

household in good working order most of the time. She did enjoy surprise company though, and always made people feel welcome when they came to visit. This, too, was part of her job as resident puppy-dog.

After the evening meal, Piper took a nap while the Duncans read or watched television, until about nine o'clock. Then, suddenly, it was PUPPY PLAYTIME! She bounded into the room where the Duncans were sitting, and began to root through her toy box. She selected the toys she wanted to play with, and gave the Duncans each a turn at her games. Because Piper loved both of them, this was her way of telling the Duncans how special they were to her just before they all went to bed.

