



Soggy Moggy



Suitable for children aged 7+



Welcomes YOU to their
world of adventures!



This story is written and produced by the Dog, Duck and Cat Trust.


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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!





Cat doesn't have any brothers and sisters, but she does have a cousin that she loves very much. Everyone knows him as Moggy!

Moggy had recently found out a new thing about himself; he had discovered he loved water and getting wet! He likes the feeling of the water and the way that it makes all his fur stick up, too.



This is a little unusual for a cat, as they usually don't like water, but Moggy loved nothing more than a good water fight, or playing in the rain.

Moggy lives in another town, so he doesn't see Cat that often, but he is part of the animals of Farmyard Lane Primary School's WhatsUp group. The school animals are too young to have phones of their own, so their parents and carers had set up the group for them on their phones.



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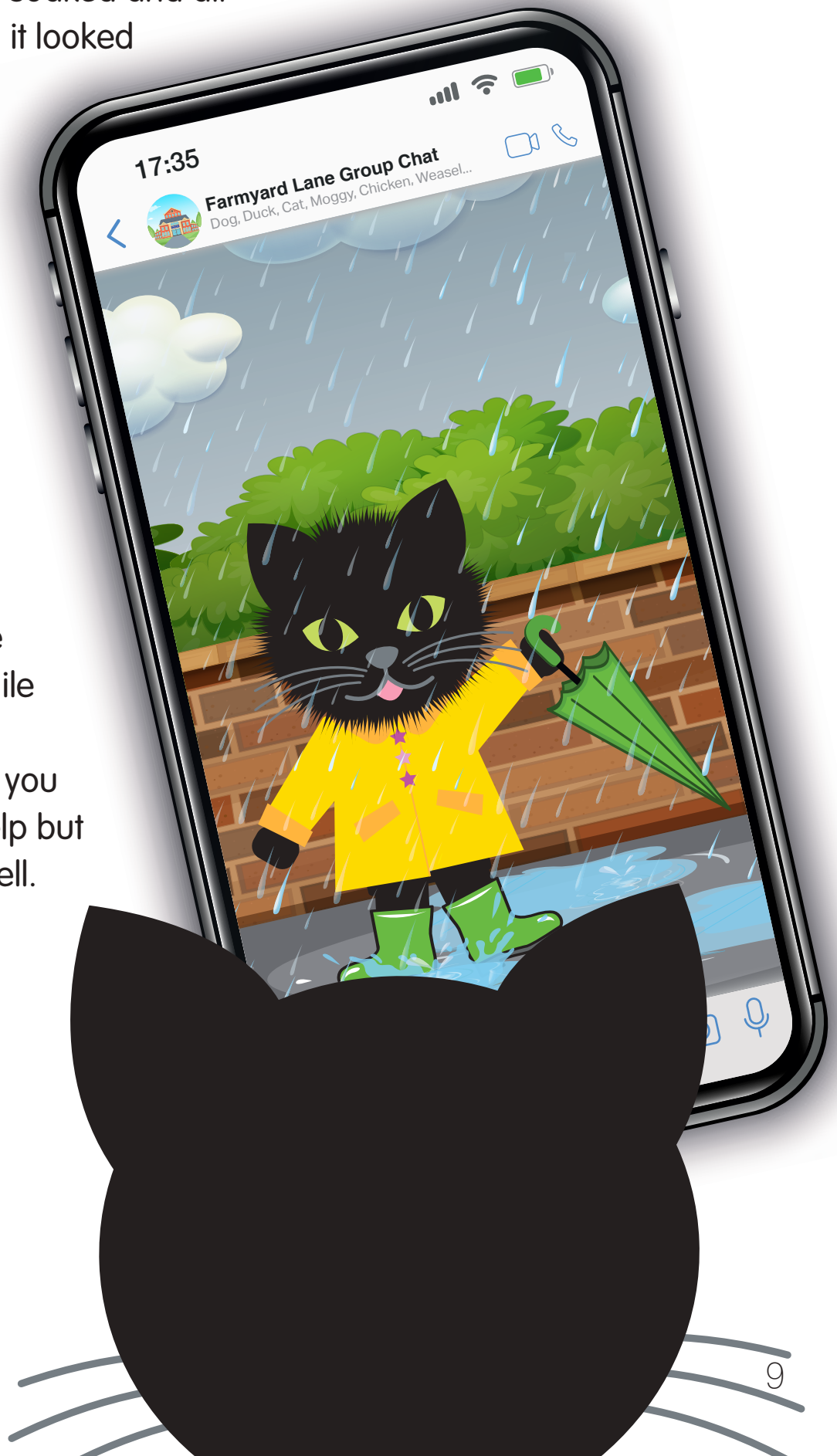
The WhatsUp group was quite big and lots of the animals liked to post what they had been up to. They liked to put pictures up as well, and they were often extremely funny!



