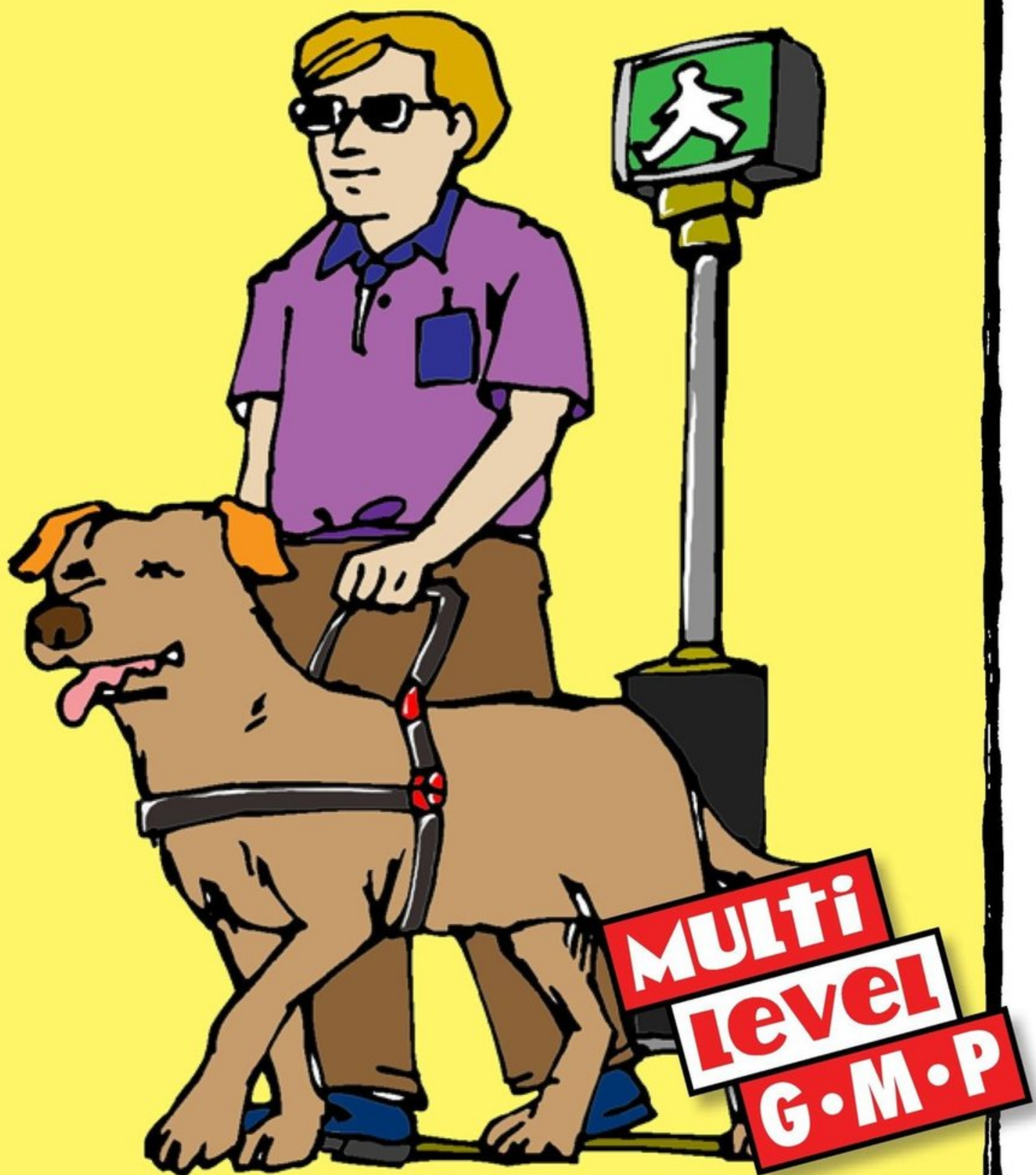


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