

Our Family

What We Need to be
Happy, Healthy, and Safe



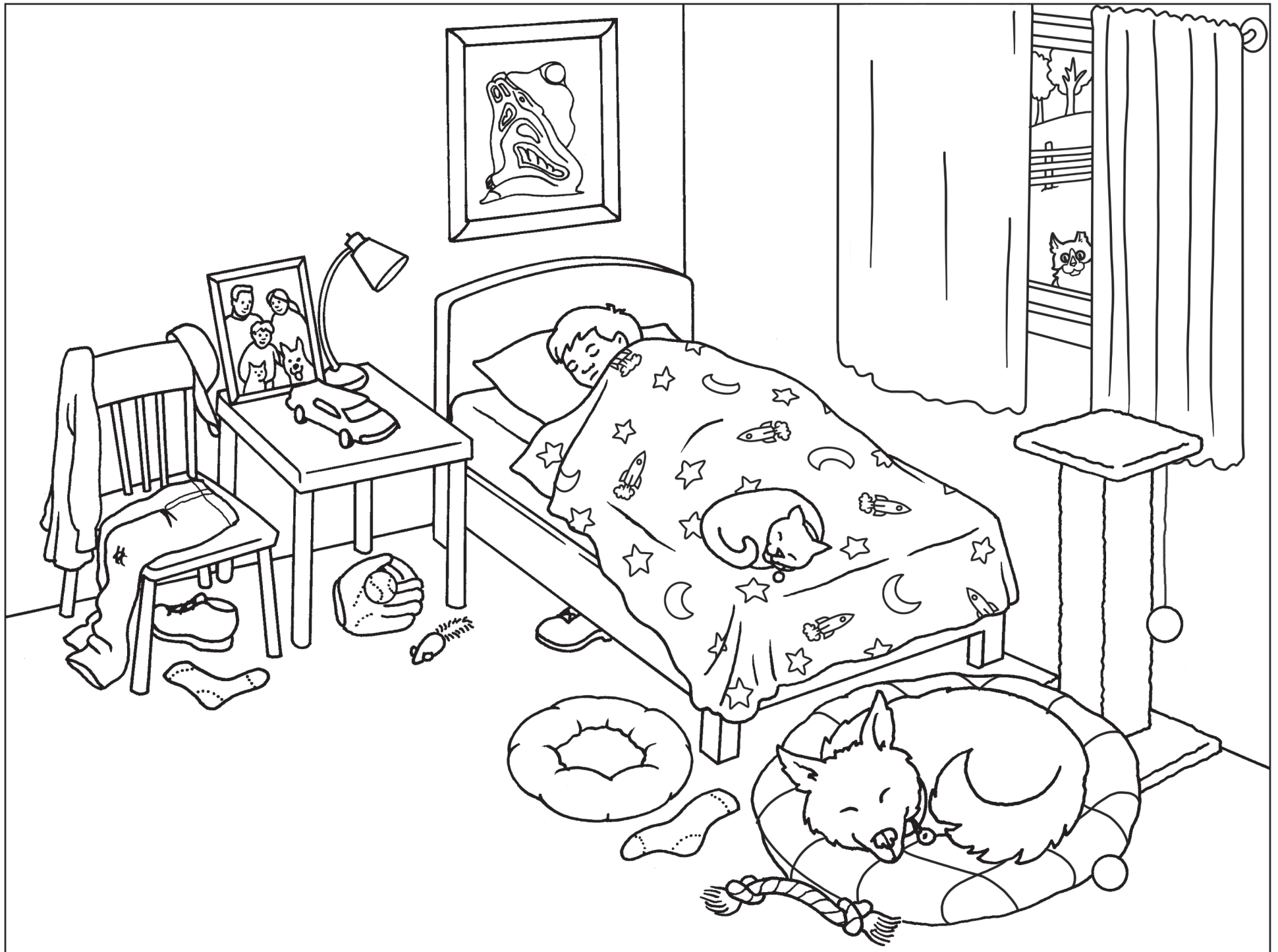
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*Dedicated to Dr. Jeff, Rocky Mountain Vet
