

Clara Vulliamy

THE LOST PUPPY

Dotty
DETECTIVE



HarperCollins Children's Books



First published in Great Britain by HarperCollins

Children's Books in 2017

HarperCollins *Children's Books*

is a division of HarperCollinsPublishers Ltd,

1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF

The HarperCollins website address is: www.harpercollins.co.uk

1

Text and illustrations © Clara Vulliamy 2017

ISBN 978-0-00-824837-6

Clara Vulliamy asserts the moral right to be identified as the
author and illustrator of the work.

Printed and bound in England by Clays Ltd, St Ives plc

Conditions of Sale

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form, binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser. All rights reserved.



MIX
Paper from
responsible sources
FSC™ C007454

FSC™ is a non-profit international organisation established to promote the responsible management of the world's forests. Products carrying the FSC label are independently certified to assure consumers that they come from forests that are managed to meet the social, economic and ecological needs of present and future generations, and other controlled sources.

Find out more about HarperCollins and the environment at
www.harpercollins.co.uk/green

For my dear friend Kate Jessop,
with love

Read the whole series:

★ *Dotty Detective*

★ *Dotty Detective: The Pawprint Puzzle*

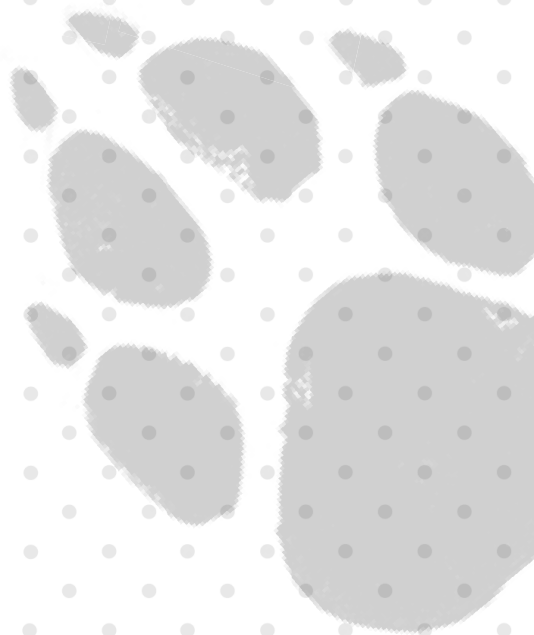
★ *Dotty Detective: The Midnight Mystery*

