

Pup Forlorn

A guy walks into a dentist's office with his dog on a leash. The receptionist tells him "You can't come in here with a dog". He says, "But she goes with me everywhere!" The receptionist responds, "Look outside. The sign says 'No dogs'. So no dogs." The guy goes outside and sees the sign in the middle of the lawn in front of the office. He crosses out 'No' and 's' and ties the leash to the sign. Then he takes several bells out of his backpack, each attached to a rope. He ties each bell and rope to trees and posts around the tethered dog so that the ropes are hanging down. He puts signs on each rope: "Pavlov-trained dog: Ring the bell and she'll be happy", "Make a ding, dog will sing", and so forth. As a test, he tugs on a rope. The bell dings, and the dog immediately perks up and starts wagging her tail. Satisfied, the guy goes back inside the office. An hour later, he emerges to see how his plan had worked out. He sees footprints going towards the dog and then around it to the left or right, but no footprints towards any of the bells. The dog is resting on her paws. She's clearly had a loveless hour. The guy is distraught at the heartlessness of humanity and laments "Everybody walks about the tether, but nobody tugs any ding about it."

