

## “Bring Your Pet Day” Disaster

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

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I had my backpack on my back and a leash in my hand. It was “Bring Your Pet to School” day! My dog Jax was happily trotting beside me as we walked to the bus stop. The other kids in my neighborhood had their pets, too. Josie had a fish bowl with her beta fish. John had a crate with his cat, Maxie, inside. Paula had a bird cage with her parakeet, Gerald, perched on a little swing. We were all excited to have our pets with us.

Once we got on the bus, though, things started to go downhill. The bus was so noisy! In addition to the normal chatter of the kids, the animals would not use their inside voices. And the smell was *terrible*! Jax's nose was trying to sniff all the new smells, and it was hard to get him to follow me into a seat. When we were seated, another dog rushed up to us with a leash trailing behind her. She and Jax started to sniff each other curiously, and started to play.

“Fluffy! Get back here!” I heard one of the third graders shout. The dog ran towards the voice. The bus driver's voice came over the speaker, “Please hold on to your pets! It is dangerous to have them running all over the bus!”

Finally, we were at school. As we were walking off the bus, I stepped in a small puddle. “Ugh, someone's pet made a mess...” I said to myself. I wiped my shoes in the grass once I was off the bus. Then, I looked at the schoolyard.

It looked like a zoo! There were animals everywhere! Dogs of all shapes and sizes. Colorful birds in cages. Rabbits, chinchillas, and hedgehogs in little carrying cases. And... some animals running free through the grass and on the sidewalks, with kids chasing them in every direction!