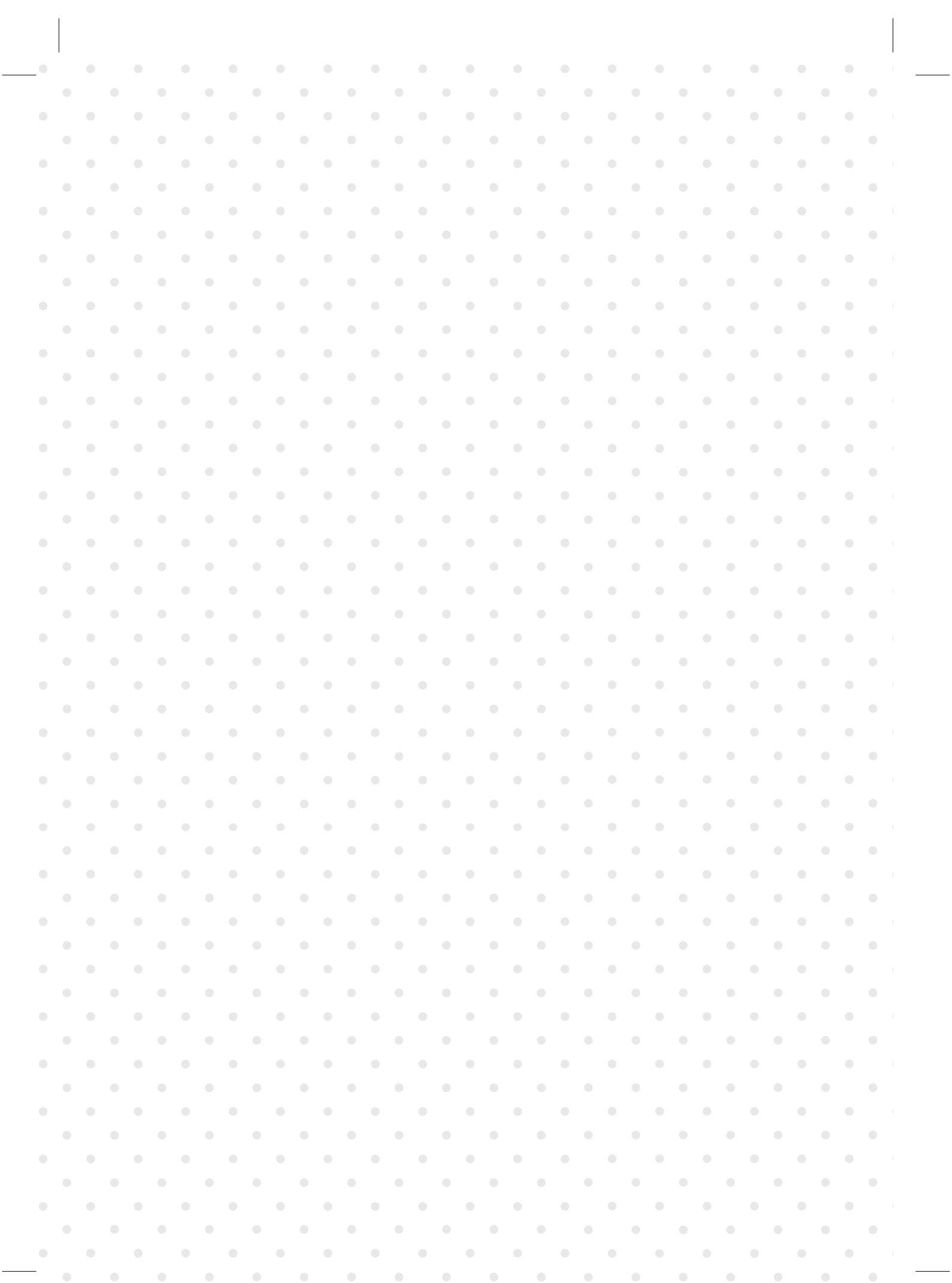
★ *Dotty Detective: The Lost Puppy*

**This book
belongs to ...**

DOT

and McClusky



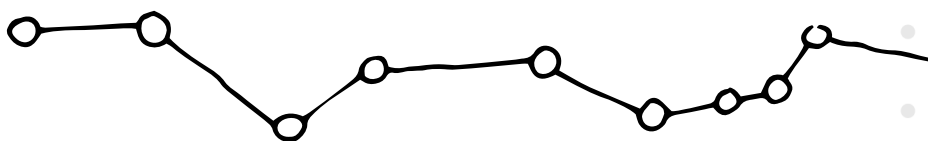


SUNDAY

This is me - Dot!

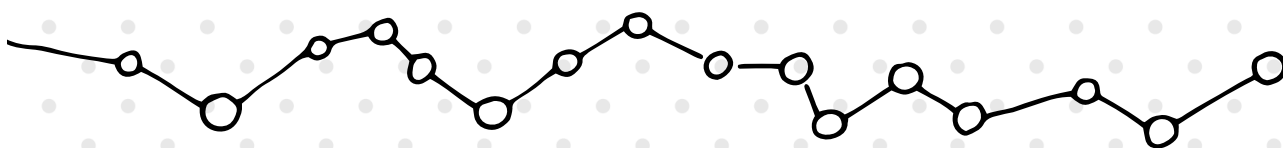


7



And this is TOP DOG, McClusky.





There is something *extremely important* you need to know ...



Me and McClusky and our best pal Beans (who is in my class at school) are **SUPER-SECRET AGENTS** with our very own detective agency – the **JOIN THE DOTS DETECTIVES!**



There is no mystery we cannot solve, however dastardly difficult.



But there is **NO TIME** to tell you more about that now!





