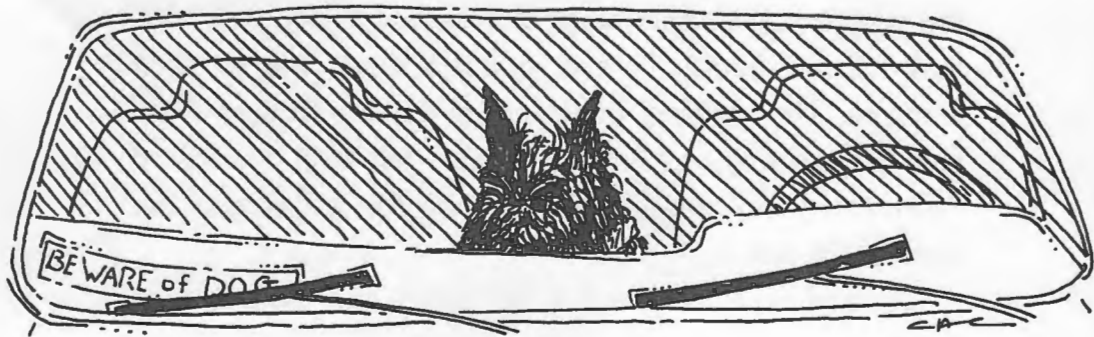


“How can we ever explain to Piper that not everyone in the world likes dogs and is kind to them?” Mrs. Duncan asked Mr. Duncan.

“Well,” Mr. Duncan replied, “while she’s little, we’ll just have to watch over her. When she gets older and wiser, she’ll know that it’s not a good idea to let just anyone come near her when we aren’t around to protect her. Piper is usually a friendly dog, but lately I’ve noticed she’s being more careful about strangers who talk to her through the car window while we’re shopping. She lets the strangers know she’s on guard duty, and as long as we’re gone, they had better just go on their way and leave her alone.”

“That’s true,” Mrs. Duncan agreed. “Piper is such a



wise little dog, I think she’s beginning to understand the reasons why we do certain things, and why she should do certain things, too. I’m glad we can trust her to be careful around people she doesn’t know!”