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Welcome to the MY DOG HAS FLEAS Pup Playtime Activity Kit!



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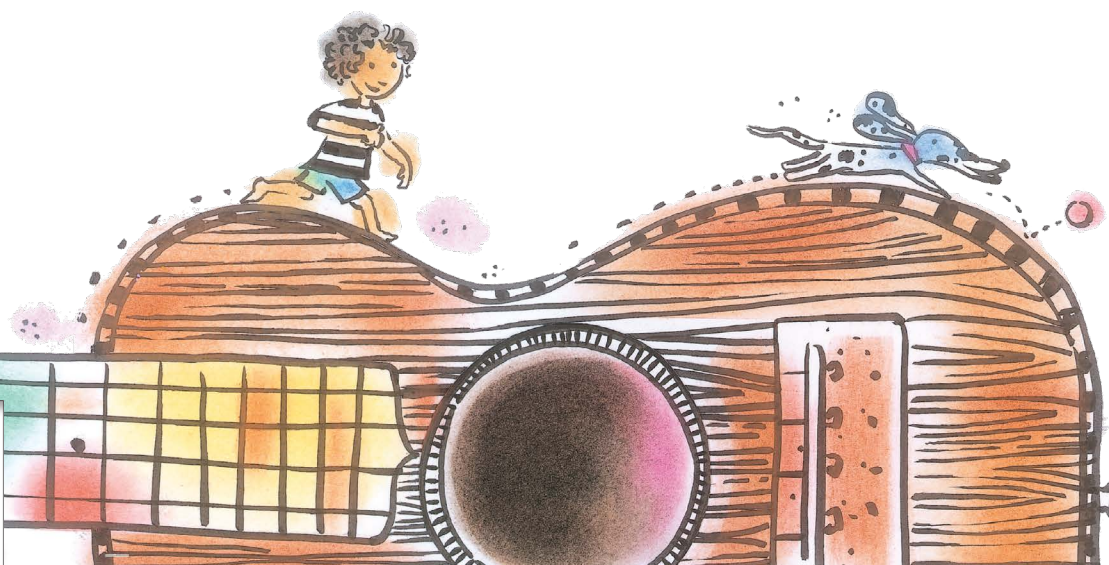
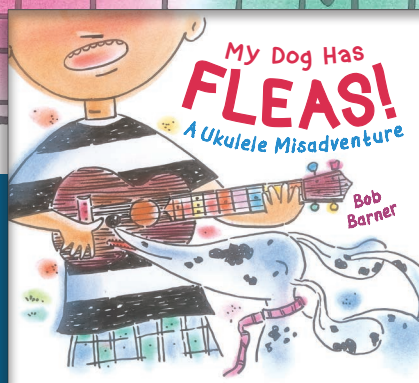
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Meet the creator!



BOB BARNER has written and illustrated more than twenty-five books including *Fish Wish*, *Day of the Dead/El Dia de los Muertos*, and *Go, Go, Go*, an **I Like to Read®** book. His work has received the Parents' Choice Award and the Teachers' Choice Award. He lives in the San Francisco Bay area.



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Dog Concert!