I **JUMP** up out of bed and eat my favourite breakfast cereal (which is Honey Nut Crunchers) at *supersonic* speed

**CRUNCH
SLURP.**



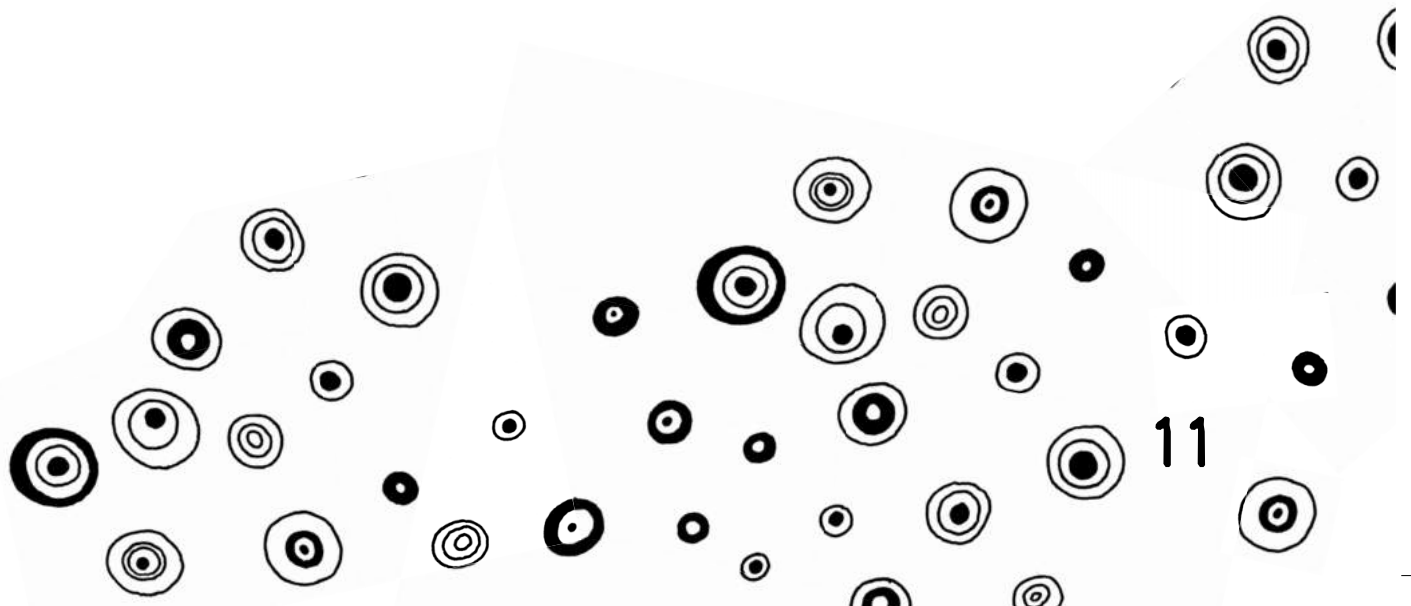
I am **having kittens** with nerves ...



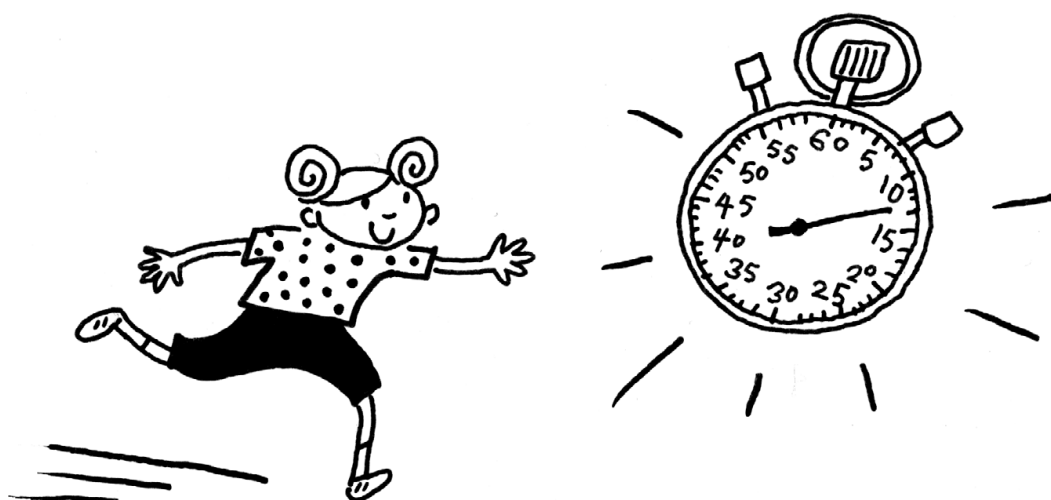
...because today I am trying out for the **HIGHFIELD HARRIERS**, our local running team!

Setting off for the park now – me, Mum, McClusky and the twins (my brother and sister, Alf and Maisy).

