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Summary: Little does Lindie Lou know of the adventures that await her. Whether it's a door left open, a fast ride in Joe's truck, or flying high on an airplane, this adorable puppy faces her fears, learns new things, and always comes out on top. Play with Lindie Lou and her brothers and sisters in the Puppy Playground. Fly with her over amazing sights. Follow her to the Emerald City. Meet her new family. Join Lindie Lou as she travels from city to city, finds new friends, and visits her brothers and sisters along the way.

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**Here's what kids told Jeanne
Bender about Lindie Lou!**

Thank you for video calling our class! I love Lindie Lou! I've learned lots of new things. I like searching for the hints to where she will go in the next book. -Maria

The sliding game is so funny! Jasper is my favorite puppy. -Evan

I'd like to read more about Lindie Lou's brothers and sisters in some of the other books. I really like Diamond. -Rebecca

I like the song on your website lindielou.com. I can't get it out of my head! La la la, la la la la la, la la la la, la la la. -Emma

I like the color pictures. Lindie Lou is so cute. -Elizabeth

I like the short chapters and the way they end. I always want to know what will happen next! I can't wait to read the next book. -Jonathan

*To my amazing sister, Nancy Kiefer.
Without her knowledge, encouragement,
and dedication, the Lindie Lou
Adventure Series would not exist.*



Lindie Lou®

**brings joy,
gives comfort,
cares,
feels,
pleases,
loves,
and
inspires.**

Need I ask for more?

—Jeanne Bender

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Chapter 1

THE PUPPY PLAYGROUND

On a warm summer day, Molly pushed the kitchen door open. Five furry



puppies ran to greet her. She dropped to the floor and rolled on her side. One puppy climbed up her leg. Another played with her tail. Lindie Lou grabbed



Molly's long floppy ear. Molly shook her head back and forth. Lindie Lou hung on with her huge front paws. She enjoyed the ride.



“They are so cute,”

said Sherry. She was sitting at the kitchen table.

“I just love to watch them play.”

“So do I,” replied Joe. He was standing by the window. “Sherry, I’ve been thinking. The puppies are growing so fast. We’re going to have to find a bigger place for them to live. The kitchen is getting too small.”

“Maybe we can fix up the garage,” said Sherry.

Joe looked out the window. The garage was next to the house. He didn’t use it much. He liked to park his truck outside.

Joe and Sherry lived in an orange brick house on the edge of a big green park. On the other side of the park was the city of Saint Louis.



Saint Louis had many parks. Joe and Sherry liked to go for long walks in the parks. At the end of the day, they liked to sit on a park bench and talk.

Joe delivered food to the Saint Louis Zoo. The food was for the animals. He was always in a hurry. He liked to jump in his truck and go.

Sherry liked to take the bus. The bus stop was on the corner near their house. Last year the city bought new buses. They had air-conditioning and soft seats. Sherry liked to read on her way to work. She worked at the public library. She liked to help children find books.

"The garage would be a great place for the puppies," said Joe.

"Let's call it the Puppy Playground," said Sherry.

"Great idea!"

Sherry turned to Joe.

"Which puppy should we keep?"

"I like Lindie Lou," said Joe.

Joe and Sherry looked at Lindie Lou. She was sitting near her mom. She had soft brown fur, long floppy ears, and big green eyes.



Lindie Lou looked like her mom but was named after her dad, Lynwood Lou

Peek-a-Boo, because they both had **huge** paws. When Lindie Lou walked, she stuck her nose in the air and flopped one paw in front of the other . . . just like her dad.

"She sure is **cute**," said Joe.

Sherry nodded.

The next day Joe cleaned out the garage. He painted the walls a bright white color and the floor a shiny gray. Joe built a large window so Molly and her puppies would have more light. Later he put in a doggy door.



The Puppy Playground needed a bed, so Sherry went shopping. She found a large black one with white stripes. She also bought stuffed animals for them to play with.

"I think the puppies would like some blankets to lie on," said Sherry to the store owner.

"OK. I'll show you where they are."

Sherry found five nice, soft blankets. They had puppy paws printed on them.



Sherry put the bed in the middle of the room. She filled a box with the stuffed animals and pushed it in the

corner. Then she tossed the blankets on the floor.

"This place looks great," said Sherry.
"Now it's ready for the puppies."

Sherry brought the puppies in two at a time. She brought Lindie Lou in last. It was hard for her to put Lindie Lou down. She loved this puppy so much. She gave Lindie Lou a big warm hug and then set her down on the floor.

"Here's your new home," said Sherry.



The puppies ran everywhere. Lindie Lou went over to one of the blankets. She stretched out her huge paws and plopped down on her belly. Ruby ran up a ramp and sat on the doggy bed. She looked at Sherry, who was smiling at her. Jasper jumped up next to Ruby. He pushed her to one side and rolled on his back. Diamond climbed up on a wooden chair. She was now taller than all the other puppies. Topaz rolled around on the floor. He tipped his head and looked at the box of stuffed animals in the corner.

"This Puppy Playground was a great idea," said Sherry. She smiled as she left the room.



Chapter 2

THE SLIDING GAME

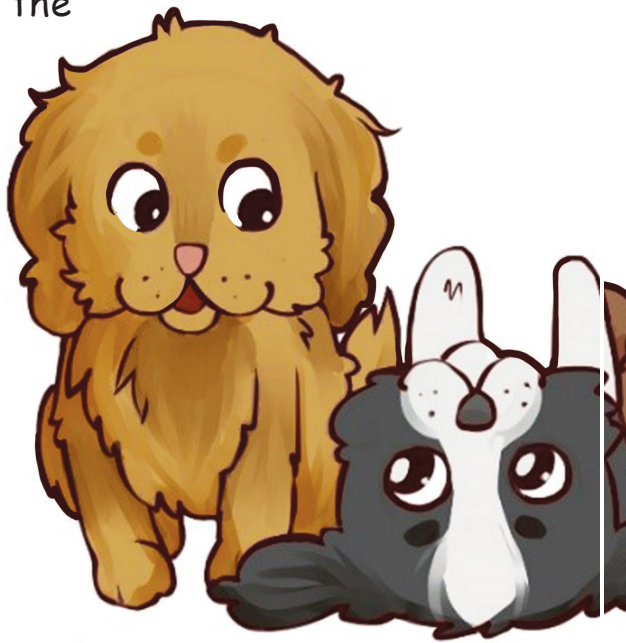
Later that day, Molly pushed the doggy door open. All the puppies ran to greet her. She walked over to the window and lay down. This time Lindie Lou climbed on top of her mom's back. She sat up and looked around the room.

Lindie Lou saw Topaz

rolling

around. He was on one of the blankets.

