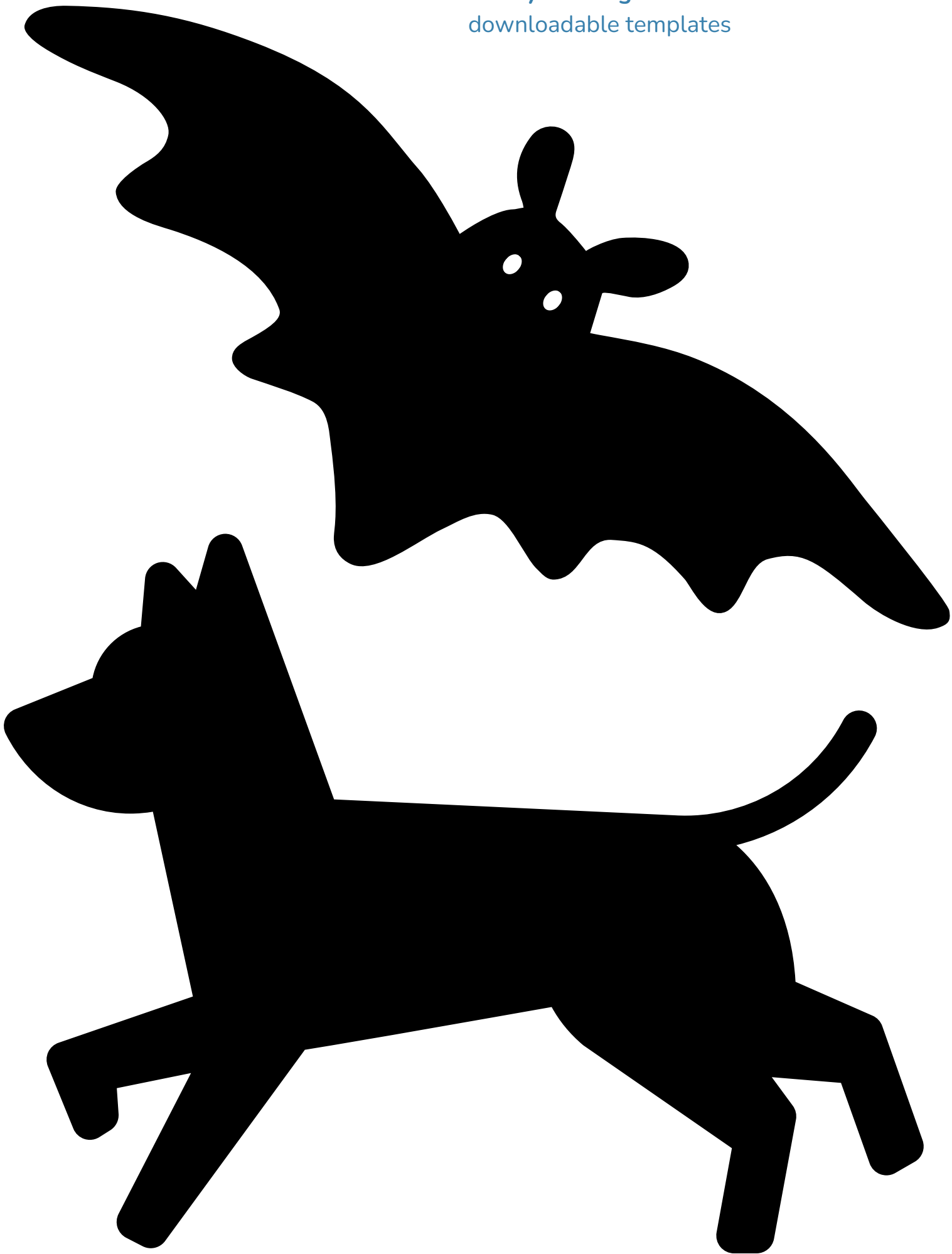


Buddy the Dog and His Shadow Friend  
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**Title:** “Buddy the Dog and His Shadow Friend”

**Characters on sticks:** Buddy the Dog, Bat

**Is the stage ready? Let’s begin!**

**Buddy the Dog** runs onto the stage.

**Narrator:** Buddy is a young, curious puppy. Tonight, he sneaked out of the house for his very first walk in the moonlight.

**Buddy** (looking around): It’s so quiet here... and kind of different than during the day.

**Narrator:** The night seemed calm and safe... until suddenly Buddy saw something that scared him.

Buddy stops in his tracks.

**Buddy** (scared): What’s that?

**Narrator:** Buddy takes a step forward... and that thing does the same. He starts barking, crouches down, tries to hide...but the thing is still there — as if it’s following him.

A flying **Bat** appears on stage.

**Bat:** Hey, Buddy! Who are you barking at?

**Buddy:** Something’s following me! Do you see it? That dark shape!

**Narrator:** The Bat, flying above Buddy, giggles softly: Hii... Hiii...

**Buddy** (with a scared voice): That’s not funny at all!

**Bat** (calmly): Don’t be afraid, Buddy. It’s just... your shadow.

**Buddy** (surprised): My what?

**Bat:** Your shadow. Everyone has one. Look at me.

Buddy looks at the Bat, who flies back and forth.

**Bat:** See? When I fly, my shadow flies with me.

**Narrator:** Buddy moves his nose. His shadow does too. He wags his tail. So does the shadow.

**Buddy** (in disbelief): That... that's really my shadow?!

**Bat:** Exactly!

**Buddy:** Oh no... I really overreacted.

**Bat:** It's okay. Now you know!

**Narrator:** Buddy starts jumping - and his shadow jumps with him.

**Buddy:** When I jump, he jumps too! This is fun! Thank you, Bat!

**Bat:** That's what friends are for! Now go home, it's getting late.

**Buddy:** Okay, I'm going. Me and my new friend.

The Bat flies away, and Buddy and his shadow friend run toward home.

**Narrator:** And that's how little Buddy learned that things that are new or unknown don't always mean there's something to be afraid of.

**The End**

**Moral:** Sometimes, getting to know something is enough to stop being afraid.