Grandpa George is waiting for us at the park entrance. He takes the twins over to the swings so Mum can concentrate on **cheering** for me.



I'm actually a pretty *fast* runner.

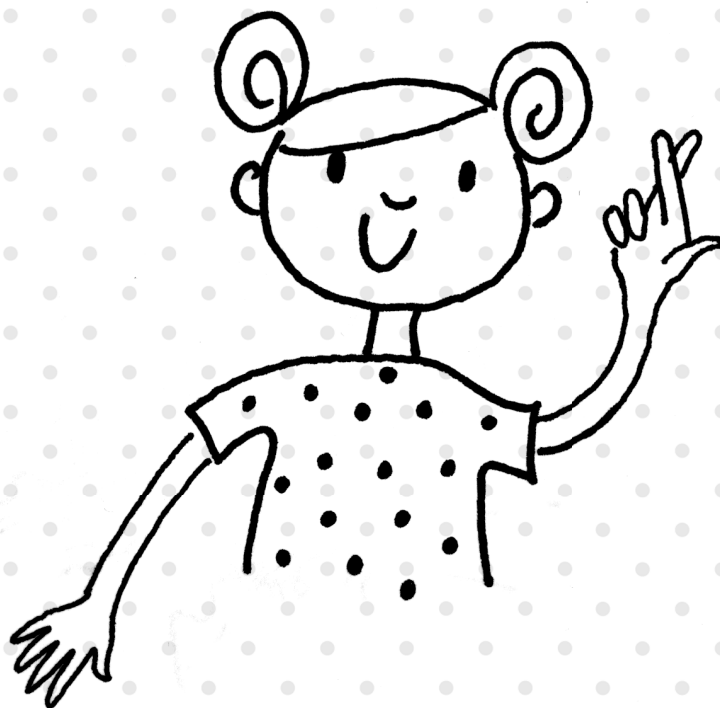


Me and Mum do running training together every weekend.



I try my *absolute* hardest ...

PHEW. It goes OK!



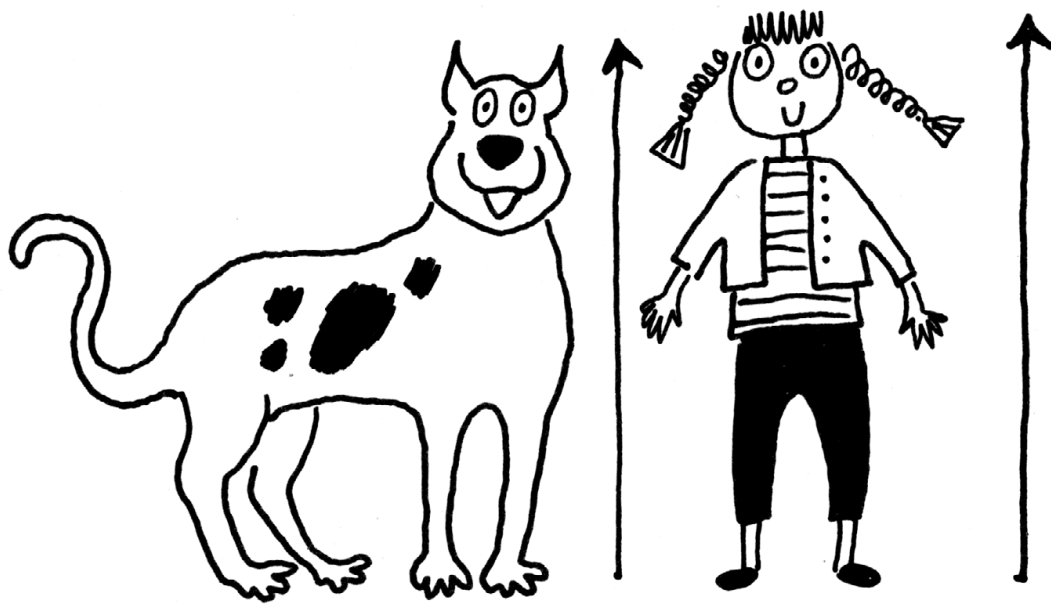
Really hope I get in.

McClusky has a busy morning in the park too, meeting up with his friend, a big silly dog called Geoffrey. McClusky has a SERIOUSLY HECTIC social life.





Geoffrey belongs to Amy who is also
in my class at school.



He is **HUGE** – nearly
as tall as her!