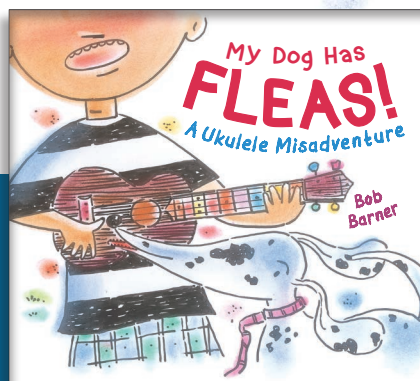
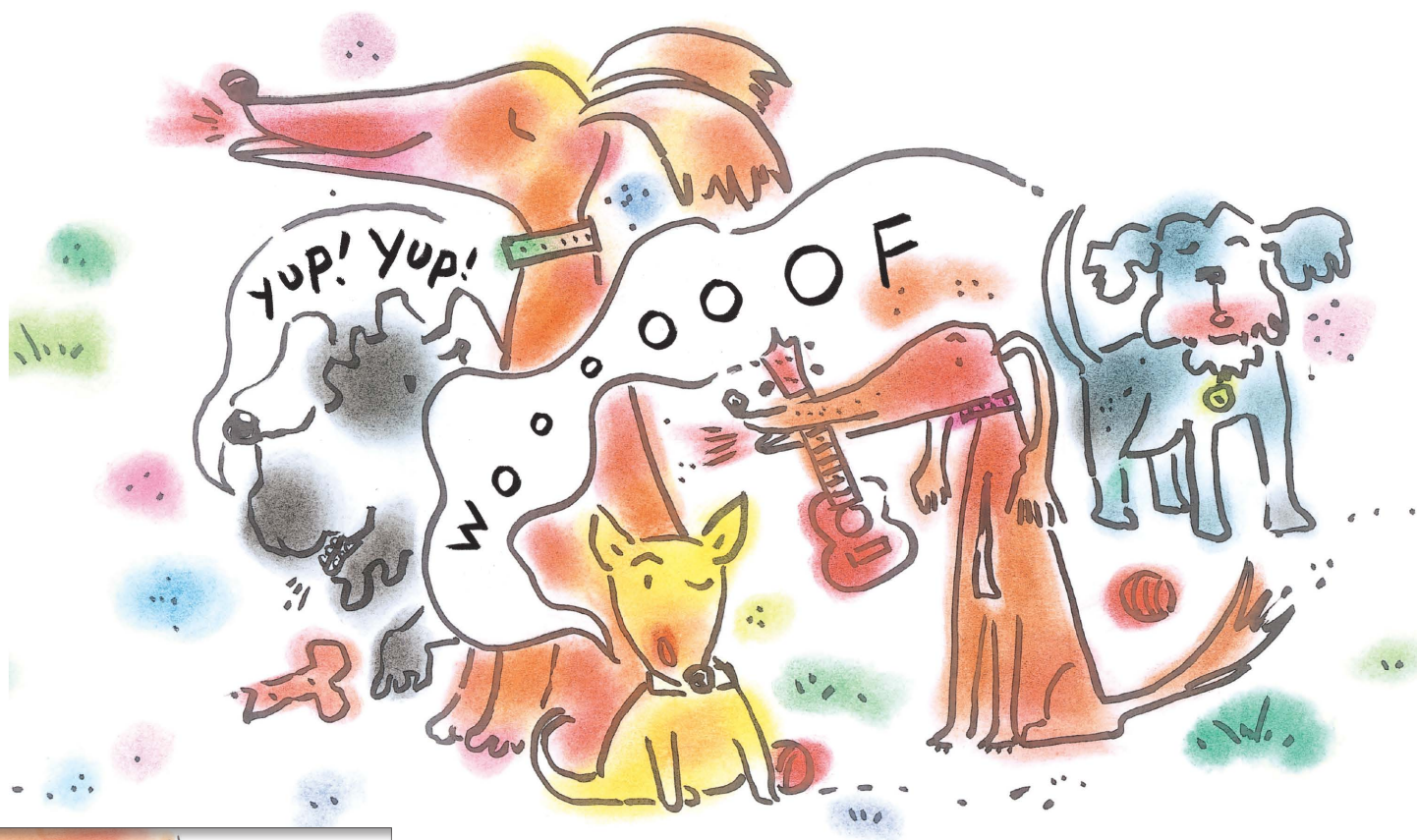
Put on a rock-star outfit and dress your dog in their best collar—we're putting on a show!



Gather an audience of friends and family members and have them watch as you sing and dance to your favorite songs with your dog! Get your dog to dance with you by holding out their favorite toy.

Remember, if your dog isn't in a dancing mood, just let them hang out and watch you perform from the audience.

Don't have a dog? Try performing with another pet, stuffed animal, or sibling!



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Puppy Puzzles

Did you know that your dog is really smart? Dogs love putting their noses to the test and sniffing out new challenges.

Here are some puzzles you can set up to test your dog's sleuthing skills!



