

Piper liked her home so much she was *glad* to help the Duncans as best she knew how. She “herded” the mop and the vacuum sweeper for Mrs. Duncan, dug holes for flowers in the garden, and took her people for a long walk every day. For one whole year, she had been trying hard to teach the Duncans to keep their house tidy, and not leave their socks and newspapers lying around on the floor. Now they hung up their washcloths where they belonged, and kept the closet and cupboard doors closed tightly. The Duncans were also learning to pick up the sticky pine cones that fell off the evergreen trees in the back yard. The whole place, inside and outside, looked much better than it did when she first came to live with the Duncans.

Every morning, Piper got her beloved people out of bed early so they could enjoy the sunrise with her, and invited them to share many exciting adventures with her during the day. She thoughtfully brought her toys out one by one so the Duncans would know which game they were going to play with her, and they thoughtfully put all the toys back into their box for her at the end of the day. Piper also enjoyed doing her most important job, which was guarding the house when Mr. and Mrs. Duncan had to be away from home.

Piper noticed that the Duncans weren't watching television as much as they did when she first came to be their puppy dog. Best of all, they had learned to go for a