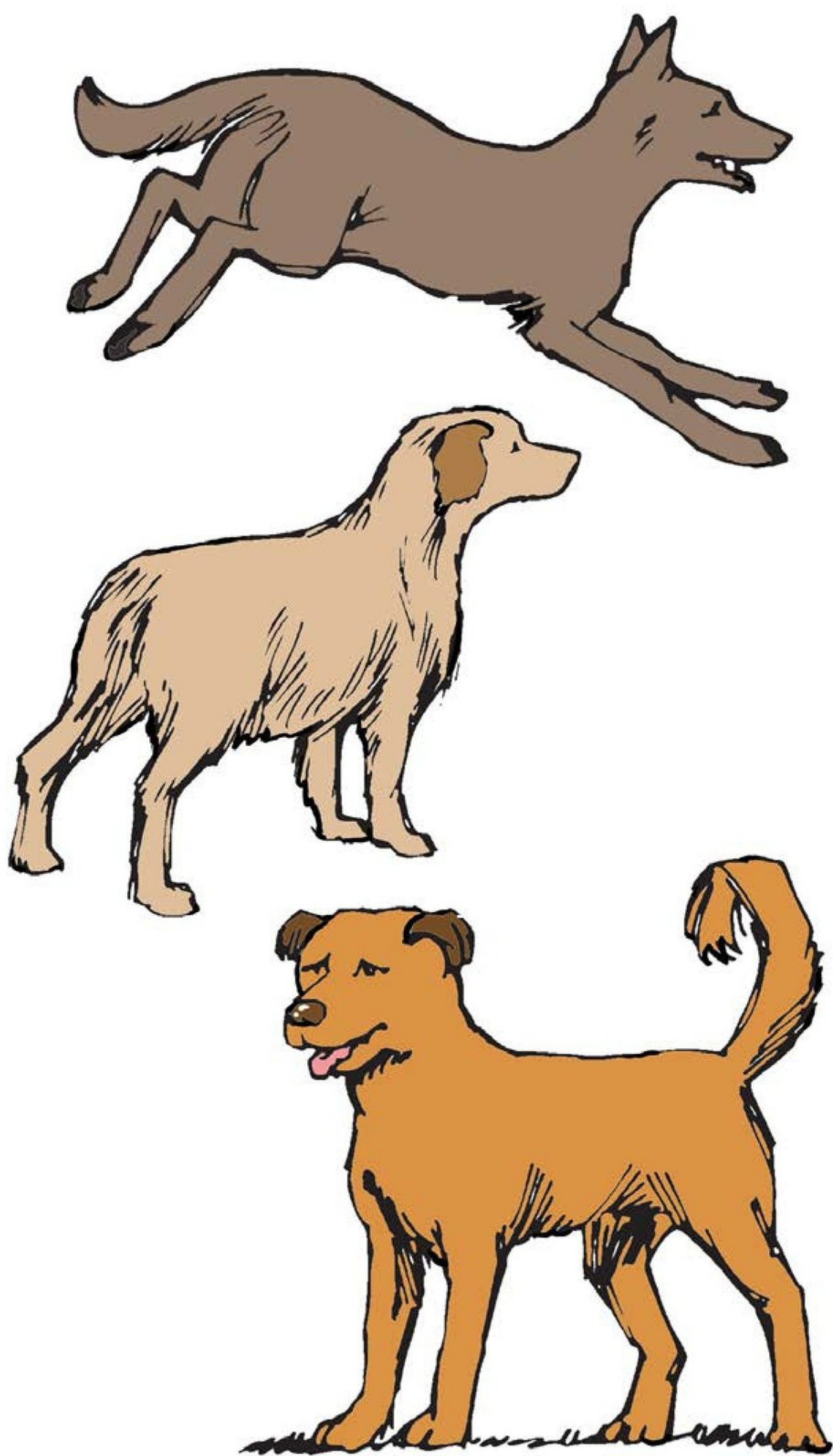
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## Introduction