for his unwavering commitment
to animals and families in need.*



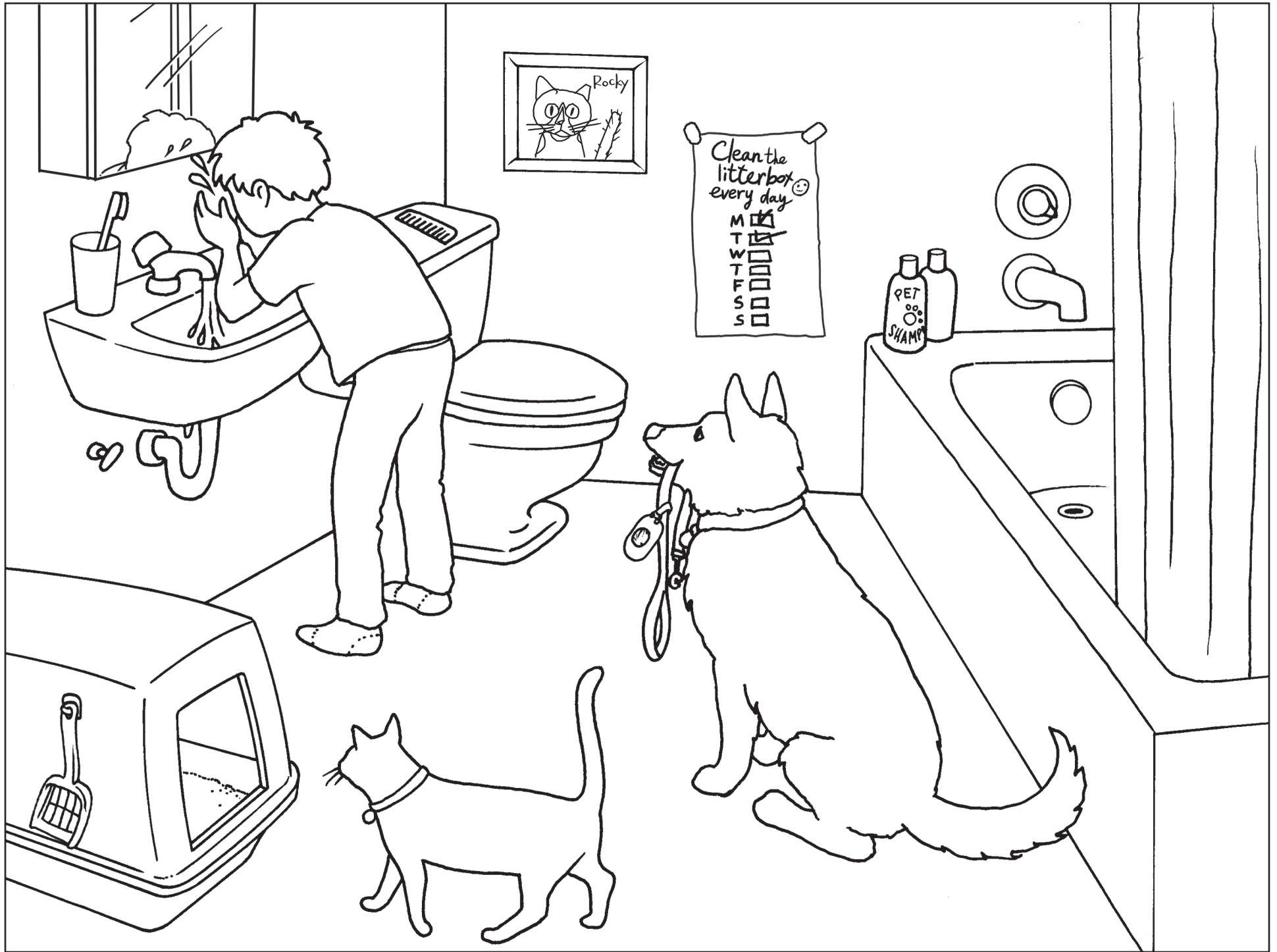
Rocky the community
cat is on every page
of this book. Can you
find him?