A few reminders:

Always ask an adult before borrowing household items—they may get a little slobbery during these activities!

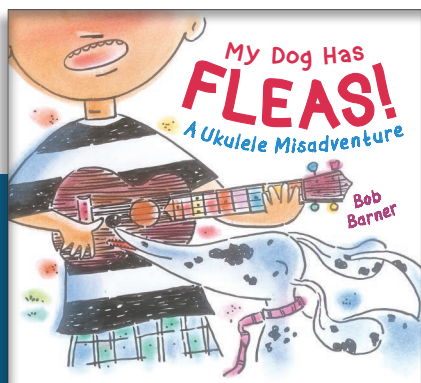
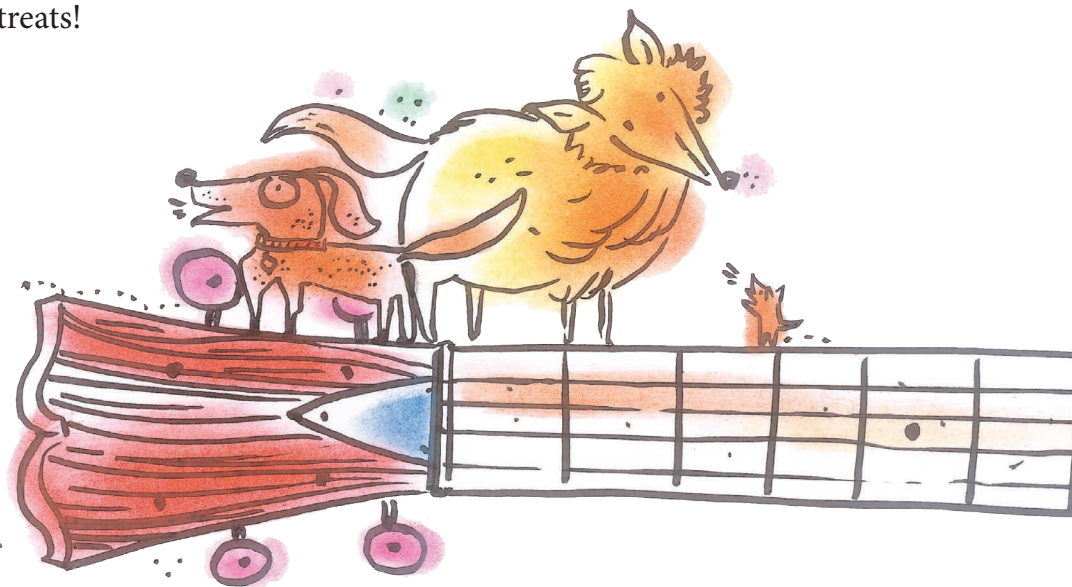
Be patient with your dog. Remember that these challenges are new for them and might be hard at first. The best way you can help them learn is by cheering them on when they do well!

Muffin Tin Mind-Bender

1. Grab a clean muffin tin
2. Place a few small dog treats in each of the holes of the tin
3. Cover the dog treats with all of their favorite toys—tennis balls, rope toys, stuffed animals.
4. Place the tin in front of your dog and watch as they use their nose and paws to sniff out and uncover their dog treats!

Towel Twister

1. Grab a dog-safe towel or small blanket
2. Place a few treats near the edge of the blanket.
3. Begin rolling the blanket so it covers the dog treats.
4. Add more treats, roll again, and repeat until the blanket is in a log-shaped roll.
5. Place the blanket in front of your dog and watch as they use their nose and paws to sniff out and unroll the dog treats!



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Rover Read-Aloud!

There's nothing more fun than sharing a book with a friend.
A great way to practice reading out loud is to read with your dog!

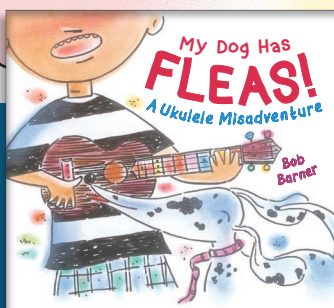
Don't have a dog? Try reading to another pet, stuffed animal, or sibling!