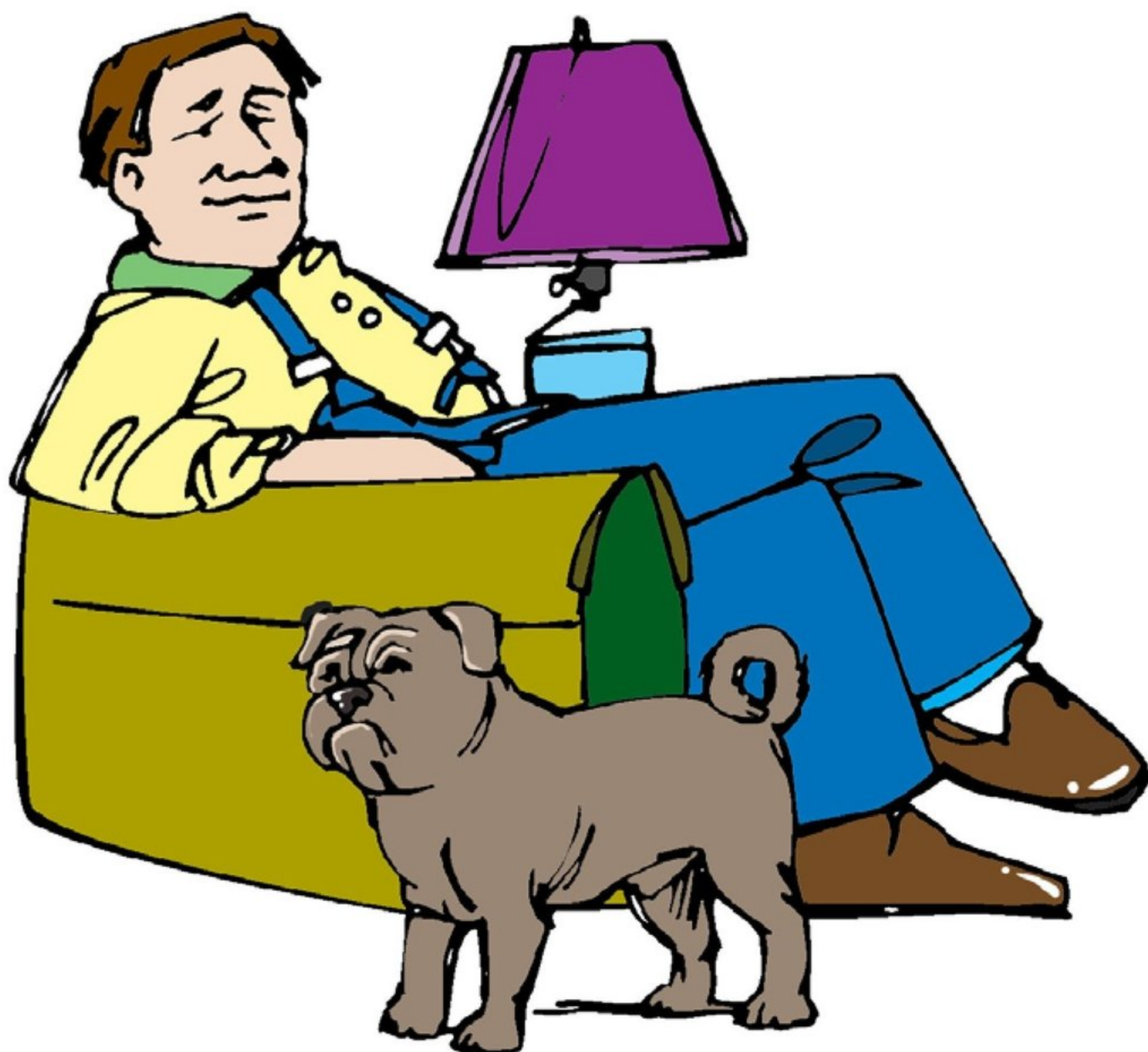
Dogs are smart, and they learn fast. Their natural senses of hearing, sight, and smell help them understand a problem quickly. Some special dogs are trained to do work that helps people.





## Hearing Dog

Many people can't hear sounds. They won't hear an alarm clock, a doorbell, or a person yelling. A hearing dog warns a person of a sound.



## Therapy Dog

Therapy dogs are very friendly. They visit people who feel sick, sad, or lonely. They are quiet and gentle, and they help people to feel better.





## Guide Dog

A guide dog is trained to help a person who can't see. It lives with the person, and helps him or her get to places safely.

