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Hello, I am David Barbour. For my mid-term project, I created an automatic dog bed.

You might ask what you could possibly need an automatic dog bed for? Doesn’t it usually just sit there and wait for a dog to lay down on it? Technical people have the bad habit of sometimes over complicating things. Isn’t the regular dog bed good enough?

To explain, I have to tell you a short story about my dog.

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This is my dog, Khaleesi Daenerys. When we found her 7 years ago, she was named SADE by the shelter. I thought that name was boring, and I wanted a name that was more interesting. Since game of thrones was all the rage at the time and the hair color was right, I decided on Khaleesi Daenerys.

However, my wife was not really on board with that decision. After an hour of back and forth, my wife finally came up with the winning argument and won.

She said, say you’re outside and your calling her in for dinner and you walk around yelling Khaleesi Daenerys, Khaleesi Daenerys …… and the wrong one shows up?

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And she burns our house down. Won’t you feel bad then? So we agreed on KD. It sounds like SADE, but I know that it’s really short for Khaleesi Daenerys. We both win. To be fair, the dog didn’t really seem to care one way or the other.

Although KD is a really great dog, she has one habit that is a little annoying.

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Every time you get up from your seat, wherever she happens to be, she runs over and takes it. Then, it’s this really long process, usually involving cajoling, treats or a false promise of a walk to get her to move. Of course, she’s a master of the puppy dog face and all the drama makes you really feel like a heel.

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So, I wondered why she did this and I figured out it was because the seat was warm. She also only does this in the winter. In the summer she stays outside on the concrete under the patio, where it’s cold. Augg, there’s the need for the automated dog bed.