**Casper In School**

On this morning Alan wakes up excited. Today is a special day in school. All the students from Alan’s class are allowed to bring their pet to the school.

Tom and Alan decided to take their cat with them. Alan is happy that he can show Casper to all his classmates. He climbs out of his bed and wakes up his brother.

„Tom!“ says Alan, „Wake up. Aren’t you excited about school today?“

Tom opens his eyes slowly. He looks sleepy. „Why should I be excited about school?“ he asks.

„You don’t remember?“ Alan asks surprised, „Today is Pets Day at school!“

„Oh true.“, Tom jumps out of his bed and runs into the bathroom. Alan follows him to get ready for the day. They brush their teeth and put on their clothes. Then the brothers hurry to the kitchen, where their mom prepares the breakfast.

„Are you ready for school, boys?“ she asks and puts plates with pancakes and glasses with orange juice on the table.

„Yes,“ Alan says, „and Casper is ready for school too.“

The cat sits on a chair next to Anne and stares hungry at the plates on the table.

„I also want to take Casper or Spike to the kindergarden.“ Says Anne.

„Just wait until you are in second grade, Anne. You will also have a Pets Day.“ Says Wendy and gives her daughter a kiss on the cheek.

Alan, Tom and Anne eat their breakfast. After that, Alan puts Casper in a cage and carries the cat to the car.

„I sit on the front seat!“ shouts Tom and jumps into the car. Alan, Anne and the cat sit on the back seats.

In the car, Wendy explains to the kids that they have to take good care of Casper. He dosen’t know the school and maybe he will be afraid or try to run away. Alan and Tom promise to take care.

Wendy drops the kids at their school. The bell rings and all the students go to their classrooms.

It is very loud in Alan’s and Tom’s classroom. All the students run around with their pets and show them to their friends and to Ms. Green.

Ms. Green stands infront of the class. „Everyone quiet now, please.“ She says and smiles.

„What an exciting day! I am very happy to see you all with your pets today. Maybe we can go around and everyone tells us a bit about the pet they brought.“

Jacob wants to start. He has a dog and his name is Bruno. Bruno is a big, brown dog with very friendly eyes but Alan is afraid that he could hurt Casper. Some dogs like to hunt cats. Spike always hunts the cats in the neighborhood. But Jacob says, that Bruno is a very old and friendly dog and dosen’t like to hunt cats.

Alan and Tom are next and they introduce Casper to the class. The other students like Casper and ask if they can play with him later. „Of course.“ Says Tom. He is very proud that everyone likes their cat.

After the class, all the students go outside to play on the school yard. Tom and Alan take Casper outside.

„Why don’t you let him outside of the cage?“ Asks Dennis. „I think Casper also wants to play with us.“

„Meow.“, does Casper and looks at Alan.

„I don’t know,“ says Alan, „mom said we have to take care of him.“

„Don’t worry, Alan. Nothing will happen.“ Says Tom and opens the door of Casper’s cage.

Casper walks slowly out of the cage and looks around him.

A few kids play ball games on the yard. Jacob throws a ball in the bushes behind the benches. Casper jumps excited after the ball and tries to catch it. Casper loves to play with balls.

„No Casper!“ Shouts Alan and follows his cat into the bushes.

„I can’t find him.“ He screams after a while.

Tom, Alan and Dennis look everywhere for Casper but they cannot find the cat. He is not on a tree, not on the tennis yard and not in the bushes.

Alan is sad. „What if we don’t find Casper? He is probably afraid to be alone.“

Tom and Dennis also don’t know what to do.

The bell rings and the students have to go back into their classrooms. Alan goes to Ms. Green and tells her what happened. Ms. Green is worried.

„We need to find your cat before the principal finds out that you lost it. Ms. Williams dosen’t like pets and she will be angry if she finds out that there is a cat running around in her school.“

Ms. Green looks at the class and says: „Okay, everyone goes outside and looks for Alan’s and Tom’s cat now. We need to find Casper.“

The students are happy to go outside again and everyone helps to look for Casper. Alan is still worried, he dosen’t know where Casper could be. He wishes he didn’t listen to Dennis and Tom.

Suddenly Dennis screams: „I found him! I found him! Casper is here under the bench.“

Alan and Tom run to Dennis and see Casper sleeping under the bench in the corner of the school yard.

Tom laughs: „That is so typical. Casper always sleeps, no matter where.“

„Maybe he was exhausted from running after the ball.“ Says Dennis and smiles. Alan takes Casper into his arms. He is so happy that they found him.

They put Casper back into his cage and he sleeps there until the class is over.

In the afternoon, Wendy asks the boys: „How was the Pets Day at school? Did Casper have fun?“

„He was mostly sleeping.“ Says Tom and smiles at Alan.