

## CREATIVE WRITING: SHORT STORY by Edrian Ghorbani

I Don't Like Gravy. I Like Dogs.

I don't like gravy.

I don't like stomach aches or vaping.

I like vanilla ice cream and garbage trucks.

I like dogs.

My mom took me to the Humane Society with my brother. The dogs there don't have families. We watched and played with the dogs. I know the dogs are happy because they wag their tails. When I'm happy I smile. And they have a vending machine at the Humane Society with drinks and candy. And chips.

There are lots of dogs in my neighborhood. Bujou lives next door. He's a small, white dog and he likes to bark. I don't do anything. He barks by himself. I see Arlo at the park. They let me hold his leash and take him for a walk. Sometimes I ride my bike to Lynne's store. She brings her dog Witchie to work with her. If Lynne isn't too busy she lets me play with Witchie. Sometimes she tells me I have to go home. Witchie is a big Black Lab. I'm not afraid of him because he wags his tail when I pet him. Kira is a White Lab. She goes walking in the neighborhood with a woman. The woman is nice. She never says anything bad to me. She says I'm awesome. Zadoc is another dog friend. He's a Golden Lab. when I had surgery on my legs Mom and Dad took me to Shriners Hospital. That's where Zadoc is. He lies on the floor and I pet him. Once he put his head on my mom's lap. She likes Zadoc too. If the wind is strong my dad takes me to Kailua Beach. I watch the kite surfers. There are lots of dogs. They play together and go in the water. Super Joe is Steve's dog. He's a nice dog and would never bite me.

When I grow up I want two dogs. I want a Golden Retriever named Kira and a Corgi named Arlo. I will bring them home from the Humane Society. I need two dogs so when I'm working they will have each other. They don't want to be alone. On the weekends I will take them to the beach.

### Note on Accommodations

Edrian is an eighth grade student at the University Laboratory School in Manoa. He receives special education services and has a diagnosis of autism. Due to the challenges of autism and limited writing and typing skills, Edrian needed several accommodations in order to participate in the Mission PAWsible Contest. Instead of writing or typing his story, Edrian verbally told his story to his speech pathologist who transcribed it verbatim. Instead of reading the additional contest questions, his speech pathologist prompted Edrian with open-ended questions and again transcribed his responses verbatim. The ideas in Edrian's story are entirely his own and in his own words. With these accommodations Edrian is able to share about the special role of dogs in his life in the context of his unique world view.

Edrian's application to the Mission PAWsible Contest was prepared and submitted on his behalf by his speech pathologist with the support of his parents.

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