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### Bittersweet End of School Year for Read to Rover

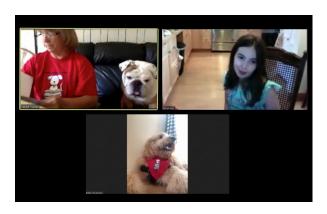
# Read to Rover Finds Ways to Say Goodbye

Chimacum Creek Primary School held a drive-by on June 18 to celebrate the end of this strange school year and to allow kids to say goodbye to their teachers and volunteers. Read to Rover teams joined in, spaced out along the long driveway, hoping to see our second grade readers in their cars and encouraging all the kids to keep reading over the summer ahead. Some of the teams had written letters that the school kindly forwarded to our special "forever kids." There are more drive-by photos on our website.

Meanwhile, at Salish Coast Elementary School in Port Townsend, the school librarian, Denise Aedan, created a wonderful video to capture the memories of this Read to Rover year.



#### Feedback on Summer Virtual Read to Rover



On Thursday mornings throughout July, Read to Rover teams offered Zoom reading sessions for kids, in cooperation with the Jefferson County Library and Port Townsend Library.

While attendance was lighter than we'd hoped, the kids who did participate seemed to have fun and enjoy our dogs.

One of our readers, Micah, had this to say about her experiences: What I liked about Read to Rover was that I got to see a bunch of different dogs and talk to the owners. They were all so cute and fun and I liked to see their tricks. I loved all the dogs, and I don't want to pick a favorite, because I don't want to offend anyone. I liked reading Dr. Seuss with the dogs. I also just liked some of the things they did when I read to them. I liked how some of the dogs could keep a treat on their paw and wait for the owner to give them a signal to go ahead and eat the treat. I just loved seeing all the dogs, meeting the owners, talking, reading, everything."

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## Please, Stay Safe for Me



Your pet's welfare depends on you, from providing daily food and water to once-in-a-lifetime spay or neuter surgery. So, please, wear your mask and maintain physical distancing from everyone, except of course, that cat in your lap.

# **My Dog Talking Blues**

by John McCutcheon\*

My dog don't know no quarantine
She's just happy I'm around
She'll fall asleep right at my feet
And never make a sound
Content that I can sit for hours
Reading in my chair
Sometimes she'll open just one eye
To make certain I'm still there
Or maybe eating something
Maybe getting clumsy
Clumsy enough to drop right here

No daily trips to gym or store
We'll stay for days at home
Where she directs the pace of life
It's just she and I alone
C'mon it's time to scratch my ear
Now do the other one
A belly rub would sure be nice
When you are finally done
Oh yeah, that's it right there, good
boy
You are such a good boy

She has no watch but knows the time

Right down to the minute
When her supper should be served
And that I'd best begin it
She knows the hour of our walk
And nags me 'til we go
The route that we will take tonight
Well, she will let me know
Gotta check out her p-mail
Reply to all
Maybe leave an attachment

Back at home out on the porch There'll be a rawhide treat Then settle in to chair again And curl up at feet We'll sit and feel the evening air Me and my faithful hound My dog don't know no quarantine She's just happy I'm around



Princess-for-a-day Sidney

#### In Honor Of

Sometimes it is important to have an outlet for expressing your appreciation to a living friend or beloved pet or to express your sympathy when a dear friend experiences a loss of a companion. It helps to know that others care about their loss. Contributing a gift to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals in honor of or in memory of a friend or their animal companion both expresses your feelings and helps local animals.

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