She wanted to play on a blanket, too. So she slid off Molly and ran to an empty blanket. Lindie Lou jumped on the blanket. Her huge paws slipped away. Lindie Lou plopped down on her stomach. She looked like a pancake. Sherry was watching from the doorway.



Topaz Jasper

She laughed at Lindie Lou.

Lindie Lou looked at Jasper. He was getting ready to play a game. Sherry



Lindie Lou

Ruby

Diamond



called it the *sliding game*.

Jasper walked over to one end of the room. All the other puppies followed. Lindie Lou watched. Jasper turned around. He started to run. When he reached the middle of the room, he rolled on his back. Jasper slid across the floor so fast, he **crashed** into the wall.

The other puppies followed Jasper. They slid across the floor and all ran into Jasper!

Lindie Lou jumped up. This time she went first. She ran to the end of the room near the box of stuffed animals. Jasper and Topaz were right behind her. Ruby came next. Diamond was the shy one. She followed Ruby. Instead of sliding on her back, Lindie Lou slid on her belly. She stuck out her huge paws. They were so big and furry they helped her slide faster than the other puppies. Lindie Lou hit the wall first and

WON THE GAME!

"You all look like fuzzy round balls," Sherry laughed.

Lindie Lou rolled on her back. Sherry leaned over and tickled her tummy. She was singing a song. It was about Lindie Lou.



YOU ARE MY
LITTLE LINDIE LOU
AND I LOVE YOU



La La La
La La La La La
La La La
La La



(Go to lindielou.com to listen to the Lindie Lou Song, read the lyrics, and see the score.)

I want to keep Lindie Lou, thought Sherry. But her sister Kate asked for a puppy who looked just like Molly. Lindie Lou was the **ONLY** puppy who looked like Molly. This sweet puppy was going to live with Kate in the Emerald City and there was nothing Sherry could do about it.

A promise is a promise.

Joe said it was up to Sherry to pick one of the puppies to live with them. Sherry didn't want to think about it right now. She looked around the room. All the puppies were together. They were climbing all over each other. *They are so cute,* thought Sherry. It made her want to sing.



La La La

La La La La La

La La La

La La



*I like the song Sherry is singing,
thought Lindie Lou.*

Lindie Lou was happy in the Puppy
Playground and wanted to live here for
the rest of her life.

Lindie Lou Song

Chorus 1

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA

Verse 1

L-I-N-D-I-E
L-O-U spells
Lindie Lou

Chorus 2

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA
LA LA

Verse 2

Lindie Lou
You are cool
And your friends think
You're a jewel

Chorus 2

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA
LA LA

Verse 3

You are a
Very lucky girl
'Cuz you've been
All over the world

Chorus 2

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA
LA LA

Verse 4

I can't wait
To see
Where you
Take me

Chorus 2

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA
LA LA

(Pause)

Chorus 1

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA

Verse 5

You are my
Little Lindie Lou
And I love you

Chorus 2

LA LA LA
LA LA LA LA LA
LA LA LA
LA LA

Go to lindielou.com to listen to the Lindie Lou song.



Chapter 3



LINDIE LOU MEETS COCO

Lindie Lou woke up from a long nap. Her brothers and sisters were playing on the doggy bed. She watched Topaz hold Ruby down. He licked her face.

Ruby was on her back. All four of her legs were kicking in the air.

Diamond pushed Jasper off the bed. He landed on his head. Jasper sat up. He was so

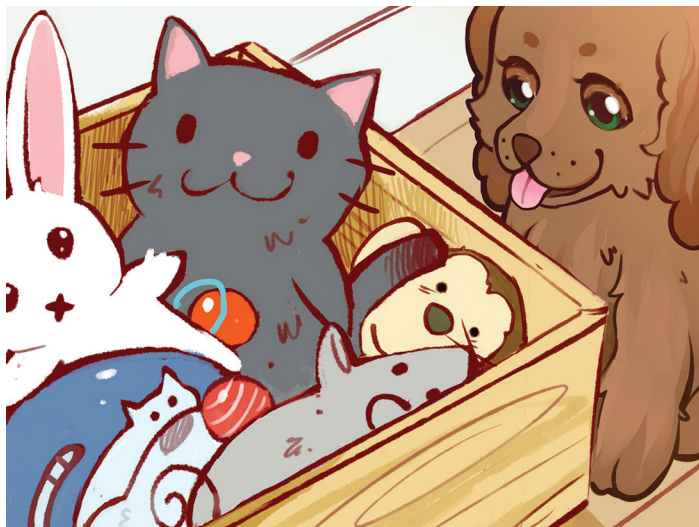
dizzy,

his head rolled round and round. All the other puppies laughed at the funny face he made.

Lindie Lou felt stiff after her nap. She slowly stood up on her blanket. She stretched out her huge front paws. This made her tail lift up and her tongue stick out.

Lindie Lou liked when Sherry sang. She had a sweet voice.

Lindie Lou stood up and looked around the room. She walked over to the box



of stuffed animals. *Maybe I can find a special toy,* she thought. Lindie Lou put one of her huge paws on the box and then the other. Then she jumped inside.

A fuzzy white rabbit and a gray mouse were on top of the pile. Lindie Lou pushed them aside. Under the rabbit was a black cat. Lindie Lou sniffed it and kept digging. She saw two little black eyes looking up at her. It was a monkey, and he was smiling at her.

Lindie Lou grabbed the monkey in her mouth. She turned and looked around the Puppy Playground. *I must find a safe place to hide you*, she thought.

Lindie Lou jumped out of the box and walked over to her favorite blanket. *I better not hide him under here. He would be too easy to see because there would be a*

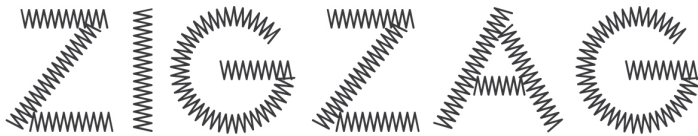
LUMS

in the blanket. Maybe I can hide him

under the doggy bed, thought Lindie Lou. She walked over, bent down, and tried to push him under the bed. He didn't fit.

Lindie Lou looked around the room. She didn't see any good places to hide her new friend. She started digging at the floor. *I can't even dig a hole to hide him in*, she thought.

Lindie Lou started to panic. She ran back and forth in a



pattern until she ended up on the other side of the Puppy Playground. In front of her was the chair where Sherry was sitting. She was reading a book. Sherry didn't see Lindie Lou push the monkey under the chair.

This is a great spot, thought Lindie Lou. She looked around the room. They were faraway from all the action and Sherry was near. She made Lindie Lou feel safe. Sherry bent down and scratched Lindie Lou's head.

"I will call you **Coco**," whispered Lindie Lou. She licked his face.

