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Chapter 1

My Name Is Champ

My name is Champ. I'm a search and rescue dog. In lots of ways, I'm like any other dog. I chase sticks and eat doggy treats. My master, Officer Fields, is my best friend.

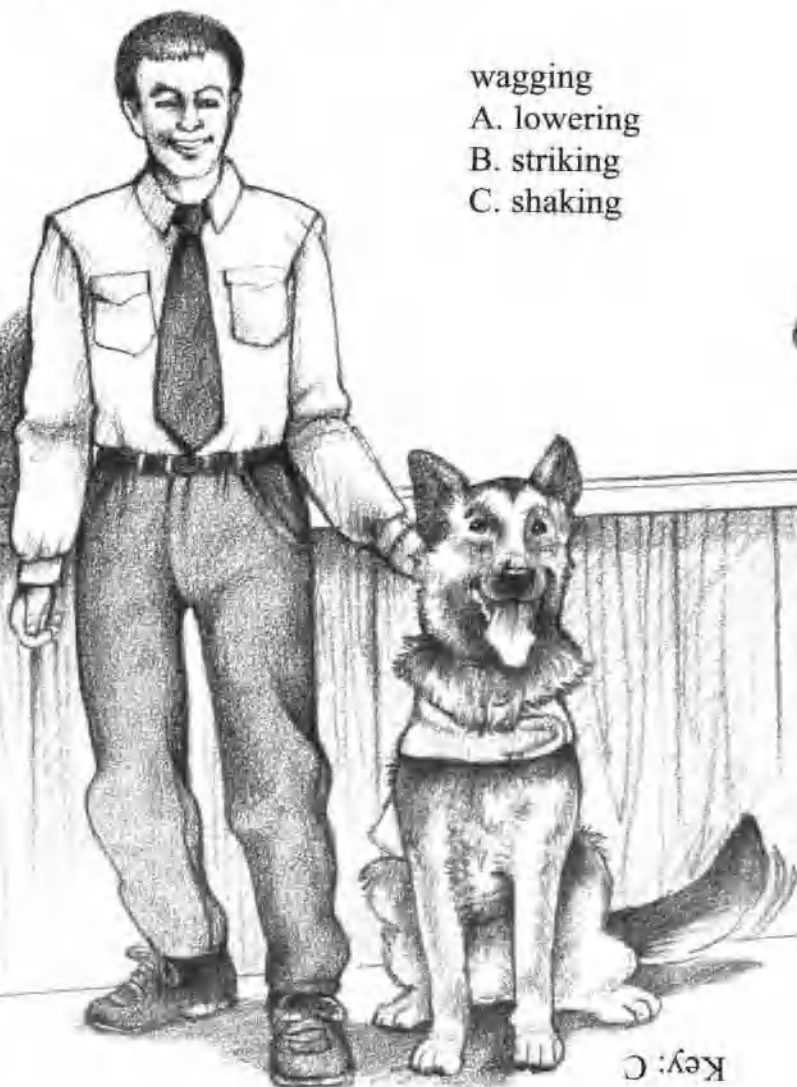
If you saw me on the street, you would say I was a pretty nice dog. I am! But, you probably would not guess how I **make my living**.

I usually don't "talk" about my work. However, there is one story that really makes me proud. It happened last week. . . .



Officer Fields and I were visiting Mrs. Brown's class. We were telling the children about the rescue work we do. Well . . . Officer Fields was telling about it. I was **wagging** my tail to agree.

- wagging
A. lowering
B. striking
C. shaking



Officer Fields told the kids about my **training**. He told them that I went to school for five years. He explained how I can find a person by using my **sense** of smell.





You see, people **give off** a smell. The smell is really a gas that comes from skin cells that people **shed**. My nose is super-sensitive. That means I can smell this gas even when a person is below dirt, water, or snow. In fact, my nose is hundreds of times more powerful than Officer Fields's nose—or yours!



Mostly, Officer Fields and I are called to find missing people. Sometimes a person is just lost. Other times there might be a bad storm. I can find people who may be trapped in deep snow or **buried** under parts of buildings that have come down. Our work can be hard and dangerous, but we love it!

