

problem. Scottie-Robbie had a tumor pressing on his spinal cord and that was causing his left leg to lose its muscle strength. The Macphees had agreed beforehand, that if the surgeon found something she thought could be remedied, she would operate immediately while Scottie-Robbie was still under the anesthetic. And so, the brave little dog had another long and serious operation.

“He came through the surgery well,” the doctor explained after the operation. “That’s the good news. He’s a wonderful dog, has a good attitude, and lots of determination to get back on his feet. The bad news is, I couldn’t remove all of the tumor, which means that it will eventually grow back. But it may take a long time, and until it does, he should be able to walk by himself and do his Scottie things pretty well. I want to keep him here for a few days to make sure everything is going as expected.”

“Thanks so much for caring for him, Dr. West. We’ll hope for the best outcome possible,” Mrs. Macphee replied.

“When he comes home,” the doctor continued, “don’t let him climb stairs, or chase squirrels, or jump up on anything. He’s definitely grounded for awhile. Call me any time. I’d like to know how he’s doing, and I’ll see him for a check-up soon.”

After three days in the hospital, Scottie-Robbie was glad to be home again. The Macphees marveled at his