With Coco safely tucked away, Lindie Lou went to play with her brothers and sisters. She saw Topaz climb into the box of stuffed animals. He grabbed the gray mouse and jumped out of the box. Then he dropped the mouse on the floor. Topaz held it down and tore a hole in it. Then he pulled its stuffing out.

Lindie Lou couldn't believe what she was

seeing.

She opened her mouth and let out a woof.

I'm glad I found Coco before Topaz did, said Lindie Lou to herself. She turned around and looked back at Coco. He was still lying safely under the chair. Sherry was still reading her book.



Bang went the doggy door. Molly walked in with a giant treat in her mouth. The puppies tried to grab it from her. Molly lifted her

head so high, the treat was out of reach. She liked teasing the puppies.

Lindie Lou climbed up on the doggy bed. She jumped off its edge and grabbed the treat. Her huge paws hit the floor first. Then the treat came crashing down. Lindie Lou dragged the treat over to her favorite blanket. The other puppies ran after her. The treat was big enough for the all of them to share.

Joe must be home, thought Sherry. He must have given Molly the treat. Sherry stood up and left the Puppy Playground.

Lindie Lou went to check on **Coco**. He was still under the chair. She lay down next to him and put her chin on Coco's head.

Lindie Lou found a new friend that day and wanted to keep him safe from then on.



Chapter 4

OUTSIDE

The autumn sun streamed through the window in the Puppy Playground. It reached across the floor. The light woke up Lindie Lou. She was taking a nap. She moved her head away from the light and slowly opened her eyes. After a while, Lindie Lou stretched out her huge front paws. She yawned, rolled over, and slowly stood up. Lindie Lou followed the light beam on the floor. It led her to the other side of

the Puppy Playground. She was about to look out the window when she heard a loud rumbling noise. It was so

LOUD

it made her shake. She turned around and ran away. Coco was underneath the wooden chair. Lindie Lou ran to him. She picked him up and held him in her mouth.

The noise scared the other puppies, too. They all ran and hid behind the doggy bed.

Suddenly the noise stopped and the room was quiet again.

The puppies looked at one another. They didn't know what was happening. They listened for a moment. They heard footsteps coming toward the door. The puppies started barking. Lindie Lou didn't make a sound. She still had Coco in her mouth. The door swung open and Joe walked in.

"Oh, did I scare you?" he asked. He noticed that they were hiding from him. "Come over here puppies. Let's have some playtime."



Joe knelt down on the floor. The puppies ran to him. He tickled their tummies and scratched their backs. Lindie Lou set Coco down and ran to Joe. He lifted her up and gave her a soft hug.

Joe loved the puppies and knew he would miss them. Today they turned eight weeks old. They were now old enough to travel and it was time for some of them to leave.

Joe saw Topaz sitting near the doggy bed. He put Lindie Lou down, reached over, and picked him up. Then he scooped up Ruby.

"It's getting late," Sherry called from inside the house. "You don't want the puppies to miss their airplane."

Topaz was going to live with Sherry's cousin, Ronda. She owned a farm and had lots of animals to play with. Ruby was going to live with Joe's sister, Linda. She had two daughters and lived on an island.

"I'm on it," Joe replied.

With Topaz and Ruby under his arm, Joe rushed out of the Puppy Playground. He left in such a hurry, he forgot to shut the door.

The loud noise started again.

Lindie Lou ran to see what it was. She looked out the open door. The rumbling was coming from a big blue truck. Joe, Topaz, and Ruby were driving away in it. Lindie Lou was confused. *Should I go after them? Where are they going? Can I go outside?*

Lindie Lou looked back at Jasper and Diamond. They were still hiding behind the bed. *Maybe I shouldn't go outside,* thought Lindie Lou. But, for some reason she wasn't afraid. She turned to the open door and ran outside.

Lindie Lou ran down the driveway after the truck, but it was very fast. The truck left behind a big cloud of



dust. Lindie Lou turned around to avoid the dust, but it covered Lindie Lou. She

waited for the air to clear. When it did, she saw things she had never seen before.

She saw giant trees with red, orange, and yellow leaves. The ground around the trees was covered with leaves. They were more colorful than anything Lindie Lou had ever seen. She wanted to roll around in them.

Lindie Lou ran to a pile of leaves and jumped in. She sat up and shook her head. The leaves went flying everywhere.



Lindie Lou sniffed the leaves. They made her sneeze. The leaves smelled fresh on top and musty underneath. Lindie Lou disappeared in the pile of leaves. She liked rolling around in the bright, crunchy colors. When she jumped out, some of the leaves got

stuck to her fur. Lindie Lou shook as hard as she could, but the leaves stayed put.



I think I look like a tree, giggled Lindie Lou.





Chapter 5

SHERRY TO THE RESCUE

Lindie Lou played for a long time. She liked hiding in the colorful, crisp piles. After a while, Lindie Lou rolled on her back. She looked up at the branches above her head. They were moving with the wind. Something else was up there. A little, brown, furry animal, with black-and-white stripes on its back, sat up in the tree. Lindie Lou watched it stuff a bunch of nuts in its cheeks. She watched it run to another branch. It shoved even more nuts in its

mouth. Then it darted down the tree and across the yard.

Lindie Lou looked to see where it went. She couldn't find it. Nothing moved. She waited. Still, nothing moved.

Lindie Lou rested her head on a pile of leaves and waited a little bit longer.

Suddenly, the furry little animal jumped out of the leaves. It ran across the yard.

Lindie Lou chased after it. It ran up a fence. She jumped up on the fence and tried to catch it, but the chipmunk was up too high.



Then it scurried along the fence. Lindie Lou tried to reach it. She jumped higher and higher. She even tried to climb up on the fence. But the chipmunk was just too high.

Lindie Lou was about to give up when the chipmunk jumped off the fence

and ran toward the trees. Lindie Lou ran after it. She was about to catch it when something happened. Lindie Lou

fell in a hole! She didn't see the hole because it was covered with leaves.

Lindie Lou tried to climb out, but the hole was too deep. She tried to jump out, but the hole was too high. Lindie Lou sat down and looked up at the top of the hole. *How was she ever going to get out?*

She heard someone walking down the sidewalk in front of Joe and Sherry's house. Lindie Lou yowled as loud as she could. But no one answered. Then she heard the door to the Puppy Playground slam shut. She yowled again.

Again, no one answered.

What if no one finds me? worried Lindie Lou. She started to cry.

Lindie Lou tried one more time to jump out of the hole. It still didn't work. So she dug her claws into the dirt and climbed up one side. Her eyes peeked up above the hole.



Sherry was in the Puppy Playground. She filled the food and water bowls.

Then she went over and played with Jasper and Diamond. Lindie Lou was about to climb out of the hole when her huge front paws slipped on some leaves. She fell back and landed at the bottom of the hole.