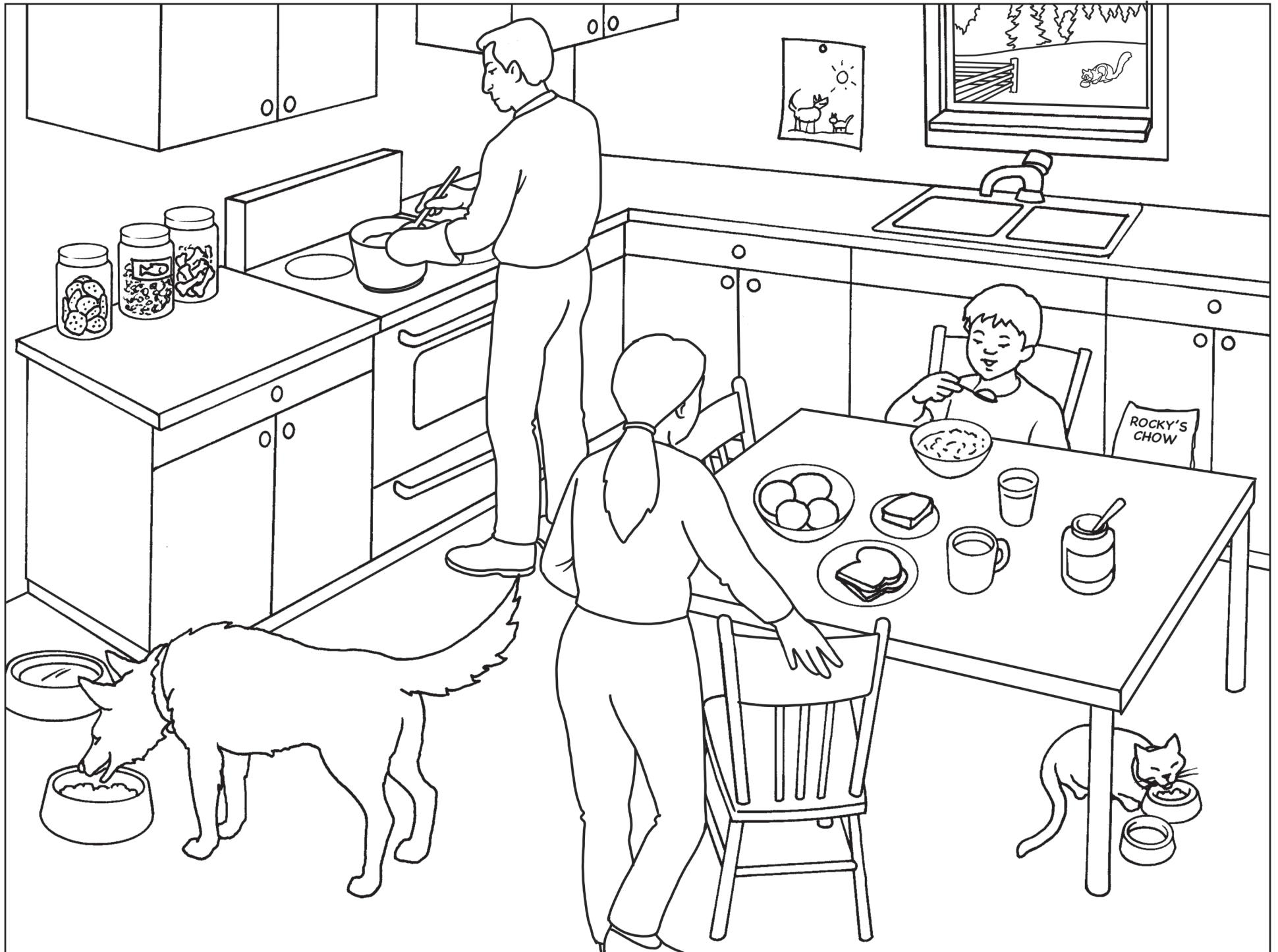
We all feel our best after a safe and warm night's rest.