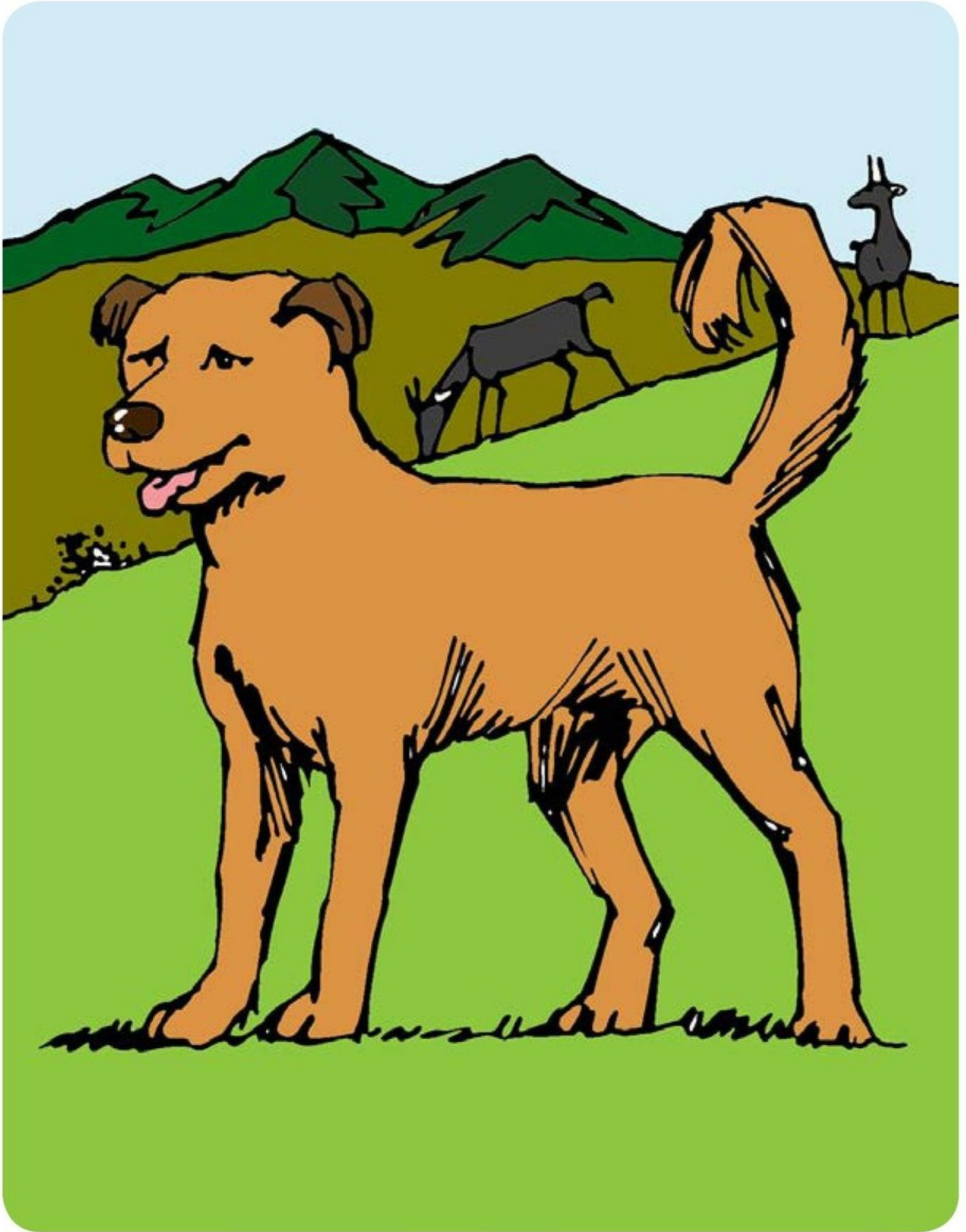




## Assistance Dog

An assistance dog helps a person who is ill or hurt and can't move easily. It can pick up things, open doors, or push a box.