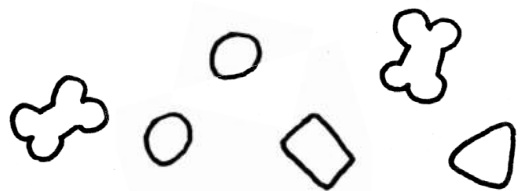
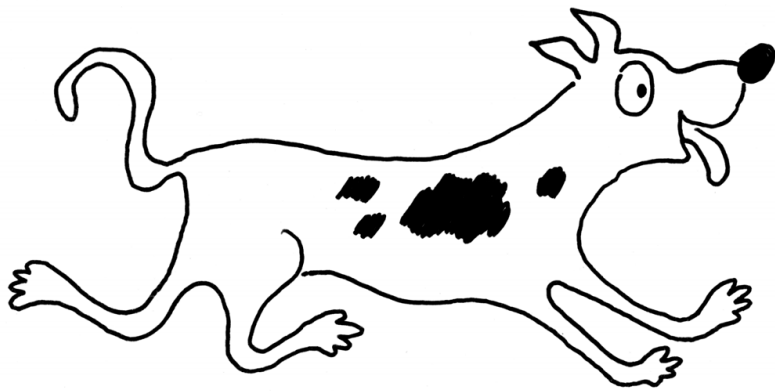
15



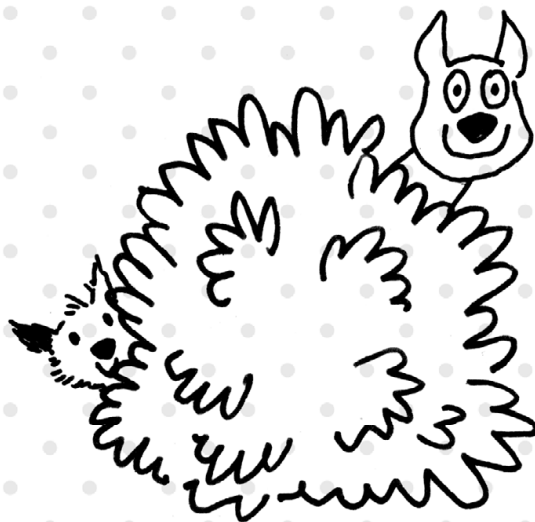
McClusky and Geoffrey

go **crazy** with joy

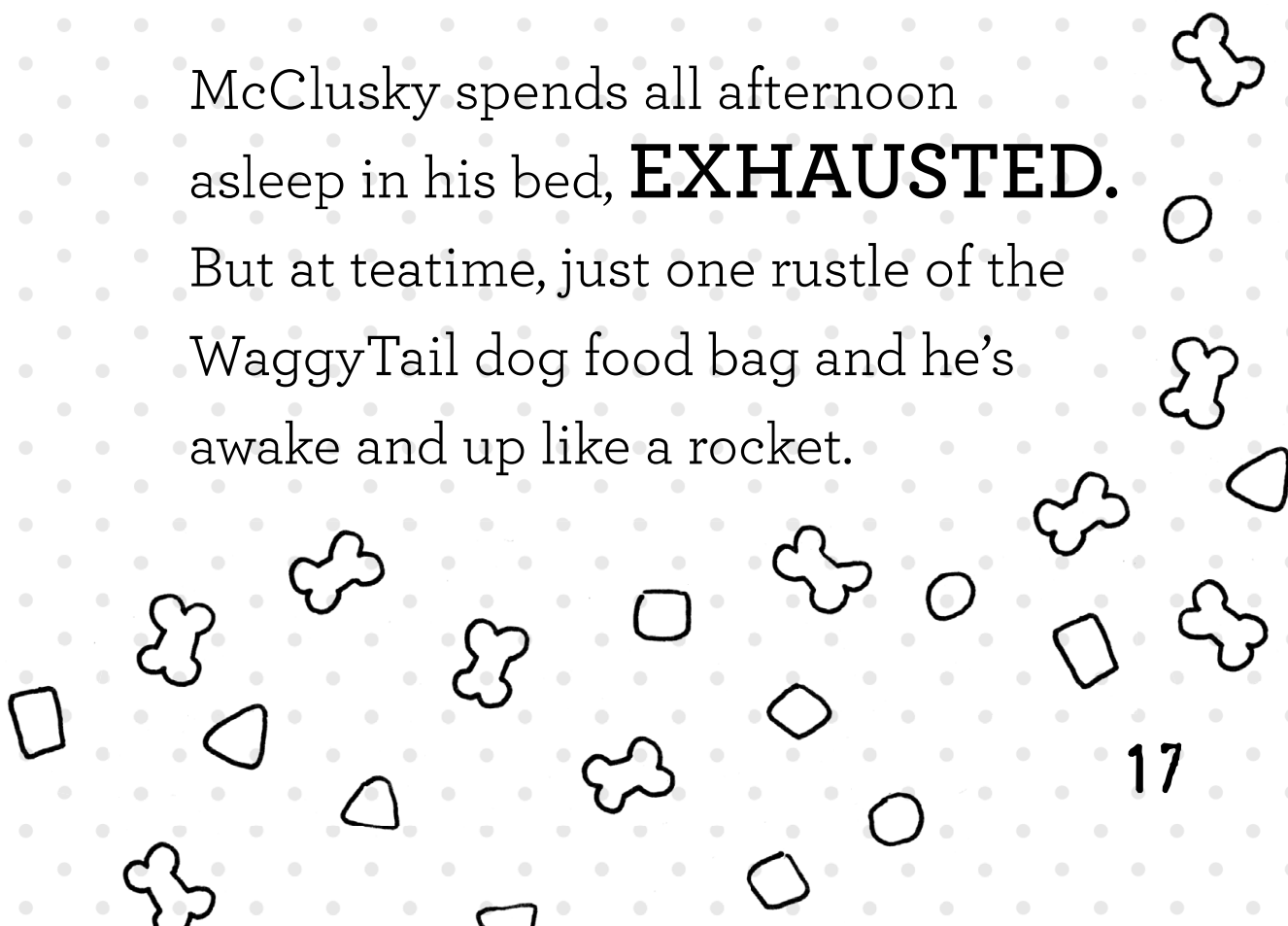
to see each other, chasing round
and round like lunatics



