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Sam is a dog who loves the **Fourth of July**.

This year, the town put him at the front of the big **parade**.



They dressed him up in a suit and hat with stars and stripes. He was so happy!



Everyone came out to see Sam.  
The town was filled with  
**decorations.**



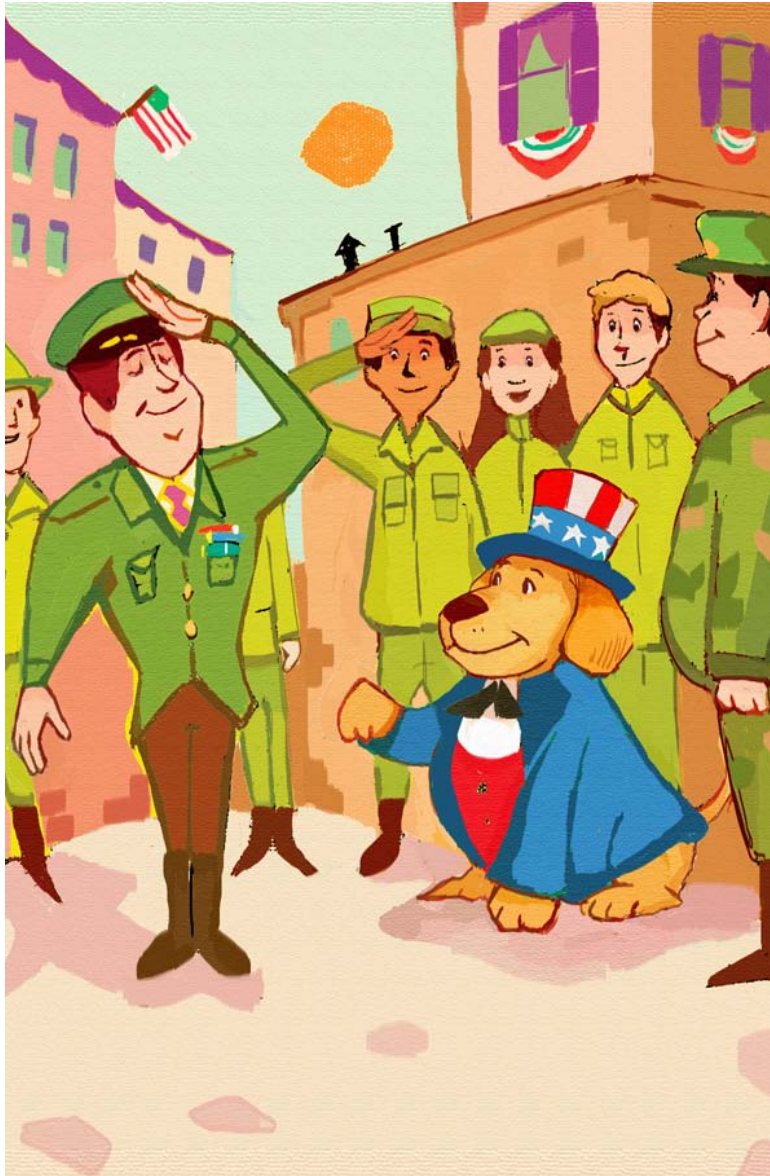
Sam led the big parade.  
He barked along when the  
band played.



He danced on his back legs.  
Everyone watched and clapped.



Sam ate some yummy hot dogs.  
He liked them so much that he  
begged for more.