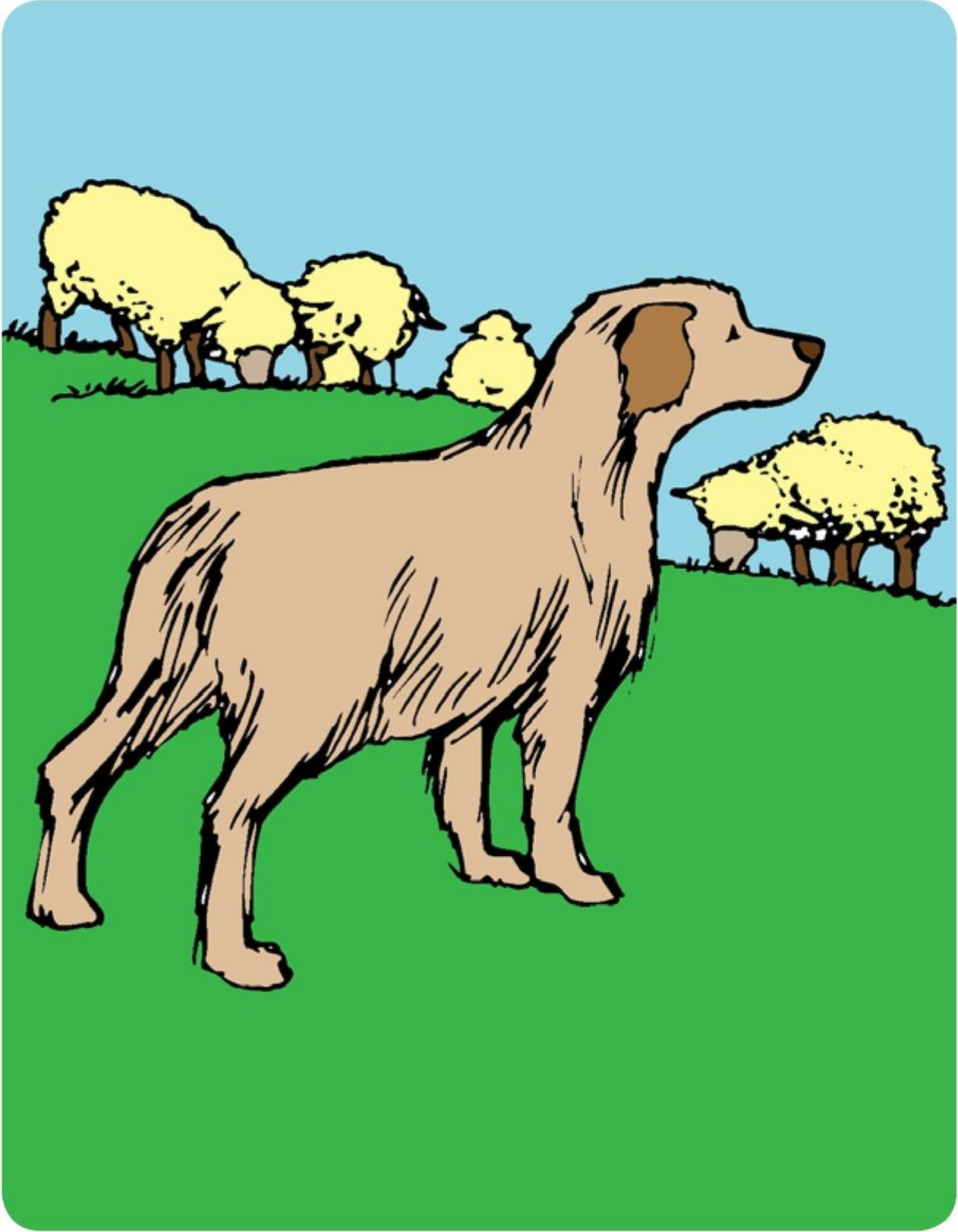




## Ranch Guard Dog

Sheep, cattle, and goats live in big, open fields. A guard dog lives with the herd. It protects the herd from wild animals that hunt them.





## Herding Dog

Sometimes sheep get lost from the rest of the herd. A herding dog finds them for the farmer and brings them all back together.

