

“It’s no secret,” Mr. Duncan answered. “Just think about how Piper spends her day, and you’ll know what I mean.”

“Well, let’s see,” Mrs. Duncan mused. “I guess the first thing anyone would notice is the way Piper begins each day. Every morning, she’s eager to start her daily “work” for us, and never misses a chance to be helpful all day long. She can always discover something exciting and wonderful even in her own backyard, and loves to make her neighborhood friends feel special. She’s thankful for her dinner and other blessings, like unexpected adventures in the park. She’s happiest when she’s making us happy, and the last thing she does every evening is show us how much she loves us by sharing her toys at Puppy Playtime. Have I guessed Piper’s recipe for happiness?”

“You certainly have,” Mr. Duncan said. “If dogs were cooks, our Scottie dog could make a good happiness cake!”