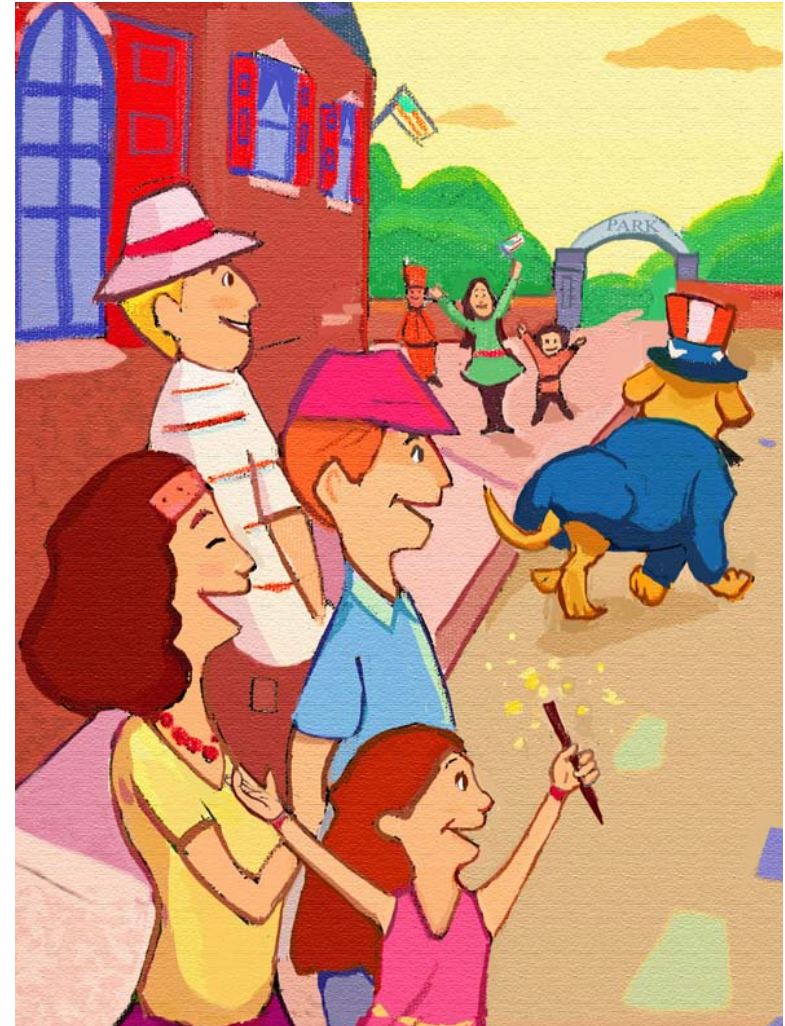
He waved his paw to thank the **soldiers** in the army.



The **mayor** even came out and shook Sam's paw.



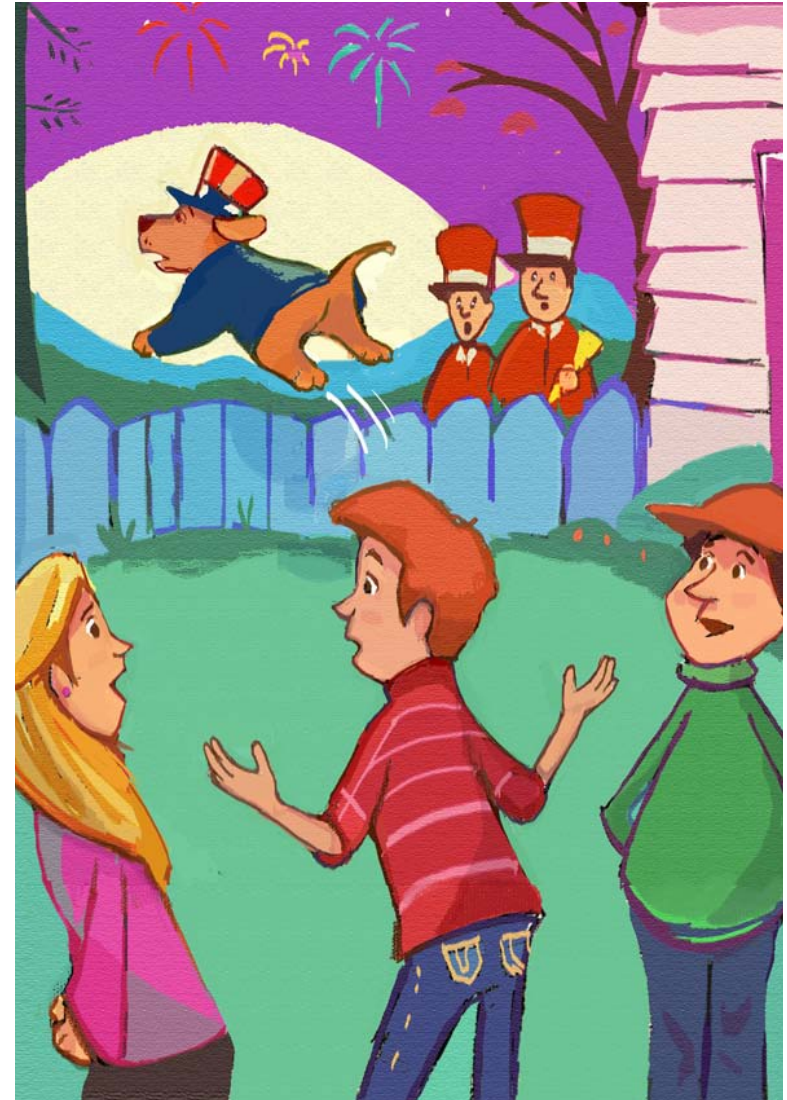
“What day in July is the birthday of the United States?” the mayor asked.  
Sam barked four times for the Fourth of July!