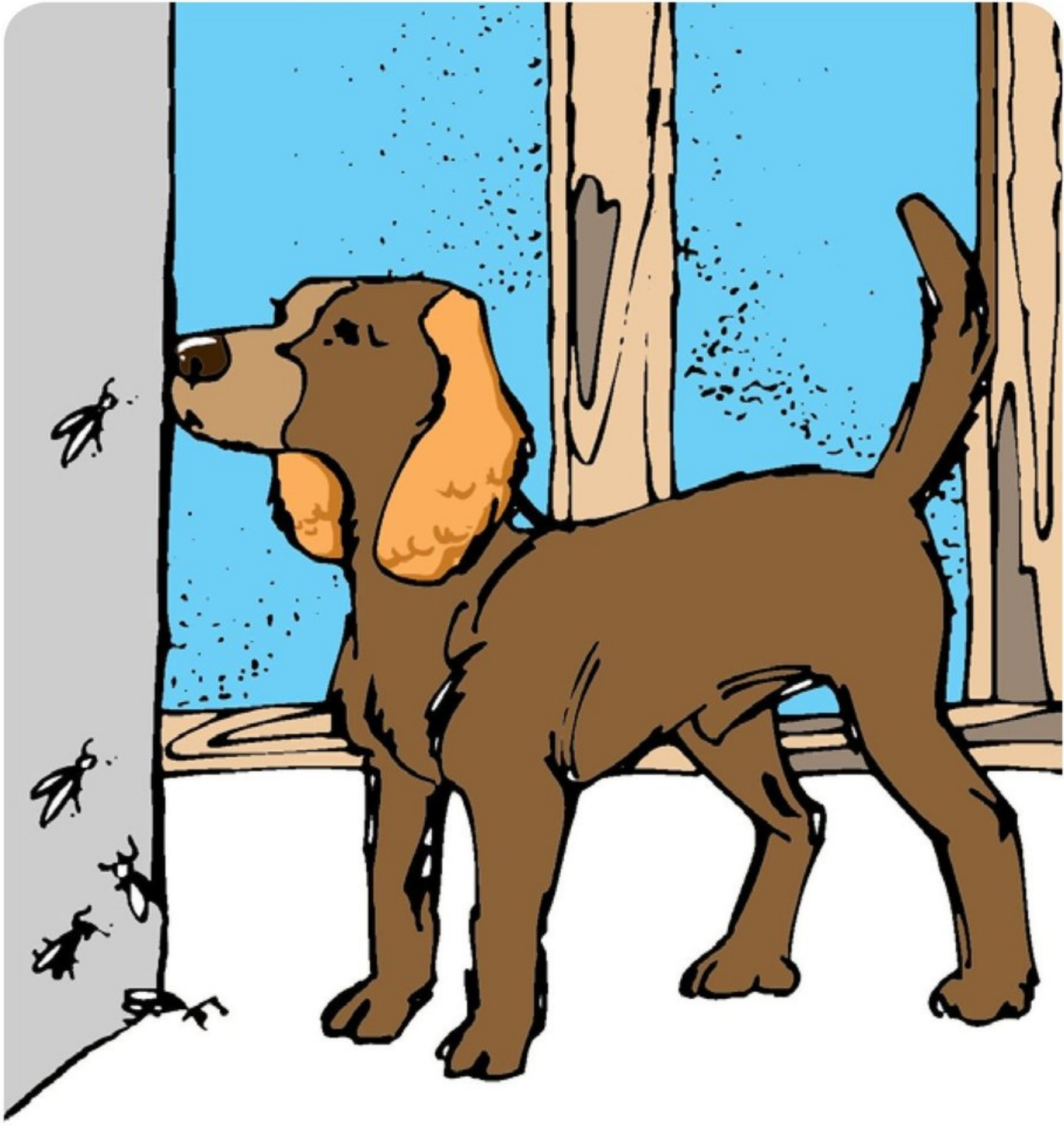




## Search Dog

A person can get lost in the woods. Or someone can be trapped in a building that falls down. A search dog finds the person and tells the rescue team.





## Insect Dog

Some insects eat wood and damage buildings. Special insect dogs can smell them. Then people can clean out the insects and fix the buildings.





## Hunting Dog

These dogs are good at finding wild game birds for a hunter. They point to a bird's hiding place or make it fly so the hunter sees it.