On a very rainy-day, Moggy posted a picture of himself after playing out in the rain.

His fur was soaked and all sticking up; it looked like he had put hair wax on his fur to make it all spiky!

He had the biggest smile on his face though, so you couldn't help but smile as well.



17:35



Farmyard Lane Group Chat

Dog, Duck, Cat, Moggy, Chicken, Weasel...



Look at that Soggy Moggy!!

Doesn't he look funny?

Looks more like a hedgehog than a Cat doesn't he?



'Look at that Soggy Moggy', said someone in the group.

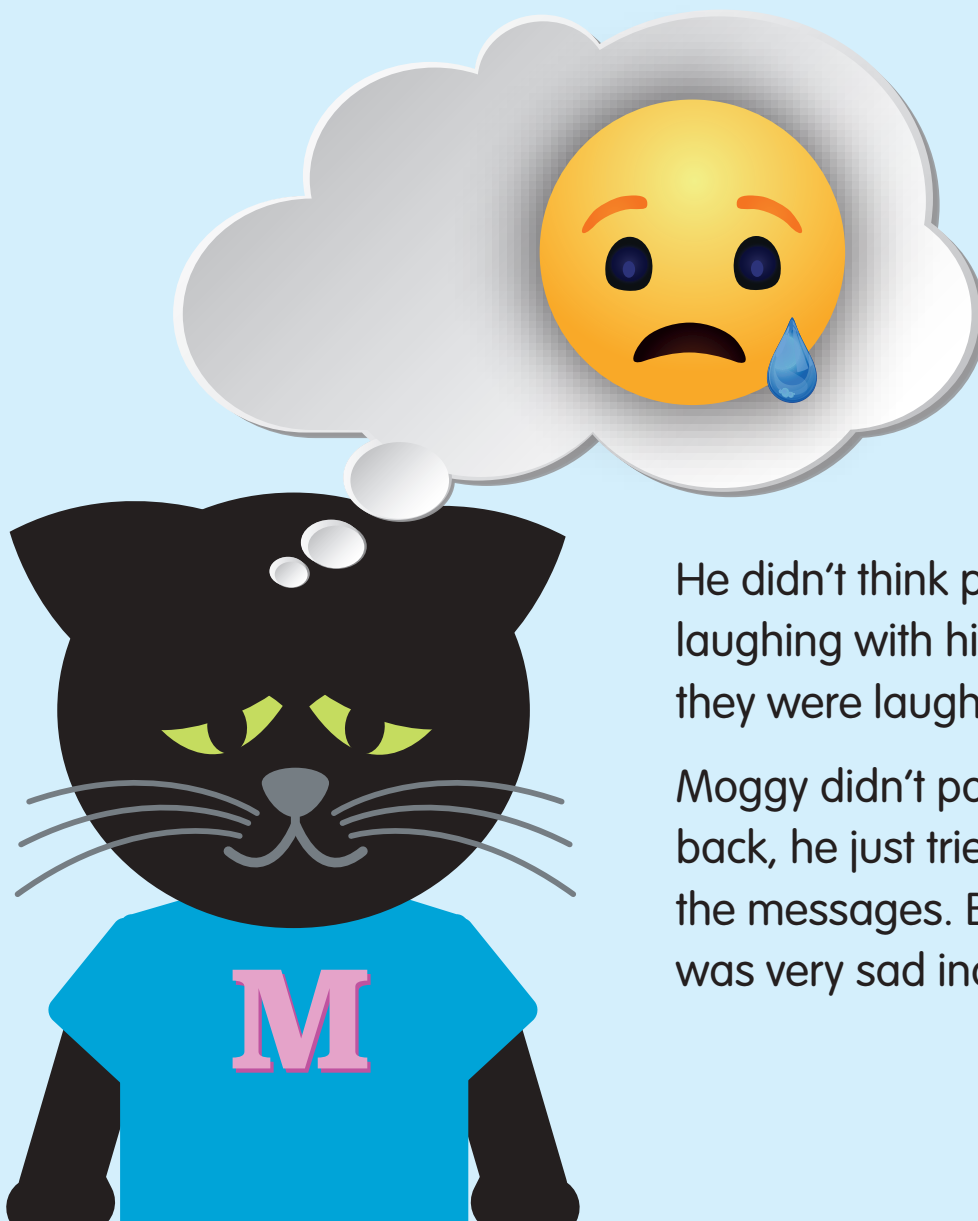
'Doesn't he look funny?', said someone else.

