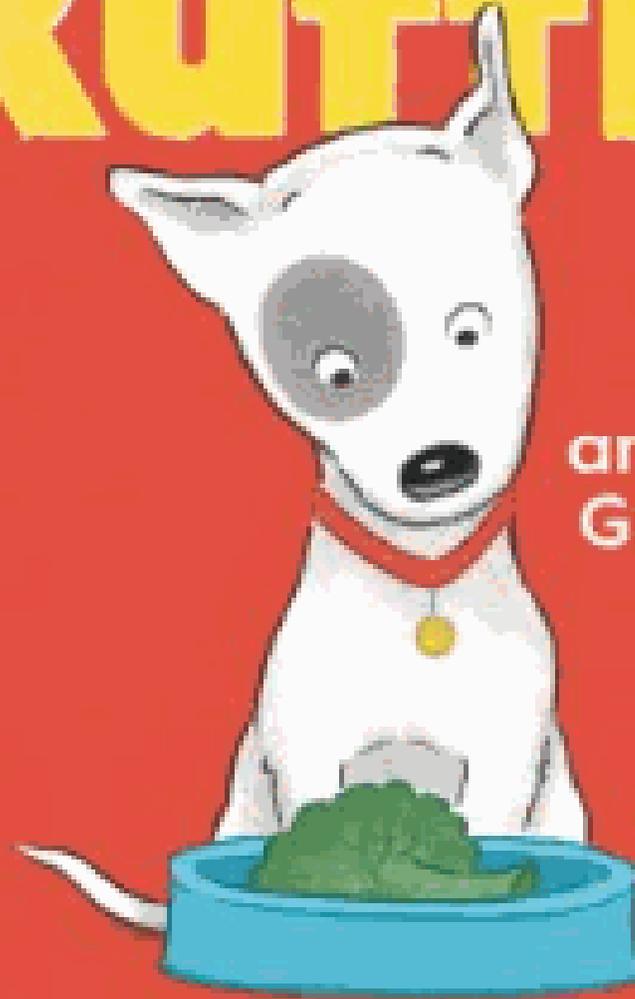


**Early Years
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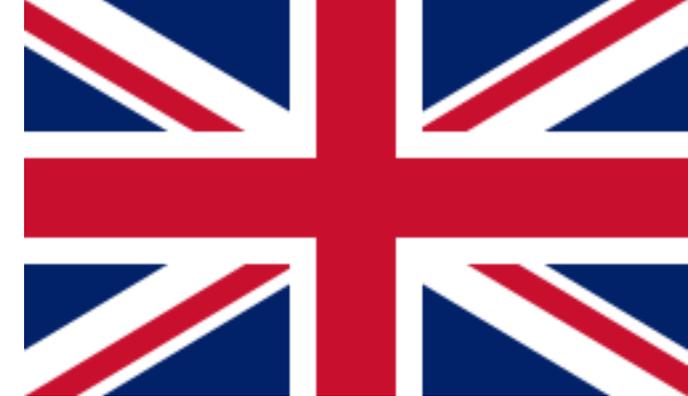
Ruffles



and the New
Green Thing

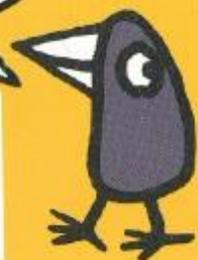
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This is Ruffles.



Ruffles loves . . .



singing . . .



scratching . . .



eating . . .



fetching . . .



sniffing . . .



chewing . . .



digging . . .

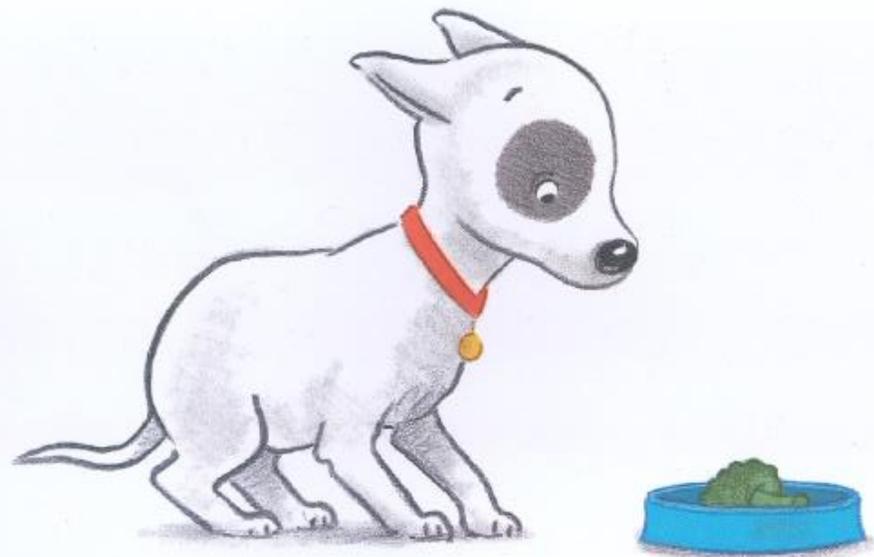


running . . .