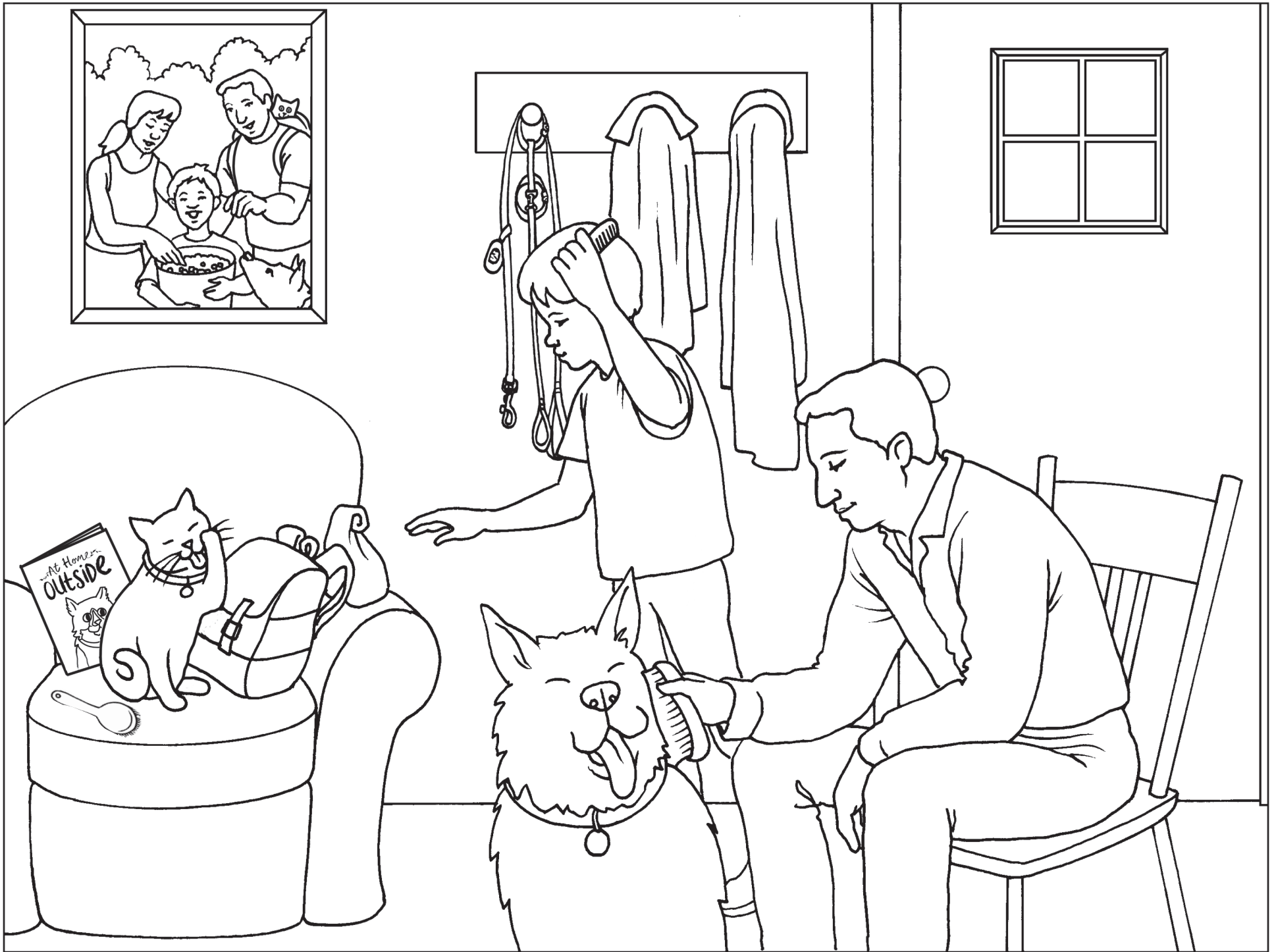
Starting the day together makes life even better.