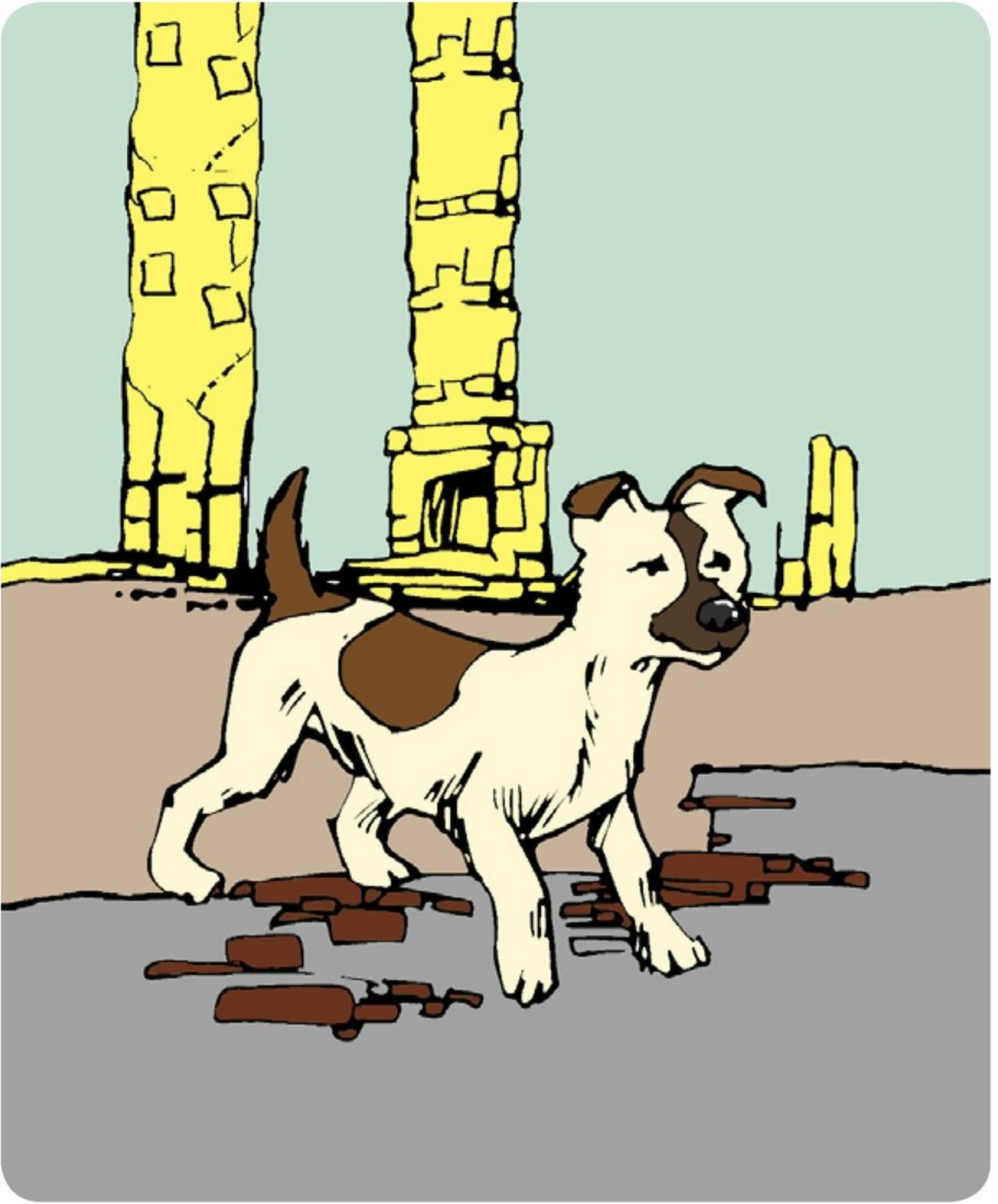




## Police Dog

A police dog helps to chase and catch criminals. It sniffs to find out where they are hiding. It will attack someone who tries to hurt a police officer.





## Fire Dog

After a bad fire, most of a building is ruined. It can be hard to know if the fire was an accident. Did someone start the fire? A fire dog sniffs for clues to learn the truth.