Lindie Lou heard Sherry call her name. She howled. Sherry called again. She howled even louder. Sherry didn't hear her.

Lindie Lou tried, one more time, to climb out of the hole. She was getting very tired, but she didn't give up.

Sherry was looking out the window.
She saw Lindie Lou's head pop up.



"There you are," said Sherry.

Sherry was laughing because Lindie Lou looked so funny. Her paws were full of mud and she was covered with leaves.

Lindie Lou didn't think it was funny. She wanted to get out of the hole and go back inside. She couldn't hold on anymore. She slid back in the hole. This time she rolled over and lay down. Lindie Lou was too tired to try again.

A minute later, Sherry's hand reached down into the hole and scooped up Lindie Lou.

"I thought I filled in all the holes Molly dug," said Sherry.

She had a towel in her hand. Sherry cleaned Lindie Lou's muddy paws and pulled the leaves out of her fur.

"You're a little rascal," said Sherry. She carried Lindie Lou back into the Puppy Playground. Sherry put her on the floor and shook her finger at her.

"Good thing I saw you, Lindie Lou," said Sherry. "Or you would be in a lot of trouble."

Lindie Lou ran over and took a drink from the water bowl. Jasper and Diamond went over to Lindie Lou. They sniffed her fur. She smelled musty and muddy.

"Time for a nap," said Sherry. She turned and walked out of the Puppy Playground. This time she closed the door tightly.

Lindie Lou went over to her favorite blanket. She wondered about Topaz and Ruby. *Will I ever see them again?* She also wondered if she would go outside again. Playing in the leaves was a lot of fun. She also wanted to ride in Joe's truck. His truck was fast . . . even faster than the chipmunk. Lindie Lou turned and looked out the window.



Chapter 6

A RIDE IN JOE'S TRUCK

The next morning, Lindie Lou heard a loud noise. It sounded just like the day before. This time it didn't scare her. She knew it was Joe's truck. She heard a slam. Joe opened the door and rushed into the Puppy Playground.

Maybe Joe will take me for a ride in his truck, thought Lindie Lou. She picked up Coco and sat at his feet. Joe laughed. She was looking up at him with the most serious eyes.

"Today it's your turn, Lindie Lou," said Joe. He reached down and picked her up. Joe grabbed Coco out of her mouth and tossed him in the box of stuffed animals.

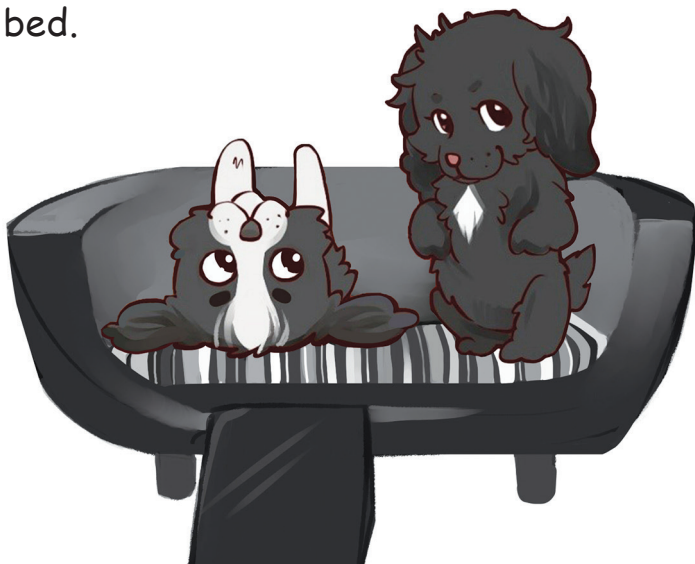
Lindie Lou wasn't going to go without Coco. She twisted out of Joe's hands and jumped to the floor. Then she ran to the box of stuffed animals. She grabbed Coco. With Coco in her mouth, she walked back to Joe and sat at his feet. Lindie Lou looked up at him as if to say . . .

If I go, he goes.



Joe put his hands on his hips and nodded. "OK, girl, if that monkey means so much to you, he can come, too." Joe picked them up and headed for the door.

Lindie Lou looked at Jasper and Diamond. They were up on the doggy bed.



Diamond barked good-bye. Lindie Lou barked back. She hoped she would see them again someday.

Joe carried Lindie Lou outside. He walked toward his truck. Lindie Lou put her nose up and sniffed the air. It smelled so good outside.

Joe opened the door to the truck. He set Lindie Lou in a cardboard box on the seat next to him.

"Wait a minute!" called Sherry. She ran over to the truck. "Here are some things to remember us by, Lindie Lou." She opened the door and lifted the puppy up. She spread a blanket underneath her. Lindie Lou sniffed the blanket. It was her favorite!

Then Sherry took a new collar out of her pocket. She put it around Lindie Lou's neck. A metal tag hung from the collar. The letters "LL" were on the tag.





Lindie Lou wiggled her head and the tag jingled. Sherry giggled. Then she leaned down and rubbed noses with Lindie Lou. Sherry closed the door and backed away from the truck.

Lindie Lou put her huge paws on the edge of the cardboard box. She raised herself up so she could look out the window. She saw Molly sitting at Sherry's feet. Sherry wiped a tear from her cheek. Jasper and Diamond were playing the sliding game.

Lindie Lou pushed away from the window and lay down on her favorite blanket. She wanted to go for a ride, but didn't know where she was going. *Am I going far away? Will I ever see my family again?*

The truck drove away from the orange brick house with the green front lawn and the colorful trees. Lindie Lou was feeling a little sad, but curious.



Chapter 7

WHERE AM I GOING?

The truck started moving fast. Sometimes the ride was smooth. Sometimes it was bumpy. After a while, Lindie Lou sat up and looked out the front window. She saw streaks of color flash by.

She saw the bright blue sky. Then she saw birds circling in the wind. There were colorful leaves on the trees. She also saw tall buildings

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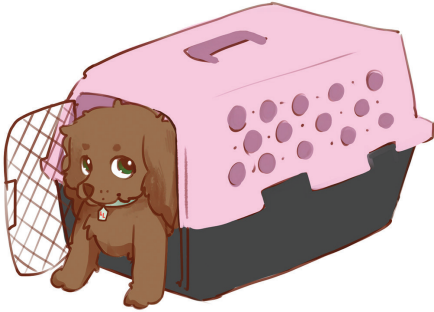
Joe drove even faster now.

Lindie Lou looked down at Coco. *I wish I knew where we are going*, she thought.

Lindie Lou felt the truck slow down. Joe made a wide turn to the left and then stopped. Lindie Lou watched Joe jump out of the truck. He opened the back door and picked up a pink box.

"This carrier is for you, Lindie Lou," he said.