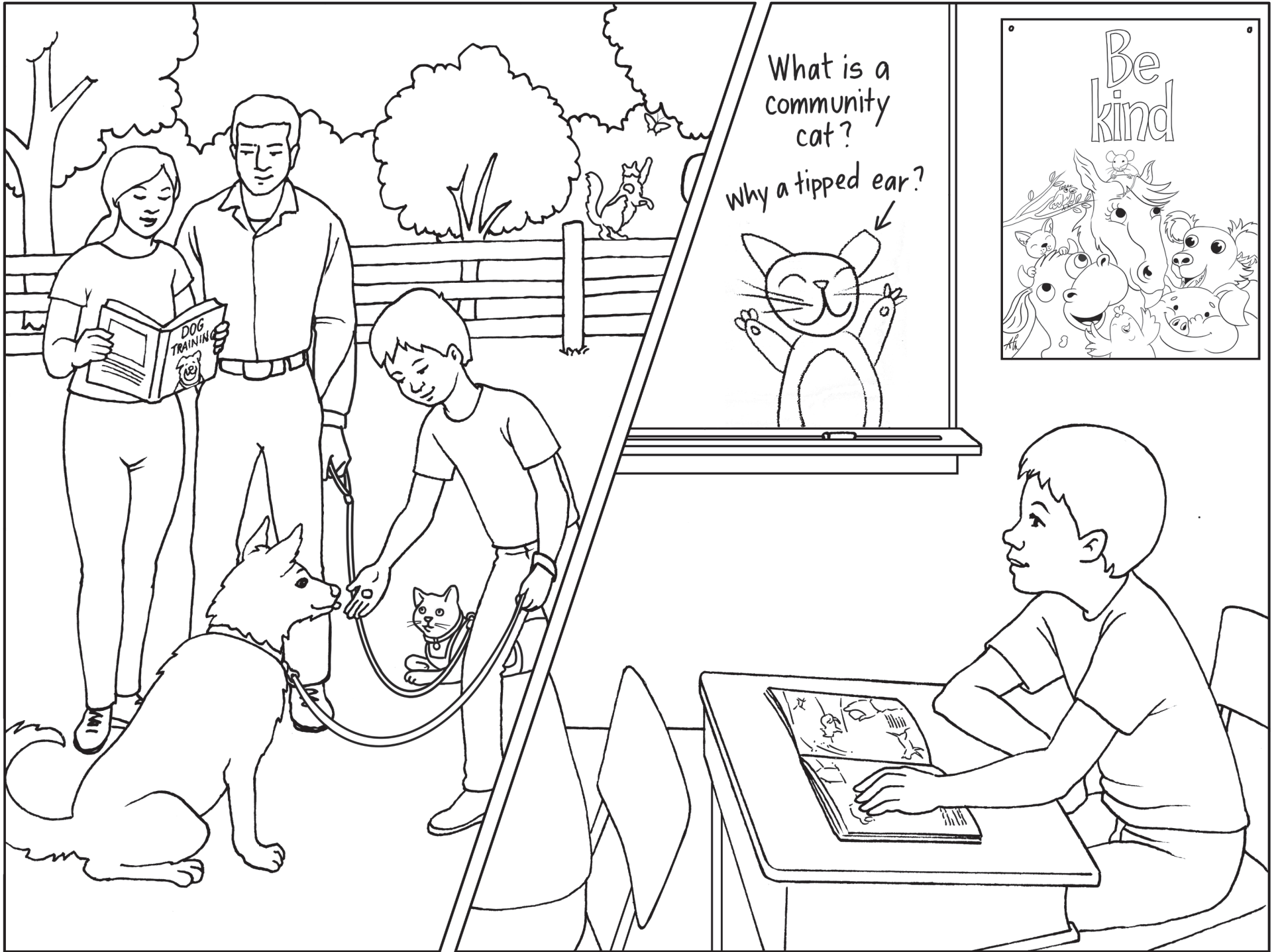
We all need to take our morning bathroom break.



