

Don't Stay Under The Couch!



Starbuck and the Bully

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After speaking to thousands of kids about bullying and sharing Starbuck's story with them, I decided a book might be a nice thing to create.

Kevin & Starbuck :)

Learn more about Kevin and Starbuck at <http://kevinhoneycutt.org>

**Starbuck was living in a house with
lots of other dogs.**



He was an “under the couch” dog.



Why?

**There were many nice dogs where
Starbuck lived.**

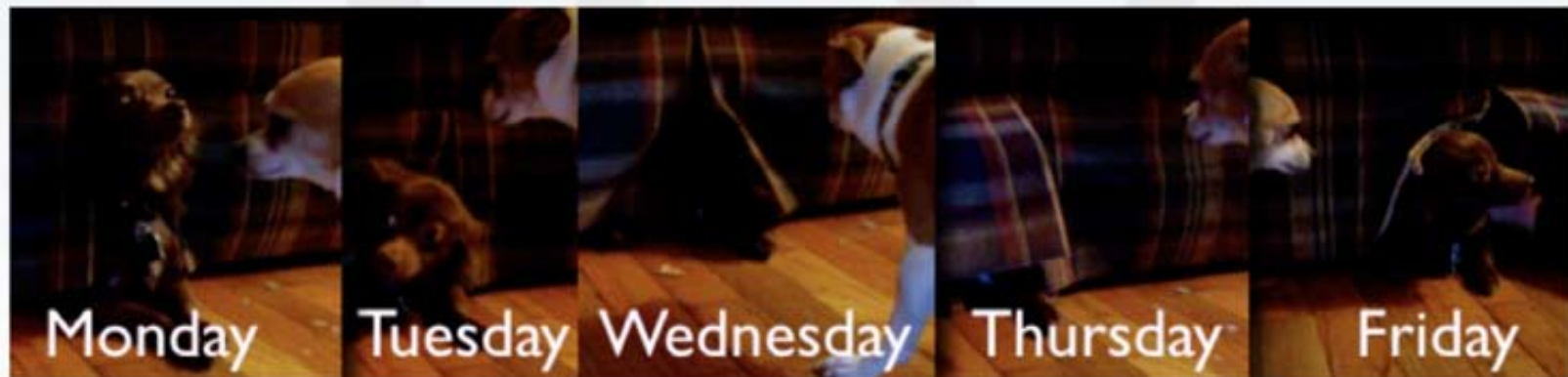


...but one dog, Hector, was a bully



Hector

Starbuck tried to be brave but Hector picked on him every day.



**And Hector had
something
that Starbuck
didn't have...**



Hector had henchmen!



Some dogs wanted to help.



Monday

Tue

Wed

Friday

But they were afraid



Why?



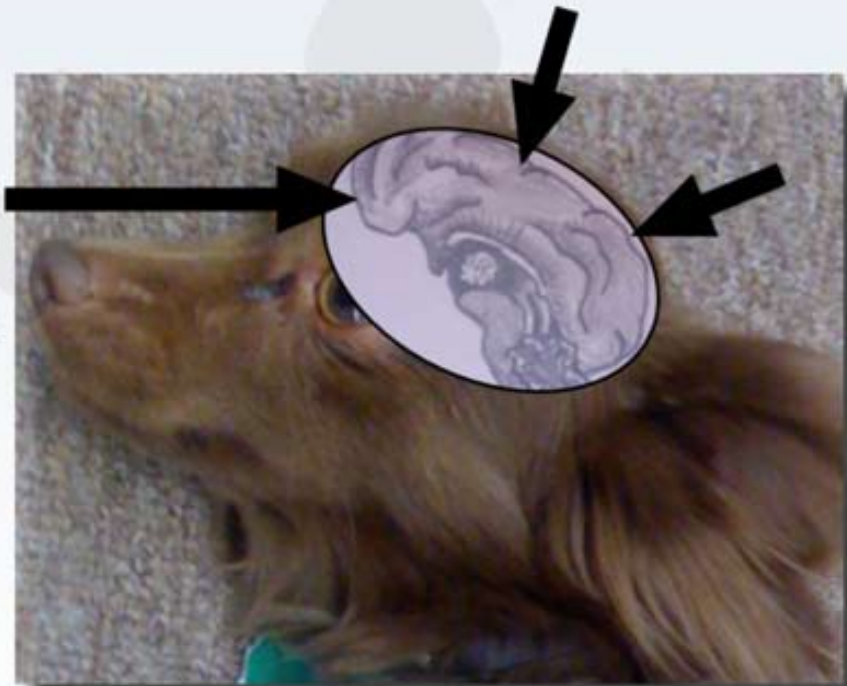
**Starbuck was sad
and he wasn't learning
tricks like the other dogs.**



Why?