and playing **hide-and-seek** in the bushes.



McClusky spends all afternoon asleep in his bed, **EXHAUSTED**. But at teatime, just one rustle of the WaggyTail dog food bag and he's awake and up like a rocket.

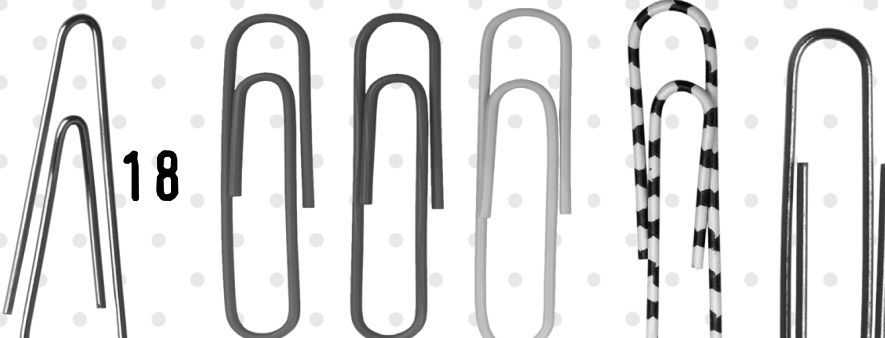
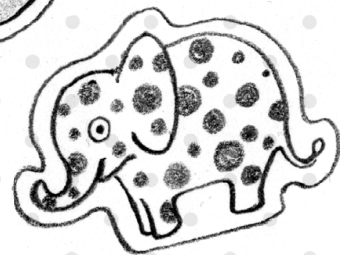
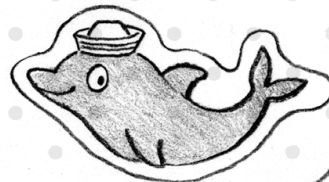




Back in my room, which is also Join the Dots Detectives HQ – TOP SECRET! I’m packing my bag and getting ready for school tomorrow.



I have a quick tidy up of my stationery collection, which let me tell you is amazing. Pens, stickers, paperclips, pencil-toppers, notebooks... and dots on EVERYTHING!!



18



Looking forward to trying out my new super-sticky glow-in-the-dark dotty sticky tape sometime soon.



This is going to be a GOOD week – it's nearly the end of term and that means it's nearly the summer holidays! AND next Saturday it's the school summer fair!!!