Talking to children about our work is another part of our job.

After our talk last week, Officer Fields and I **handed out** a special picture of ourselves. I look very good in the picture, if I do say so myself!





Most of the kids took the picture and thanked us. A boy named Roberto stayed to talk to us. He wanted to know all about me. Officer Fields **signed** Roberto's picture. Then he took out a special ink pad. I pressed my paw into the pad. I "signed" the picture with my **paw** print. Roberto loved it!



Before we left, Roberto asked if he could pet me. Officer Fields said yes.

Roberto patted my head. He **scratched** me behind the ears, just the way I like it. I **sniffed** Roberto's "kid smell." It was like bubble gum, paste, and gym shoes all rolled into one!

Officer Fields talked with Roberto a little longer. Then he and I headed for our car. Mrs. Brown's class had just gone outside to play. I got to **bark** goodbye to all the children.

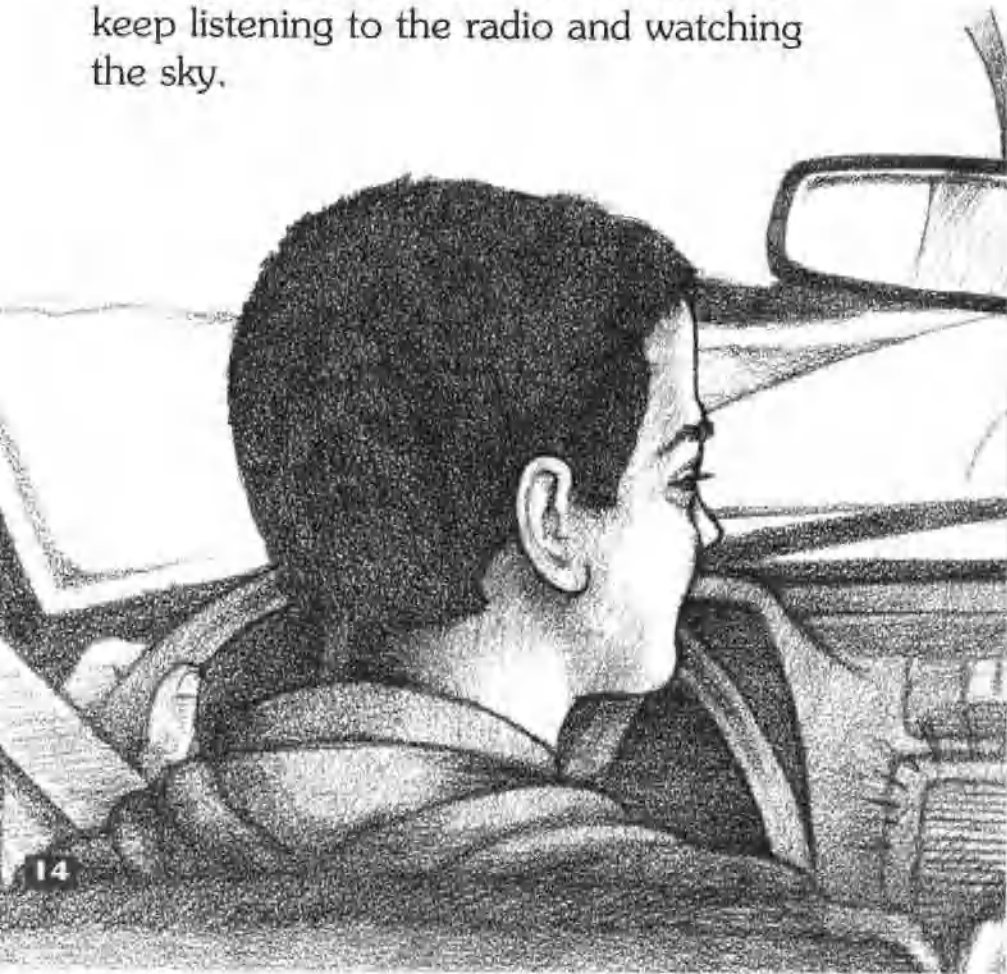
As we pulled away, I saw Roberto again. I barked **extra** loud just for him. I really liked Roberto. I wondered if we would ever meet again.



