Janey Mae And Sunday

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Sunday, was a happy, waggledy tailed, velvet-eared bundle of golden Labrador sunshine. Every afternoon, it waited by the door with a tail that went *thump-thump-thump* like a happy drum.

‘Park time!’ Janey Mae said, grabbing her jumper in the colder weather.

With Mum holding Sunday’s lead, they walked off to the park. Sunday’s nose was busy, sniffing leaves and blades of grass.

At the park Janey zoomed down the bright blue slide, *wheee!* Sunday didn't just watch. It scrambled up the steps, its big paws pitter-pattering, to see the world from the very top.

Then, they often played ‘The great chase’ until Janey’s cheeks were rosy. Sunday would fly through the air to catch the ball, bringing it back with a gentle wag.

They would meet other dogs and Janey knew one simple rule: always ask before patting a new furry friend. ‘Can I say hello?’ She’d ask, before giving them a soft stroke when she was allowed.

Back home, Sunday slurped some cool water out of its bowl, *lap, lap, lap*. Sophie then prepared a feast for Sunday’s dinner.

In winter, Sunday was warm by the fire. In summer, Sunday was like a floppy rug on the sunny deck. But Sunday's favourite place was Janey's bed. It would sneak in, a quiet shadow, jump up onto the bed, and curl up like a golden 'doughnut'.

Knock, knock! Dad would enter. Two gentle pats on Sunday's head was their secret message. Sunday knew what that meant: *Back to your own bed, sleepyhead.*

Sometimes, Sunday was a little bit naughty. Finding a stray shoe and, *crunch, crunch, chew*, turning it into a rather messy puzzle. 'Oh, Sunday!' They would laugh later on.

Bath time was the biggest mess of all. Janey helped pour the water, not too hot, not too cold, but just right. Then came the dog shake, Sunday would shake from her nose to her toes, sending a rainstorm of bubbles all over Janey.

Dry, brushed, and wearing its smart collar, Sunday would settle down for the afternoon. Not just a dog; Sunday is Janey's golden shadow, growing up one wag at a time and is a best friend to all in Janey's family.

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