



# Staying safe on holiday with Dog, Duck and Cat



Suitable for Children aged 4+



Welcomes YOU to their  
world of adventures!



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Are you sitting comfortably?

Then, let's begin...



In a town, not too far from here, lived a Dog, a Duck and a Cat. They were the best of friends and always looked out for each other, because that is what good friends do!



It was a very special time of year for the three animals as they were all going to the seaside on holiday.

They were all looking forward to it. Every family had their own caravan and they were right next to each other.



They had all packed their favourite summer clothes and selected a toy to each take with them so that they could all play together.



The day arrived for them all to leave.

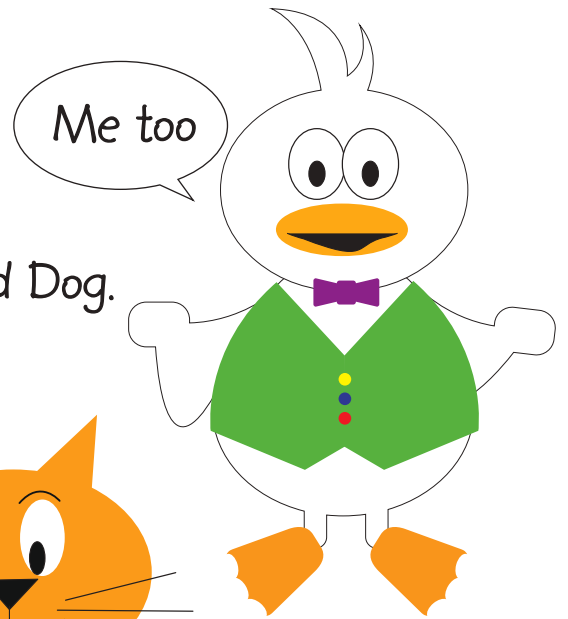
Dog and Duck's families had packed their cars.  
They were meeting at Cats' house to set off together.

As Dog and Duck arrived they could see that  
Cat and her family were just finishing  
packing their car.



Cat waved as she saw them and skipped  
over to say "Hello."

She had a pretty pink and yellow scarf tied around her  
ear. Both Dog and Duck thought it really suited her.



"I like your scarf," said Dog.  
"Me too," said Duck.  
"Well," said Cat...



Do you remember  
on the last day of school  
when I lost the fur on my  
ear in that little accident  
I had ?



"We do!" said Dog  
and Duck.



"Well," said Cat, "I was out with Dad the next day and it was really sunny."

"We did not think that because the fur had come off my ear I would have to put some sun cream on it to stop it from burning, but really, we should have."



"Of course," said Dog...



Normally our fur  
or feathers protect our skin and  
stop the sun from burning us.  
I know humans have to wear sun cream,  
sun hats and sunglasses to protect themselves.  
I wouldn't have thought you would need to Cat,  
but without your fur I suppose  
you would. I bet it really hurts  
doesn't it?





"It does a little," said Cat,



It's getting better  
each day and as long as I keep the  
sun off it, by keeping my scarf on, I know  
it will get better very soon. However, I will  
always remember, that if my skin  
is ever on show in the sun again,  
I **MUST** use sun cream!



Very  
sensible!

...said Duck.



Cats' family finished packing the car and they all got underway. It took a little while to get there, but it was worth it!

When they arrived they found that they had three big caravans next to each other, one for each family. They were all just a minute's walk away from the beach!



All the parents had warned their children that they must be very careful as there were many things that could be dangerous. They were told that as they did not know the area very well, that they should always stay near by and should not wonder off. That way they should stay safe and well.



All three families had brought things from home that they could use on holiday. Cat's family had brought a BBQ. Dog's family had brought a net and some racquets. Duck's family had brought a paddling pool. The water was very shallow but it was deep enough to put your feet or your bottom in, so you could cool off on a hot day!







Dog, Duck and Cat were playing around the caravans and Prickles, (Ducks baby adopted sister,) was sat in the paddling pool under close supervision of their Mom.



As Duck was running around he tripped over and landed on his beak. He had hurt himself and was quite upset.