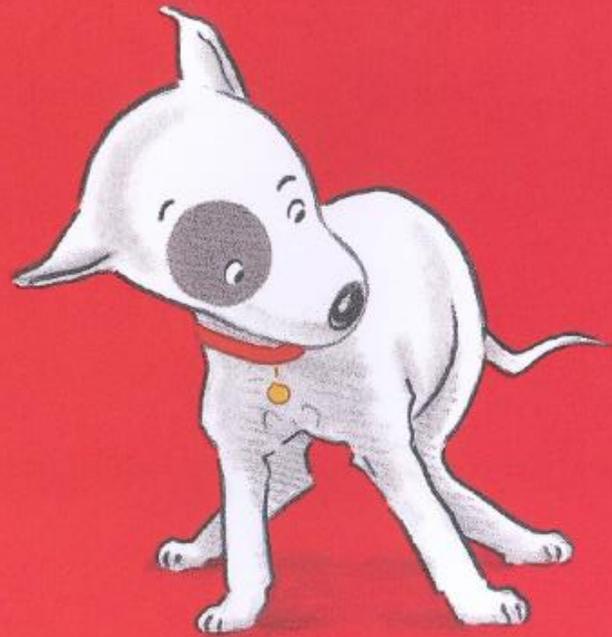
and sleeping.

Ruffles does not love the new green thing.



And the **new green** thing is sitting in his bowl.

Ruffles has never seen anything like it before.



New. And green. And sitting in his bowl.



What **is** it?



Ruffles thinks . . .



and creeps . . .



and stares . . .



and listens . . .



and circles . . .



and pokes . . .



and sits . . .



and smells . . .



and thinks again.

But look! Ralph has come to play.



Ralph always digs the **deepest** holes . . .



Ralph always finds the biggest sticks . . .



And Ralph always jumps the **highest** fences.



And they **both** love to . . .



tug . . .



and scratch . . .



and play . . .



and run . . .



and race . . .



and chase . . .



and howl . . .



and leap . . .

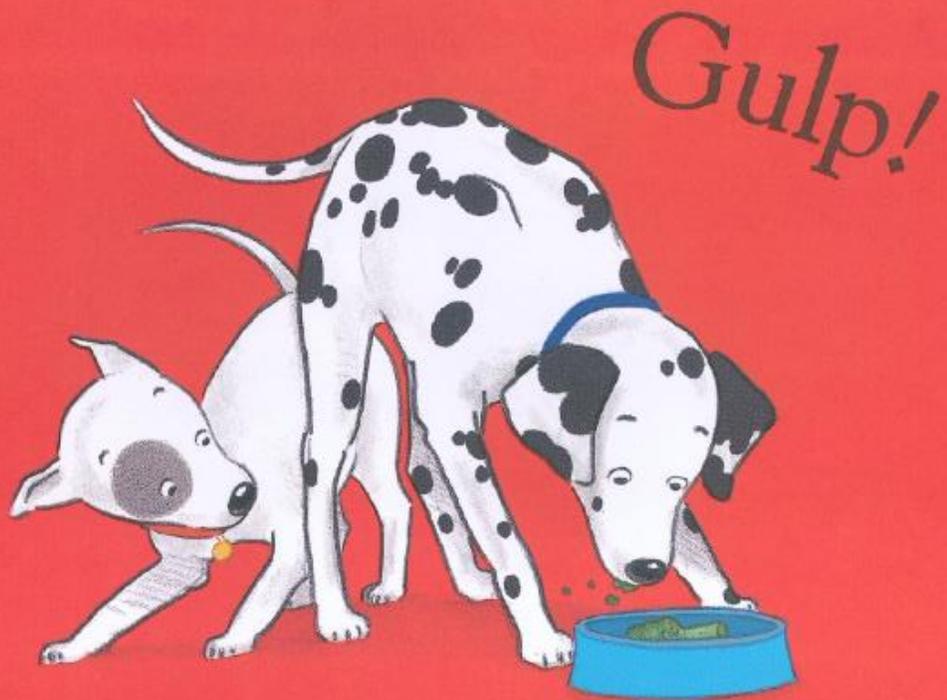


and sleep.

The new green thing is still in Ruffles' bowl . . .



Ralph looks at it. And takes a **big** bite.



Well! If Ralph can try the **new green** thing . . .



then Ruffles can too!



He nibbles . . .



and gnaws . . .



and chews . . .



and munches . . .



and crunches . . .



and chomps . . .



and gobbles . . .



and guzzles . . .



and gulps until . . .

the new green thing is all gone.



And it was . . .

...delicioso

us!



Ruffles loves . . .



singing . . .



scratching . . .



eating . . .



fetching . . .



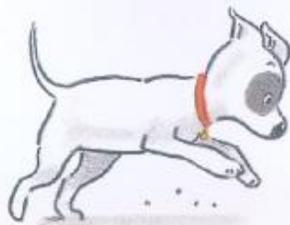
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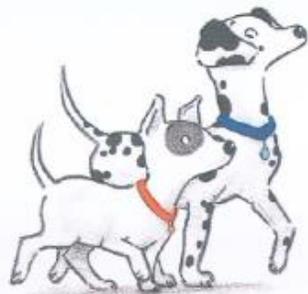
chewing . . .



digging . . .



running . . .



and Ralph.

But most of all, Ruffles loves new things . . .



Unless they're orange.