. “Now, are we ready for the first of our checkup days?” she asked him.

“We’re ready!” Peanut scampered to the door and pulled it open. Daisy

the kitten, Basil the parakeet, Clover  
the bunny, Fennel the fox cub, and  
Bramble the hedgehog tumbled inside.

“Thank you for coming in today,”  
Dr. KittyCat told them. “It’s very





important for everyone to have regular checkups.” She turned to her assistant. “Let’s see all the little animals in alphabetical order, Peanut, so we don’t miss anyone.”