Joe opened Lindie Lou's door. He lifted her out of the cardboard box. He put her blanket and Coco in the pink carrier. Then Joe carefully placed Lindie



Lou inside the carrier and closed the door.

Lindie Lou sniffed around. The inside smelled like a plastic toy she played with in the Puppy Playground. There were many holes in the sides for her to see out of. Each hole was about the size of a strawberry. The door was made of metal. It had crisscross wire covering it. Lindie Lou stuck her nose out one of the holes and took a sniff. She smelled fresh air.

Joe picked up her carrier and walked toward a gray-and-white building.

"Don't worry, girl," he said. "You are going to live with Sherry's sister."

The building had giant windows and a tall tower.

"This is where the airplanes are."

What are airplanes?

wondered Lindie Lou.

Joe pulled open a large metal door. He walked inside and stopped at a long silver counter. The lady behind the counter had **SUSIE** printed on her name tag. Lindie Lou heard Joe say, "Good morning."

"Good morning. Welcome to the Saint Louis Airport," said Susie. She leaned over and looked inside the carrier.

Lindie Lou saw Susie smiling at her.

"She's a bit scared," said Joe. He looked through the holes in the carrier.

"Don't worry, girl, you are going to have fun today," said Susie.

Lindie Lou heard Susie tape something to the top of her carrier.

"You're going to have a good life," said Joe. "Sherry's sister Kate and her husband Bryan are waiting for you in the Emerald City."

Joe put his finger through one of the holes in her carrier.

Lindie Lou licked his finger.

Susie handed some papers to Joe.

"OK girl, you're ready to go," said Joe. He tapped three times on the top

of the carrier. It was his way of saying,

I love you!

Lindie Lou watched Joe walk away. Just before he left the airport, he looked over his shoulder and called out, "Take good care of her, Susie."

Lindie Lou watched Joe leave the building.

She started to cry.

"Don't worry, Lindie Lou. You're going to be OK," said Susie. She put her fingers through the crisscross

wiring and petted Lindie Lou's nose. "Wait till you see your new home. It's in an amazing place. There are lots of green trees and parks for you to play in. That's why it's called the Emerald City."



Emerald City





Chapter 8

THE BIG WHITE BIRD

Lindie Lou looked around the airport. Everything was white. The lights were white. The pictures on the walls were white. The floors were white. Even the ceiling was white. The only colors Lindie Lou saw were on the people nearby. Lindie Lou looked across the room. She saw a large window.

Oh, there are all the colors, she thought.

Outside the window were pots of bright red, yellow, and purple flowers.

Colorful leaves covered a green lawn. Suddenly Lindie Lou wanted to go outside. She

scratched

on her carrier. She

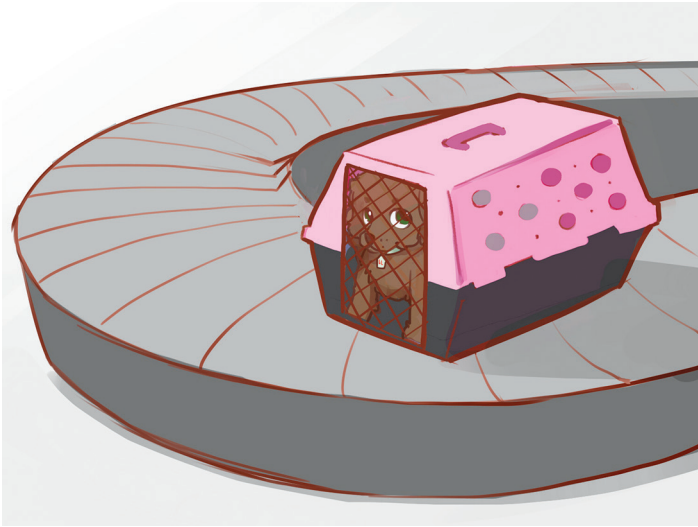
ran in circles.

She tried to find a way out.

"It's OK, little one," said Susie.

Susie's kind voice calmed Lindie Lou. She sat down on her blanket near Coco and took a deep breath.

After a while, Susie picked up the carrier and placed it on a conveyor belt.



Now Lindie Lou was on the move! She went around a corner, through a sliding door, and down a long tunnel. At the end of the tunnel was another sliding door. She traveled through this door too. Then her carrier stopped.

Lindie Lou wondered where she was.

It was dark and very quiet. She looked out of the holes in her carrier, but couldn't see anything.

She was scared!

Lindie Lou listened and waited for someone to come. But no one did. She wondered if she would ever go outside again. She thought about her brothers and sisters and the Puppy Playground. Lindie Lou missed them and wanted to go back.

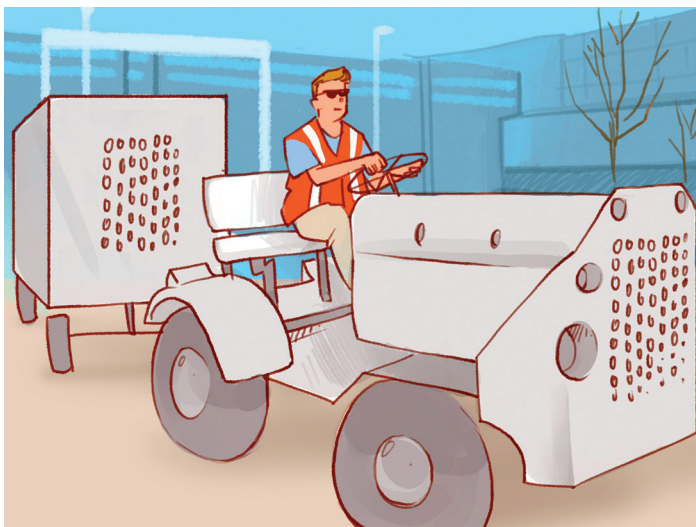
She waited and waited. No one came. Lindie Lou put her head down. She whimpered softly. Then she curled up next to Coco. She was glad Coco was with her.

What if I have to spend the rest of my life in this dark place? Lindie Lou closed her eyes.

More time passed.

Finally, Lindie Lou heard a loud rumbling noise in the distance. It sounded like Joe's truck. Was he coming to get her?

A door swung open and light filled the room.



Lindie Lou saw a man driving a noisy tractor. It was pulling a cart. The tractor stopped a few feet away from Lindie Lou's carrier.

Then, a *dog* barked!

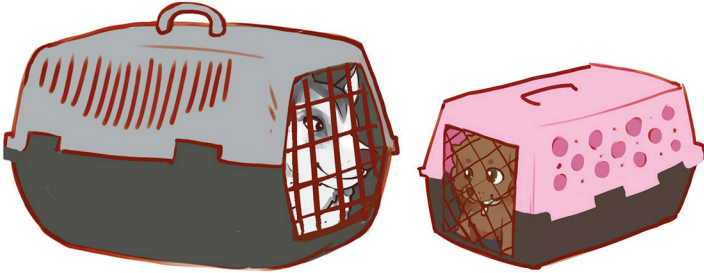
Is there another dog in here? Lindie Lou tried to look.