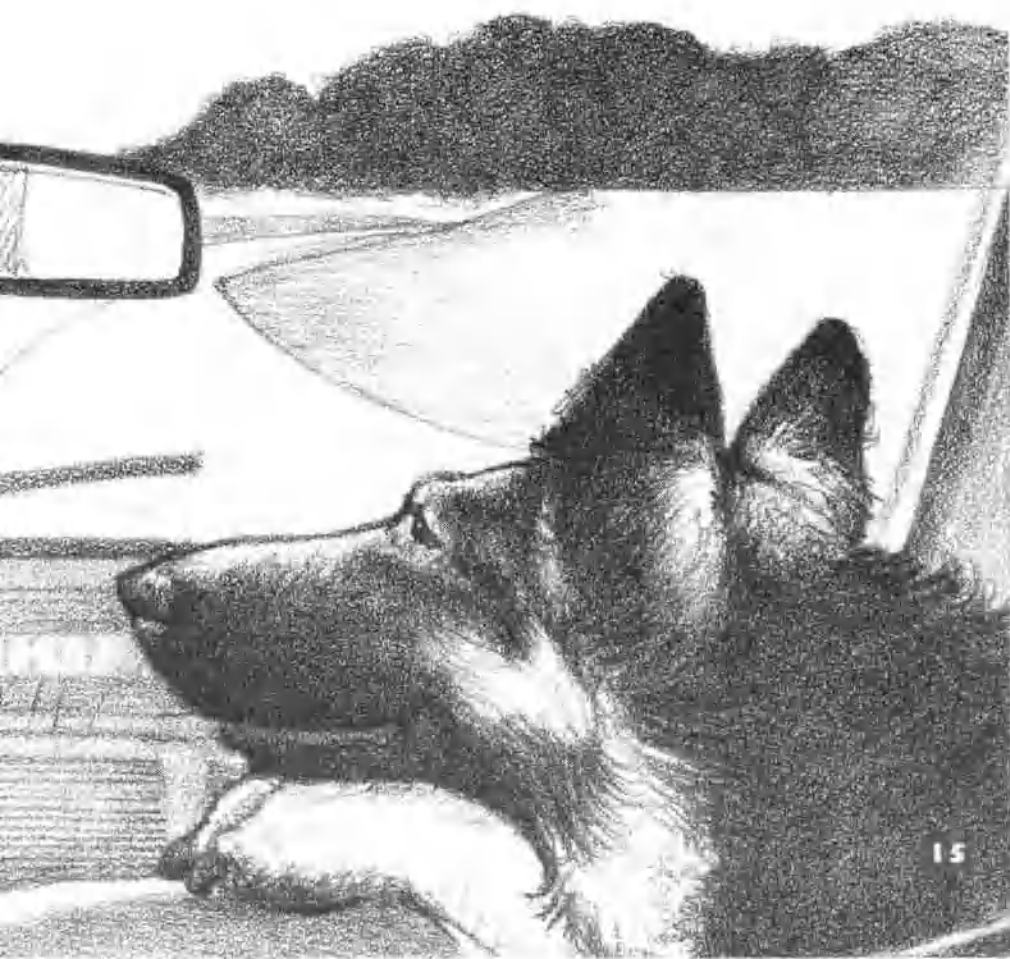
Chapter 2

The Sky Turns Green

When we left the school, Officer Fields turned on his special radio. We heard some police calls. Then we heard a weather report. Heavy **thunderstorms** were moving in. Officer Fields said we should keep listening to the radio and watching the sky.



Officer Fields and I had to give one more talk that day. We were headed for a school in another county. The drive would take about an hour. I was hoping it would not rain too hard. That way I could see out the car window.





I put my nose out the window and sniffed the air. It was spring, and wildflowers were in **bloom**. I don't care much for flowers. I do like to look for wild animals that hide nearby.