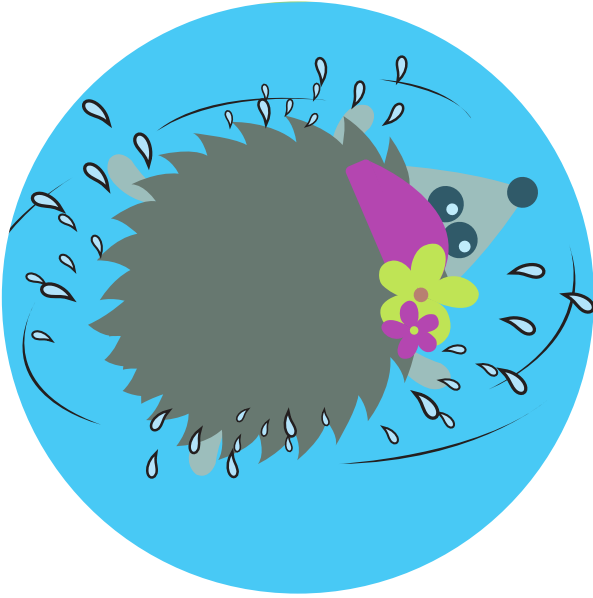
His Mom got up from where she was sitting next to Prickles and went over to make sure her little Duck was ok...



Whilst Mom was on her way over to Duck, Prickles tried to get up so she could see what was going on.



She could hear her brother Duck crying but could not see over the top of the paddling pool as she was so short.

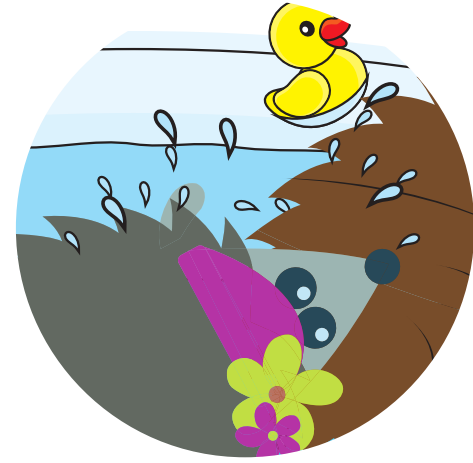


Prickles could not walk properly yet, but she could pull herself up. She managed to stand up but she slipped over and landed on her front.

Now if you remember we said that the water was very shallow. For bigger people it was no real risk but for someone as small as Prickles, it was deep enough for her head to be underwater.



This was because she had landed on her front and because the bottom of the pool was too slippery for her to get up again. Prickles was in big trouble!



All the Moms and Dads had gone over to see if Duck was ok. He had hurt his beak a little bit, but he would be fine.

Meanwhile Cat looked over at the paddling pool and noticed that she could not see Prickles. She went to have a look.



As she got closer she saw Prickles lying on her front in the water struggling to get back up again.

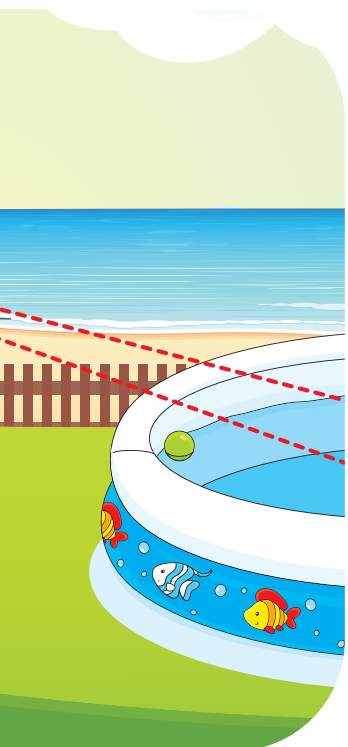


"Quick!"  
shouted  
Cat at the  
top of her  
voice.



...Dad come  
and help me, I think  
Prickles is in trouble!

Cat's Dad led the way. All the Moms  
and Dads quickly followed.



The parents all acted quickly. Cat's Dad ran over and stepped into the paddling pool and picked Prickles up. Prickles was coughing and spluttering but was ok. She was very upset, but ok.



Parents were there to comfort Duck and Prickles Mom. She was holding Prickles very closely but she felt very bad for leaving Prickles unattended in the paddling pool.



... said Duck and Prickles' Mom.



Dog's Mom explained that bad things can happen so quickly especially with young children, but everything was ok so Duck and Prickles' Mom should not feel bad.

All the Moms and Dads agreed that:





Duck and Prickles' Mom said she did feel very bad but it has taught her a valuable lesson. Bad things can happen in a moment's notice and leaving a small child on their own, even for a second, is something she would always try to make sure never happens again.

All the Moms and Dads said they would do their best to remember this as it is very good advice for keeping children safe.







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