'Looks more like a hedgehog than a Cat doesn't he', said someone whilst also putting five laughing emojis just so everyone could tell how funny they thought it was.

Everyone seemed to think the name 'Soggy Moggy' was very funny and everyone seemed to be having a great laugh at this.

Everyone apart from Moggy. He was feeling very upset.

He didn't think 'Soggy Moggy' was funny, he thought it sounded quite mean.



He didn't think people were laughing with him, he felt they were laughing at him.

Moggy didn't post anything back, he just tried to ignore the messages. But Moggy was very sad indeed.

A few days
later...

Moggy's Mom could
see her son wasn't
happy and hadn't
been for a few days.





She asked him if there was anything wrong, but he said there wasn't.

Mom knew this wasn't true, so she sat down with Moggy to talk to him.

'Moggy', said his Mom.

'You can always talk to me about anything, no matter what it is, or how big or small the problem might be. I will always be here to listen to you and try and help you.'



'I don't think anyone likes me', said Moggy with the saddest look on his face.

'Everyone has been laughing at me and now I don't want to talk to them on WhatsUp anymore. They all think I'm stupid and they don't like me!'





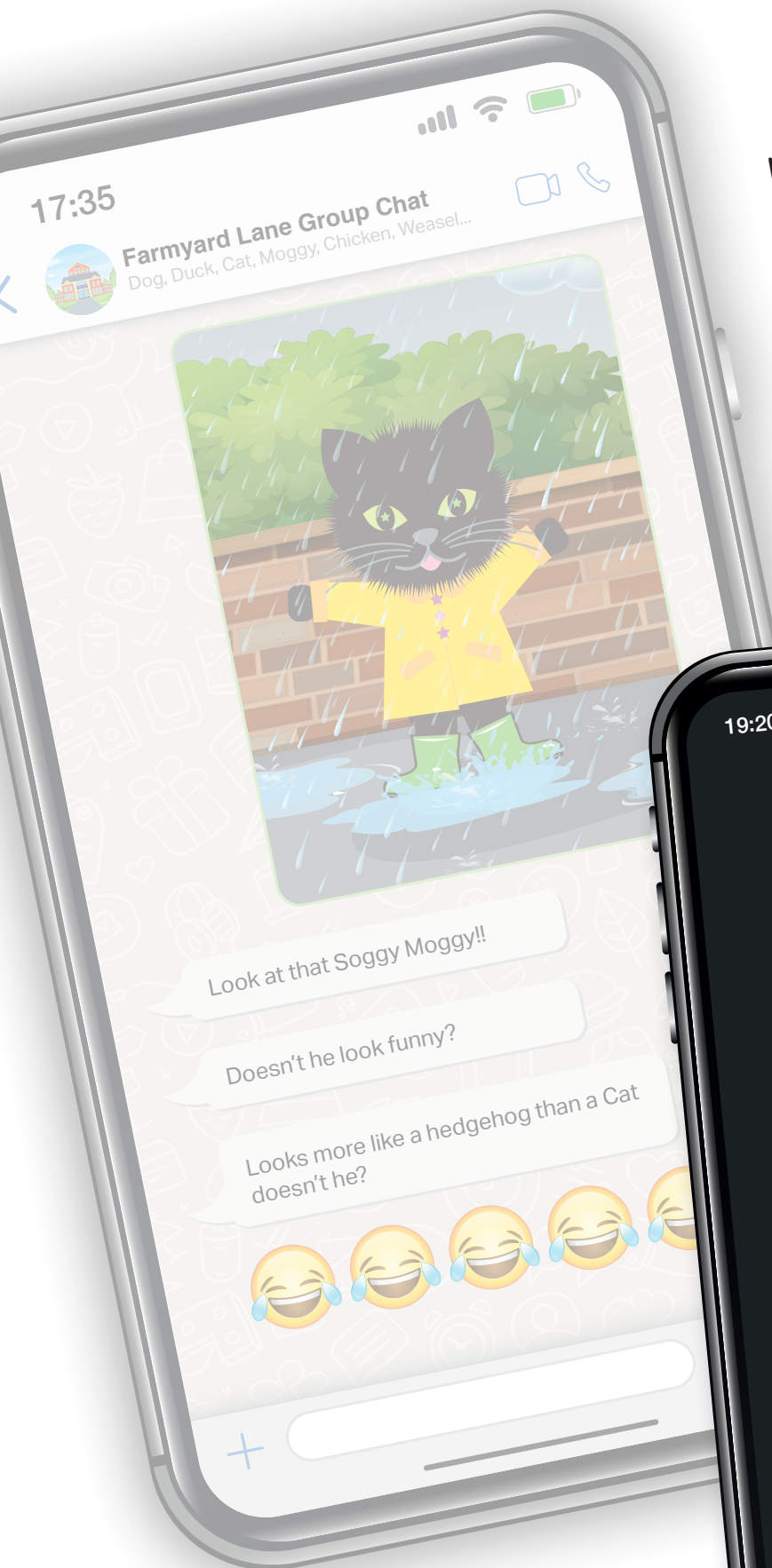
'Oh Moggy, I'm sure that's not the case', said Mom, 'but let me have a look and let's see if we can sort this out together', she said giving her son a big hug at the same time.

Mom felt as though she had let her son down a bit. She thought the WhatsUp group chats were just fun. She never imagined something like this would happen, that's why she never really checked the chat.

She gave her son another great big hug and decided she would investigate what was being said in the chat.

Mom had a really good look through and decided to speak to Cat's Dad and see what he thought too.





When they both looked at all the messages, they could see why Moggy might be upset, but they both felt that no one had deliberately tried to hurt his feelings.







The problem with posting messages is that you can never really 100% tell what someone is thinking or quite exactly what they mean.

Because of that sometimes messages get confused.

I wonder
if we can think of a time
when a message has got
confused, and people
have become
upset about it???

Both parents decided that more needed to be done about this. They called the school and asked the teacher, Mr Squirrel for his advice.





He had a brilliant idea.

'Let's all learn how to be responsible digital citizens', he said.

'Not just the young ones though, us adults as well. I'm sure we could learn a thing or two'.

'Let's show how we can be nicer to each other online, but also make people aware that words are powerful and can really affect others even if we don't mean them to'.

Both the parents liked this idea.

They wanted to know how they could be better digital citizens themselves and knew their children would benefit from this too.



‘Excellent’, said Mr Squirrel.

‘I’ll put my thinking cap on then and get back to you very soon with my ideas for being a responsible digital citizen. I think this will be a wonderful project for us ALL’.



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Here are some of the other characters you will get to meet!