1. Pick out a book that interests you (and your dog!).
2. Take your dog to someplace quiet and private in the house so you both can focus on the story.
3. Bring pillows, blankets, and a dog toy—whatever you both need to be comfortable.
4. Have your dog sit or lay next to you as you read the story to them.
5. Take your time as you read, enjoying the story together!

Here are some of our favorite pup-tastic books!

Try finding them at your favorite bookstore or local library. Color in the paw print next to each title after reading!

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|  <i>My Dog Has Fleas!</i> by Bob Barner |  <i>Mighty Reader and the Big Freeze</i> by Will Hillenbrand |
|  <i>Blue Daisy</i> by Helen Frost |  <i>My Dog, Bob</i> by Richard Torrey |
|  <i>Camp K-9</i> by Mary Ann Rodman |  <i>Perdu</i> by Richard Jones |
|  <i>Claude on the Big Screen</i> by Alex T. Smith |  <i>Pug</i> by Ethan Long |
|  <i>Dear Beast</i> by Dori Hillestad Butler |  <i>Red Truck, Yellow Truck</i> by Michelle Robinson and Jez Tuya |
|  <i>Dog Chronicles: Leo, Dog of the Sea</i> by Alison Hart |  <i>Scooter in the Outside</i> by Anne Bowen |
|  <i>Dog Meets Dog</i> by Bernice Myers |  <i>See Me Dig</i> by Paul Meisel |
|  <i>I See and See</i> by Ted Lewin |  <i>See Me Run</i> by Paul Meisel |
|  <i>Jack's House</i> by Karen Magnuson Beil |  <i>Stay!</i> by Alex Latimer |
|  <i>King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats</i> by Dori Hillestad Butler |  <i>Toasty</i> by Sarah Hwang |
|  <i>Lana Lynn and the New Watchdog</i> by Rebecca Van Slyke |  <i>Twig and Turtle 1: Big Move to a Tiny House</i> by Jennifer Richard Jacobson |
|  <i>Larabee</i> by Kevin Luthardt | |
|  <i>Lost Dog</i> by Michael Garland | |
|  <i>Madeline Finn and the Library Dog</i> by Lisa Papp | |



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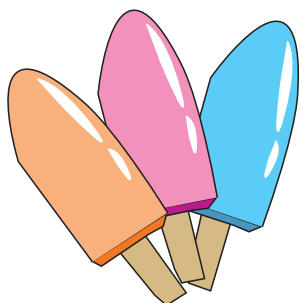
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Pup-sicle Recipe!

Ever notice how your dog likes to lick? It is actually a way that they exercise their brains and help themselves calm down!

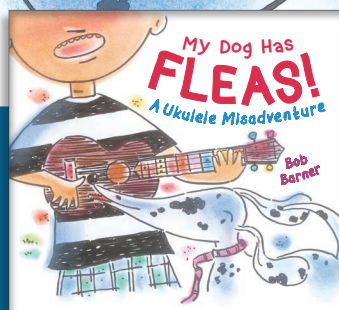
Try this pup-sicle recipe to give your dog a delicious licking workout!



A few reminders:

- Always ask an adult before feeding your dog anything new.
- Please be sure to keep in mind if your pet has any dietary restrictions. If you're unsure of what food is best for your dog, ask your vet.
- Always ask an adult before borrowing household items—they may get a little slobbery during these activities!

1. For this activity, you will need some kind of mold. This could be an ice cube tray, a lick mat, or a popsicle mold.
2. Fill the mold with a healthy, dog-safe treat. Our favorites include goat's milk, 100% pure pumpkin puree, or plain sugar-free/Xylitol-free Greek yogurt.
3. Place the mold in the freezer until it is solid (about 1–2 hours).
4. Remove the pup-sicle from its mold.
5. Feed the pup-sicle to your dog by hand or by placing it on the floor, in his bowl, or in his crate. This may get a little messy, so keep a towel nearby.
6. Watch that tail wag as your dog enjoys his pup-sicle!



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