The man jumped off the seat of the tractor. He picked up Lindie Lou's carrier, opened the back of the cart, and slid Lindie Lou inside. There was another pet carrier in the cart. Lindie Lou saw the face of another dog. It was looking out at her.

The man closed the door in the back of the cart and walked out of the building. He closed the door behind him.

"Hello," barked Lindie Lou softly.

"This place is dark, and I'm scared,"
said Lindie Lou.



Hi I'm Max and I'm Lindie Lou

"Don't be afraid," said Max. "This is only a small part of the airport, the darkest part. Most of it is bright and friendly."

"When will it be light again?"

"When the man comes back and drives us outside."

"Outside?" asked Lindie Lou.

"Yes, and when we get outside, you will see the most amazing thing ever."

"I will?" asked Lindie Lou. "What's out there?"



"Big white birds and they're enormous!"

Lindie Lou remembered seeing birds flying above the truck.

"Actually, they're called airplanes," said Max.

"Airplanes?"

"Yes, they're giant metal birds."

"Do they have wings?"

"Yes. The biggest wings you'll ever see."

"Do they fly?"

"They sure do. They will take us up in the sky today."

Lindie Lou gasped. "We're going to fly?"

"Not us, the airplane," barked Max.
"But you're going to love the ride."





Chapter 9

FLYING HIGH

A door opened and a man came back into the room where Lindie Lou and Max waited. He climbed onto the tractor and started the engine. The man drove up to a large door. The door rolled up and light filled the room.

The light was so bright, Lindie Lou couldn't see. She put her head down and covered her eyes with her huge front paws. Then, very slowly, she moved her paws away. And there it was.

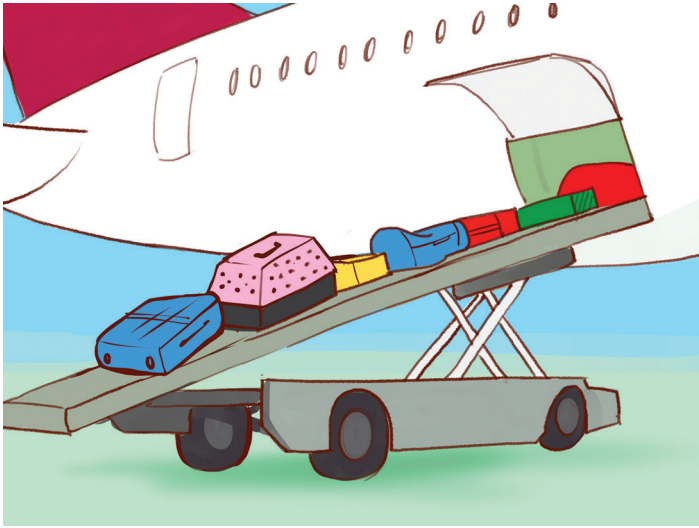


THE BIG WHITE BIRD

It was big, bright, and shiny.

The man drove the tractor out of the building. He drove right next to the big white bird. The man stopped the tractor and jumped down. He came

around the back of the cart, picked up Lindie Lou's carrier, and placed it on a moving ramp.



Lindie Lou was going up into the belly of a cargo plane. Another man was waiting inside. He grabbed Lindie Lou's carrier and strapped it onto a platform. It was right next to a window.

Then Max's carrier came up the ramp. He was strapped right next to Lindie Lou.



Max was sitting up so tall, his ears touched the top of his carrier.

Lindie Lou could see his light-blue eyes through the holes in his carrier. She thought he was quite handsome.

She also thought he looked very wise.

"I'm eight weeks old. How old are you?" asked Lindie Lou.

"I'm eleven years old, which is quite old in dog years," said Max.

Max was watching everything. Lindie Lou wondered if he'd been here before. Boxes were piled up around them. Each one was strapped down tight. Then the door swung shut.

"Are we going to a

faraway place?"

asked Lindie Lou.

"Yes," replied Max. "But don't worry. The ride will be fun. You'll see."

Lindie Lou remembered Susie telling her she was going to the Emerald City to meet her new family. This must be how she was going to get there.

"I'm a little afraid."

"Cargo planes are amazing," Max said cheerfully. "They take animals and boxes all over the world. I've been on awesome journeys and you will too. This is only the beginning."

The door on the other side of the airplane closed and the engines started up.

"Cargo planes are noisy," barked Lindie Lou.

"It takes a lot of power to fly a big bird like this," replied Max.

Lindie Lou felt the plane move. It went faster and faster until it lifted up into the sky.

"We're flying," said Max.

"Flying high,"

cheered Lindie Lou. She turned her head and looked out the window.



YOU ARE A



VERY LUCKY GIRL

CUZ YOU'RE GOING

ALL OVER THE WORLD

La La La



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Chapter 10

WHAT A VIEW



The big white bird flew up into the clear blue sky. It flew over the city of Saint Louis. Lindie Lou looked out the window. The plane turned to the right. She felt as light as a feather. When the plane straightened out, Lindie Lou pushed Coco into a corner.

He'll be safer there, thought Lindie Lou.

The noise from the airplane was loud but steady. It was even louder than the sound of Joe's truck. Lindie Lou looked over at Max. He was moving with the plane.

Lindie Lou was beginning to enjoy the ride.

"We're on our way to the Emerald City," barked Max.

"Where is it?" asked Lindie Lou, looking out the window.

"Relax, it will take us a few hours to get there," replied Max.



"Look," said Lindie Lou. She saw a giant metal object curving up into the sky below them.



"It's the Gateway Arch," said Max. "You can take a ride to the top in an elevator shaped like an egg. The view is amazing from up there."