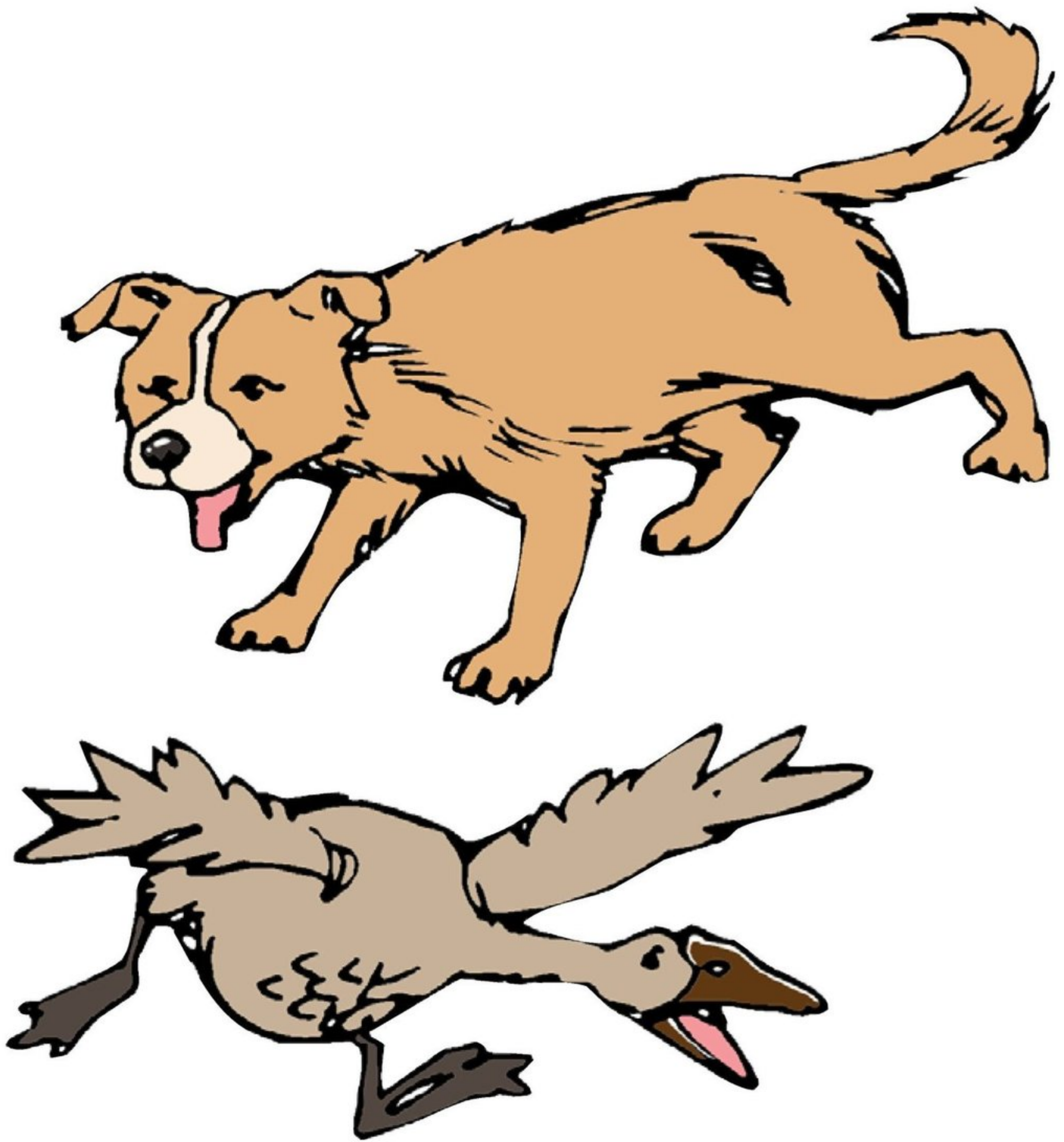




## Lifeguard Dog

Lifeguard dogs help to watch people while they swim. These dogs are very strong swimmers. They will jump in and pull out a person in danger of drowning.





## Goose Dog

Sometimes, large flocks of geese live near airports. A goose dog chases geese away from the areas where airplanes take off and land.





## Drug Dog

Special dogs are trained to sniff for drugs. They sniff in airports. They sniff packages in the post office. They know all the hiding places to check.





## Seizure Warning Dog

A person who gets seizure attacks can be surprised by one. If the person is driving or swimming, he or she could be hurt. The special warning dog senses that a seizure is coming and warns the person.





## Baseball Dog

Some baseball parks are built near water. When a ball is hit over the stadium wall, it falls in the water. A baseball dog jumps in and brings it back!





## Conclusion

Dogs do work that helps people.  
They can help a doctor or a farmer.  
A dog can also be a babysitter, or a  
TV star or pull a sled in the snow.  
A dog's best job is to be a friend!



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