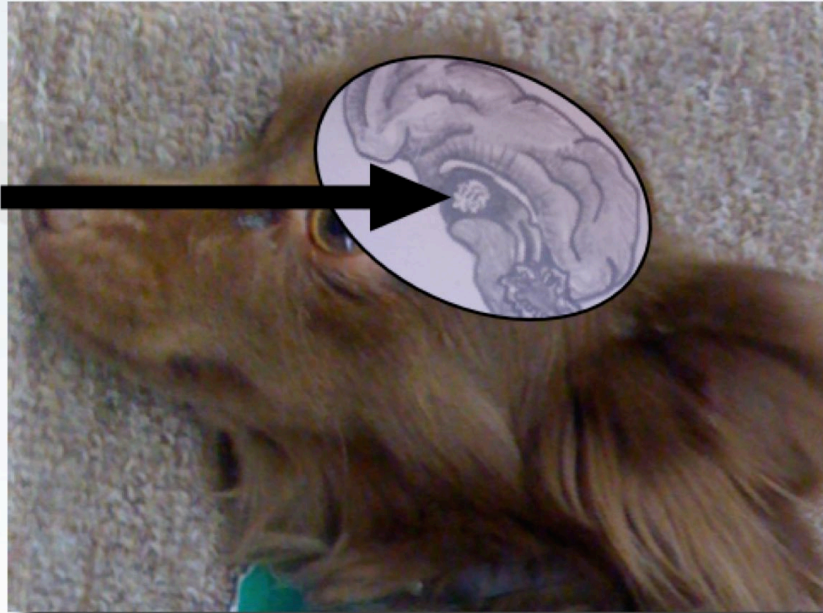
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**This outer
part is the
part he
learns with**



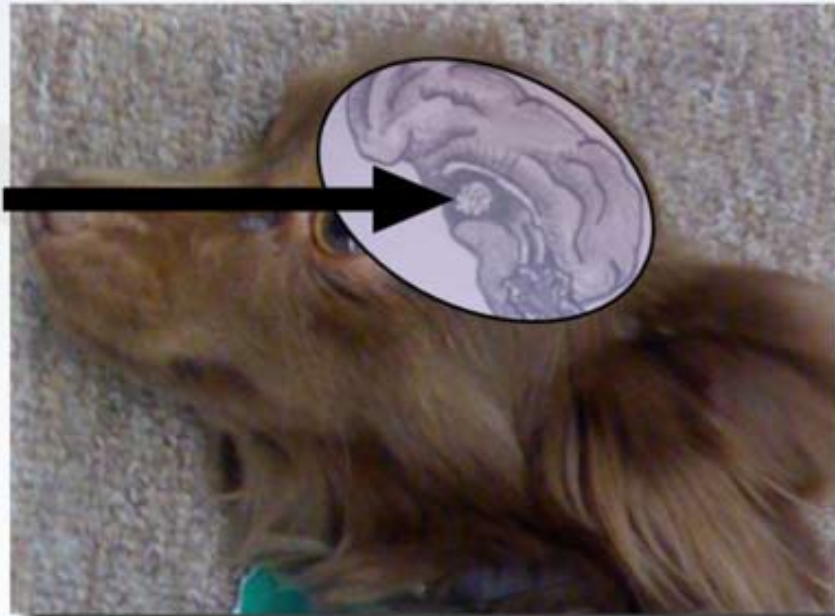
In Starbuck's brain...

**This little
area is
the part he
uses when
he's
scared**



In Starbuck's brain...

**When this
part is
working,
the learning
part
doesn't!**



Can Starbuck learn when he's scared?



So what is Hector stealing from Starbuck every time he bullies him?



**His chance to
learn!**

Every night Hector had a normal evening.



