

Logan the Puppy

For my childhood dog, Tinker - J.C.

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"'Swim safe!'" Peanut read the words at the top of the new poster he was working on. "'No running in the pool area. No diving. No pushing. Never swim on your own. Listen to instructions . . .'"

He turned to Dr. KittyCat. She was busy knitting something that looked

like a tiny pair of shorts with shoulder straps. Peanut's whiskers twitched.



Dr. KittyCat was kind and caring and a wonderful furry first-aider, but Peanut wasn't a big fan of her knitting. I hope that's not for me! he thought.

"There's room for another line of writing on my poster," Peanut told Dr. KittyCat. "What else is important for the little animals to know when they go to Thistletown's new swimming pool?"

Dr. KittyCat put down her knitting and studied the poster.

"They should know where the safety equipment is," she said thoughtfully. "Things like the lifeguard's net and the emergency phone. But I'm sure those will be on the wall next to the pool, so you don't need to write that on the poster."

"There are lots of rules beginning with 'no' at swimming pools," Peanut squeaked. "Are there any other things little animals shouldn't do?"

"I can't think of anything else at the moment." Dr. KittyCat's bright eyes sparkled. "Maybe you can make it look a bit more friendly and end with 'Have fun!'"

"I'd never have thought of that!"
Peanut exclaimed. He added the words
with his paintbrush. Then he dipped
his tiny paw in the paint jar and made
a paw-print border.