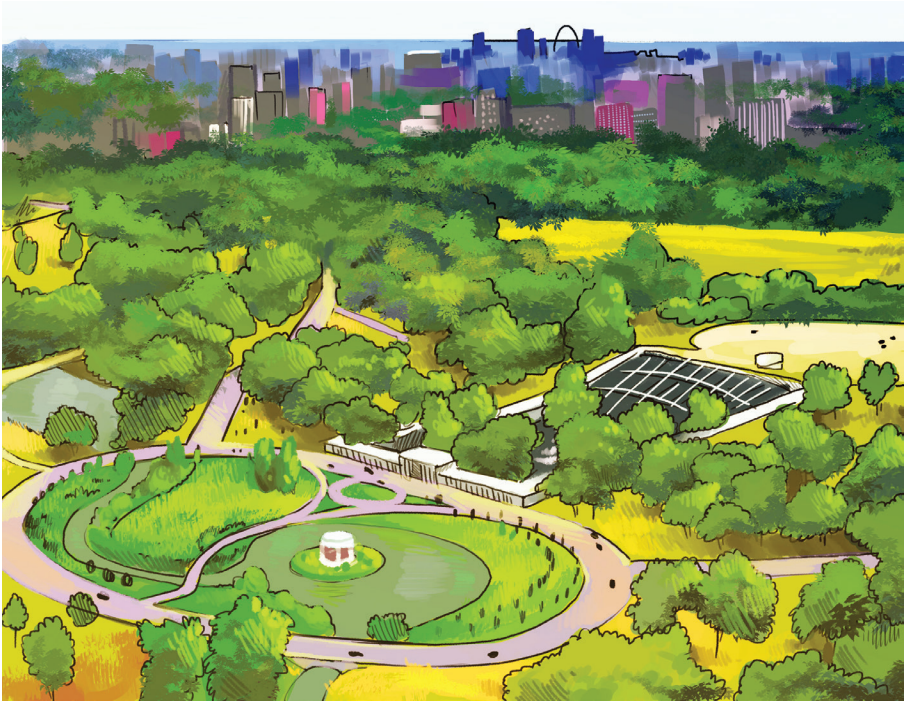
Lindie Lou looked down and tried to see **everything**. Then the plane took a gentle right turn.

"Look over there," said Max. "It's the Saint Louis baseball stadium. Behind it is the football stadium."

"Yea. I see them," cheered Lindie Lou.

"Go, team, go," barked Max.

A little farther on, Lindie Lou saw a large green area.



Forest Park

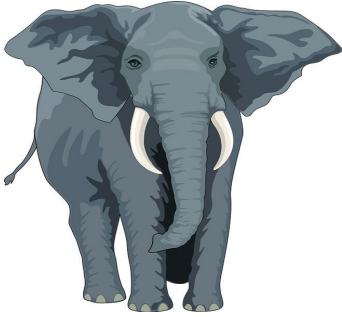
"That's Forest Park. It's one of the biggest city parks in the United States," said Max.

"It's amazing," yipped Lindie Lou.

"There are many trails and lots of places to run and play," said Max.

"Coming up on your left is the Saint Louis Zoo. It's a place where animals live, and people go to see them."



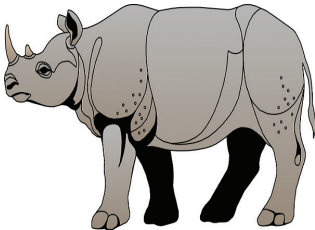
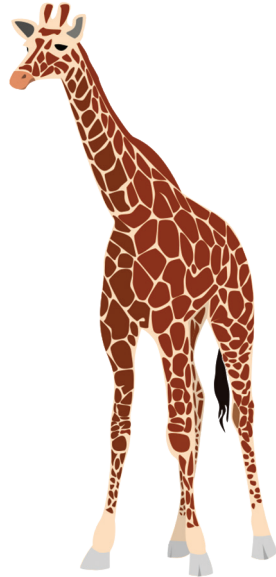


"I heard Joe talking about a zoo. He works there," added Lindie Lou.

"Cool," said Max.

"Can you see the elephants, giraffes, and rhinos?"

"Yes, but they look like toys from way up here," said Lindie Lou.

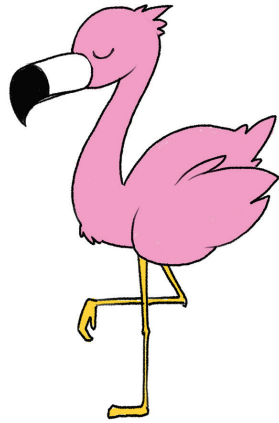


They flew over a large pink area.

"Wow! What's over there?" she asked.

"A bunch of birds called flamingos," said Max. "They stand on one leg when they sleep. They are pink because they eat a lot of shellfish called shrimp."

"I heard Joe talking to Sherry about bringing food to the animals. Maybe he helps make them turn pink,"



laughed Lindie Lou. "I want to chase the flamingos!" said Lindie Lou. She jumped up and

bumped

her head on the top of her carrier.

"You will have lots of chances to chase birds at your new home," said Max.



Chapter 11

ALMOST THERE

The front of the airplane tipped up and flew higher into the sky. Lindie Lou watched objects on the ground get smaller and smaller.

They flew above the clouds. Then the nose of the airplane leveled off. They flew straight for a long time. Lindie Lou watched

white

puffy

clouds float by. She saw the sun above

the clouds. It lit up the inside of the airplane.

"It's so peaceful up here," said Lindie Lou. She turned and looked ahead of the airplane.

"Are we almost there?"

"Not yet. I'll let you know when we get close."

"What's the Emerald City like?" asked Lindie Lou.

"Let me give you a few hints. It's a very big city, in the state of Washington. It's next to a giant volcano and there's a famous landmark called, Pike Place Market."

"Do you live near the airport?" asked Lindie Lou.

"No, I live downtown near the market."

"Do you like living there?"

"Yes, very much."

"Why were you in Saint Louis?"

"My owner's father lives there. We went for a visit. My owner is flying on another airplane. They didn't have room for my carrier. That's why I'm flying on this plane."

"What's it like living near the market?"

"It's great. I get free smoked fish from a man named Harry."



"You eat fish?"

"Yes. The smoked flavor is tasty and it even has bones in it. You'll have to try it sometime."

"There's also a girl named Delight. She gives me left-over bones from her restaurant."

"Her name is Delight?"

"Yes, she is very sweet. Some of her friends call her Delightful."

"Woo hoo!" Lindie Lou howled. "I want to eat at the market and meet your friends."

"Right now you better take a rest. When we get closer, I'll wake you up."

"What will happen when we get there?"

"Someone will take us into a big room where our owners will come and get us. They'll walk us around a grassy area with other dogs. Then your owners will drive you home."

"Home," sighed Lindie Lou. She liked the way it sounded.

Lindie Lou tried to keep her eyes open, but they felt very heavy. She put her chin on Coco and closed her eyes.

"I'm glad you're here, Max," she said. "The ride would have been scary without you."

"Go to sleep now," said Max.

Lindie Lou took a deep breath. Just before she fell asleep, she heard Max say, "I can promise you this . . . your life has only just begun, little one."



I CAN'T WAIT

TO SEE



WHERE YOU

TAKE ME

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Chapter 12

A VOLCANO

"Time to wake up," called Max.

Lindie Lou shook her head and looked around. She was dreaming about the Puppy Playground. She almost forgot she was on an airplane.

"There it is," yelled Max.

Lindie Lou looked out the window. A huge mountain stood in the distance.

"That's Mount Rainier."

"What's all the white stuff on it?"
asked Lindie Lou.