**Every night Starbuck worried
about what Hector
and his henchmen would do next.**



**In his mind, Hector was so
big!**



The truth is, Starbuck is just as big as Hector!



**But he felt very small!
small!**



small!

small!

small!

small!

Why?

**While all the other
dogs were warm and
cozy on top of the
couch.....**

**Starbuck was cold and
alone “under” the
couch.**



**Would you do that to
Starbuck?**



What if he wasn't so Cute?

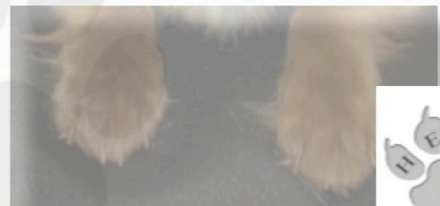
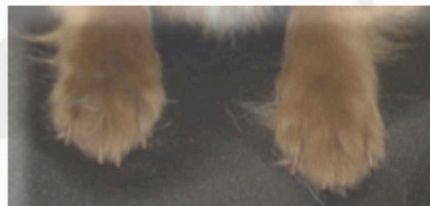
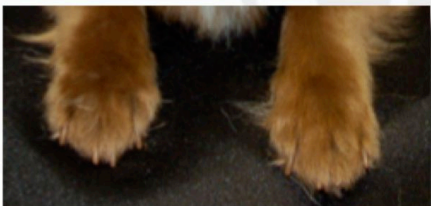


Cuddly?

Soft?

Sweet?

What if he smelled like feet?



**One day a man named
Kevin came to take
Starbuck away**



**And even though he was
safe from bullies like
Hector at his house...**

**...he still stayed under
the couch for a long
time.**

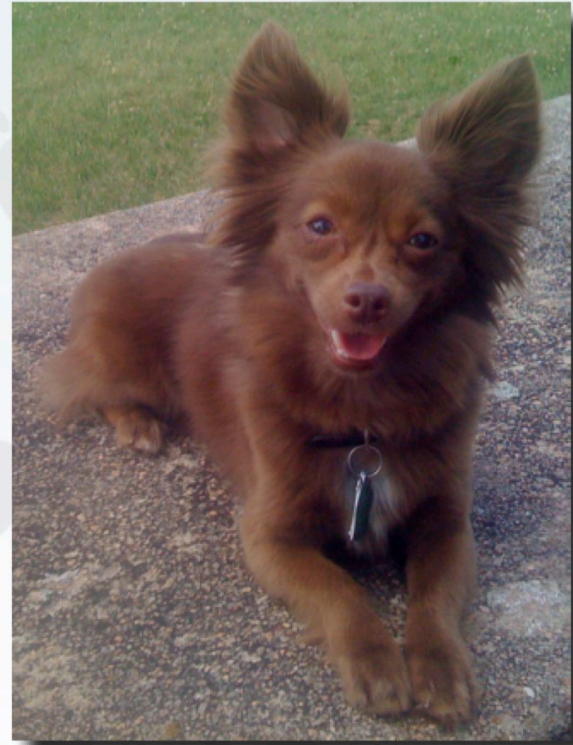


Why?

Can kids be mean like Hector and his henchmen?



Who do you want to be?



**Will you be one of
Hector's henchmen?**



**Or will you be a
H.E.R.O.?**



**You don't have to be
big.**



Starbuck's four secrets to stopping bullying



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Look for a way to get them
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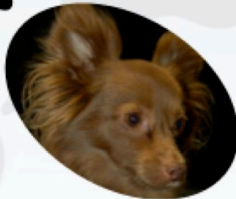
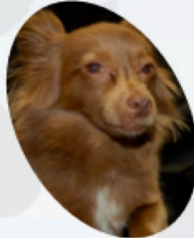
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H E R O

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to an adult

Offer
friendship

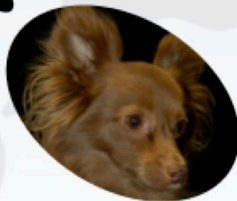
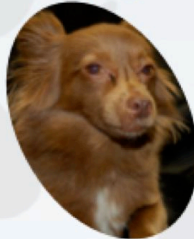
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going on.

Be brave enough to
be friends with the victim!



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H.E.R.O.



**Starbuck doesn't want any kid to stay
under the couch!**



The End



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