The parade followed Sam through the town.  
They were almost at the park where the parade was to end.

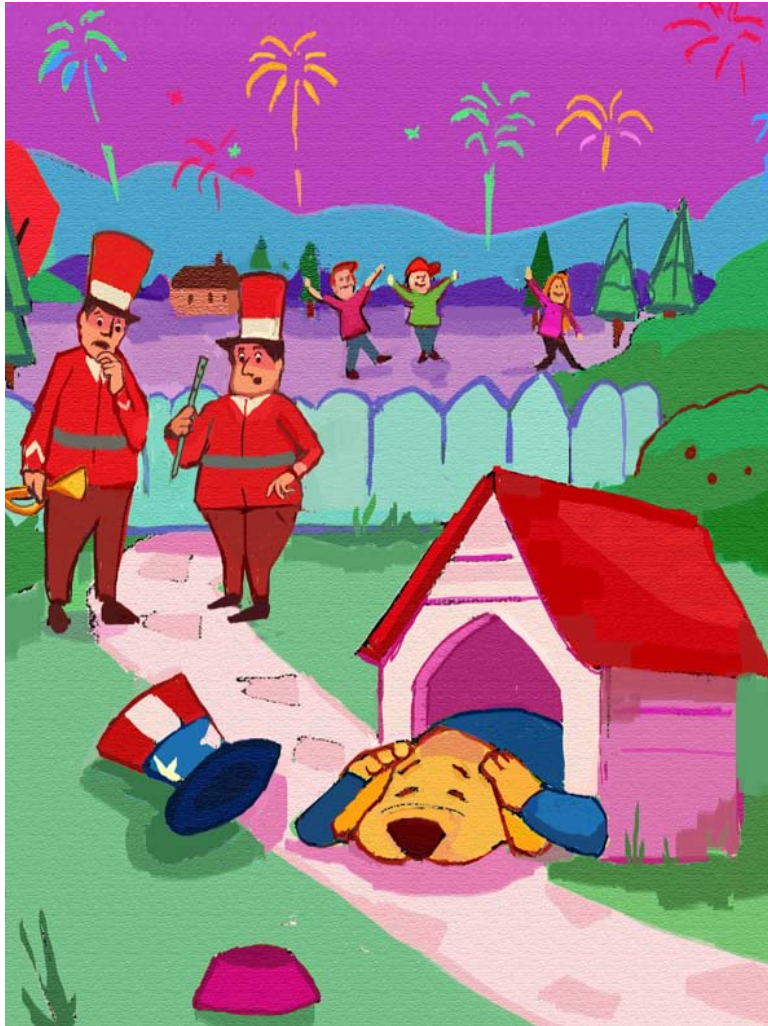


Suddenly, some **fireworks** went off. Sam didn't like the fireworks. He ran home to get away from them.



The parade followed Sam all the way to his backyard. The fireworks filled the night sky.





Sam stayed in his doghouse until the fireworks were over. Then he came out to eat some apple pie and ice cream.

## Glossary

- decorations** (n.) objects used to make something more beautiful (p. 5)
- fireworks** (n.) bright or colorful displays of light, sound, and smoke caused by ignited fireworks (p. 13)
- Fourth of July** (n.) an annual holiday celebrating the independence of the United States; Independence Day (p. 3)
- mayor** (n.) the leader of the government of a city or town (p. 10)
- parade** (n.) a line of people or vehicles moving forward as part of a celebration or ceremony (p. 3)
- soldiers** (n.) people who serve in the armed forces of a country (p. 9)