"Snow," barked Max. "Tiny pieces of
frozen water. Do you see how high it
is?"

"Yes."

"Volcanoes have flat tops."

"Why?"

"Hot rocks shoot up from under the earth and blow the top off volcanoes."

"Why would they do that?" asked Lindie Lou.

"The rocks get too hot, then they melt, and blow up."

"Are we going to see it blow up right now?"

"No. First the volcano smokes. Then it spits up rocks. Then it blows up. It isn't smoking right now, so it's not going to blow up."

Lindie Lou watched the volcano as they slowly passed by.

"Get ready for our landing."

What's a landing? Lindie Lou wondered.
The front of the airplane tipped
down. Lindie Lou held her breath.



After a few seconds she asked, "Are
we falling?"

"We're landing," said Max.

THUD was the sound the plane made when it landed. Lindie Lou jumped to her feet. **Swoosh** was the sound the airplane made as it slowed down. Lindie Lou slid to the back of her carrier. Then the plane rolled along the runway.

"I'm glad I didn't know about this part," said Lindie Lou.

"I think it's the coolest part ever!" barked Max.

The plane moved slower now. It passed a few buildings, turned left, and stopped.

"We have arrived in the Emerald City," said Max proudly.



Chapter 13

LANDED



"Lindie Lou must have landed by now,"
said Joe.

"Kate called. She's at the airport
waiting for Lindie Lou."

"Good," said Joe.

"Diamond should be landing in about an hour," said Sherry.

"Yes. I checked. Her flight is on time.



Rod and Roma are the perfect owners for Diamond. Roma's a bit shy and so is Diamond. They are a perfect match."

"And they both have black hair," giggled Sherry with teary eyes. "I already miss all the puppies," said Sherry. She put her head on Joe's shoulder. "Can we go visit them soon?"

"Sure," said Joe. He put his arm around Sherry. Sherry looked toward the Puppy Playground.

"I hope Jasper is OK. He might not like being alone. It won't be the same without his brothers and sisters."

"I'm sure he's fine. I checked on him before we sat down. Molly is with him."



"Oh good," said Sherry.

The sun set behind the trees and

the sky slowly turned a deep blue color. Joe and Sherry watched the stars *twinkle* above their heads.

"It's time to go inside," said Joe. He stood up and reached for Sherry's hand.

"Let's stop by and say goodnight to Molly and Jasper," said Sherry.

"Great idea," replied Joe, as they walked together, hand in hand toward the Puppy Playground.

QUICK QUIZ

1. In what city was Lindie Lou born?
2. Where does Lindie Lou play with her brothers and sisters?
3. What is the name of Lindie Lou's pet monkey?
4. Which of the puppies is the shy one?
5. Why didn't Joe and Sherry keep Lindie Lou?
6. What did Lindie Lou take to her new home to make her feel more loved?
7. Why did the author create the character, Max?
8. How do Lindie Lou's huge paws help her?
9. After reading the hints in the book, where do you think Lindie Lou's new home is?
10. Which puppy did Joe and Sherry keep?

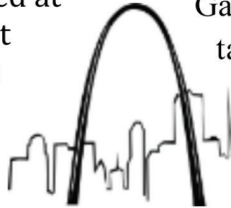
Answers:

(1) Saint Louis (2) The Puppy Playground (3) Coco (4) Diamond
(5) Promised her to Sherry's sister Kate (6) Coco, favorite blanket
(7) To take away Lindie Lou's fear (8) Show off, rest her head, win the
game, hang on, cover her eyes, climb (9) Seattle, Washington (10) Jasper.

Fun Facts

Saint Louis, Missouri

- Ice-cream cones, hot dogs, and iced tea were first introduced at the 1904 Saint Louis World's Fair.
- The first Olympic Games in the United States were held in Saint Louis in 1904.
- The state of Missouri is known as the Cave State. There are over one hundred reported caves in Saint Louis County.
- Take the tram ride to the top of the Gateway Arch, the tallest national monument in the United States at 630 feet.
- Things to do in Forest Park:
 - The Saint Louis Zoo
 - Saint Louis Science Center
 - Art & History Museums
 - The Jewel Box, a plant and flower greenhouse.
 - The Trolley is a great way to move around the park.



Saint Louis • Calendar

January

THE LOOP ICE CARNIVAL. A celebration with ice carving demonstrations, scavenger hunts, s'mores roast, human dogsled races, and ice slides for the kids. www.visittheloop.com

February

MAPLE SUGAR FESTIVAL. Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Kids can learn how to make maple syrup by tapping into maple trees and boiling the sap into syrup. Try the "sugar on snow," warm maple syrup drizzled on a snowball. <http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/maple-sugar-festival-1>

SOULARD MARDI GRAS. A celebration full of masks, dancing, parades, sports competitions, and more! www.mardigrasinc.com

March

ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND RUN. Five-mile parade with huge balloons, floats, and a marching band. www.irishparade.org

April

GO! SAINT LOUIS MARATHON & FAMILY FITNESS WEEKEND. Weekend full of fun and fitness for all ages and abilities. www.gostlouis.org

SAINT LOUIS EARTH DAY FESTIVAL. Celebration with more than two hundred booths and activities all aimed at educating people on environmental issues. www.stlouisearthday.org

May

ART FAIR AT LAUMEIER. Nationally acclaimed arts and crafts fair. It represents various art forms and includes a kids' area, a Creation Station, demonstrations, and live music and entertainment. www.laumeier.com

June

CIRCUS FLORA. A truly American one-ring circus with sawdust floors and big top tent. Named after one lucky elephant named Flora. www.circusflora.org

July

FAIR SAINT LOUIS. Fourth of July celebration. America's biggest birthday party draws twenty-five thousand visitors with free concerts, vendors, and an elaborate fireworks display. www.fairsaintlouis.org

August

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS. Celebration featuring forty ethnic food booths, music, arts and crafts, and an international bazaar. www.festivalofnationsstl.org

September

LOUFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL. A sustainability festival for all ages. Area K is a special area designated for kids, featuring food, rock climbing, magic, and music. www.loufest.com

October

STUCKMEYER'S FARM. Annual event in the fall that includes a pumpkin patch, a barrel-train ride, pony rides, farm animals, hayrides, and live music. www.stuckmeyers.com/index.htm

November

WAY OF LIGHTS. A mile-and-a-half scenic drive showcasing over a million holiday lights, a petting zoo, a laser light show, and a display of Christmas trees full of lights and decorations. www.wayoflights.org

December

FIRST NIGHT SAINT LOUIS. New Year's Eve celebration for the whole family, with performing arts, magicians, storytellers, musicians, puppeteers, and fireworks. www.grandcenter.org/first-night-program



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Saint Louis, Missouri

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Where would you like Lindie Lou to go next?



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