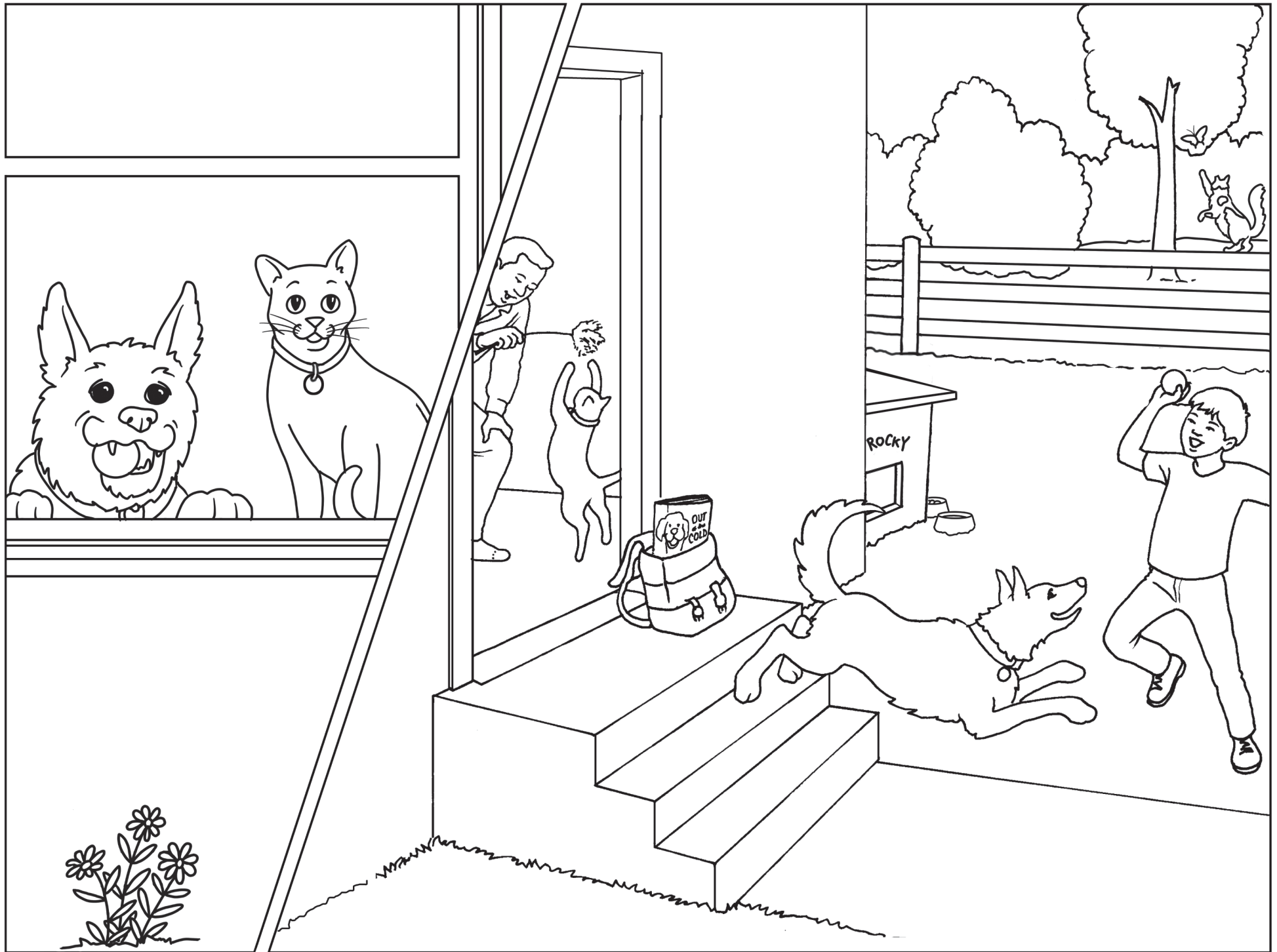
Good food and fresh water every day help us all to work and play.



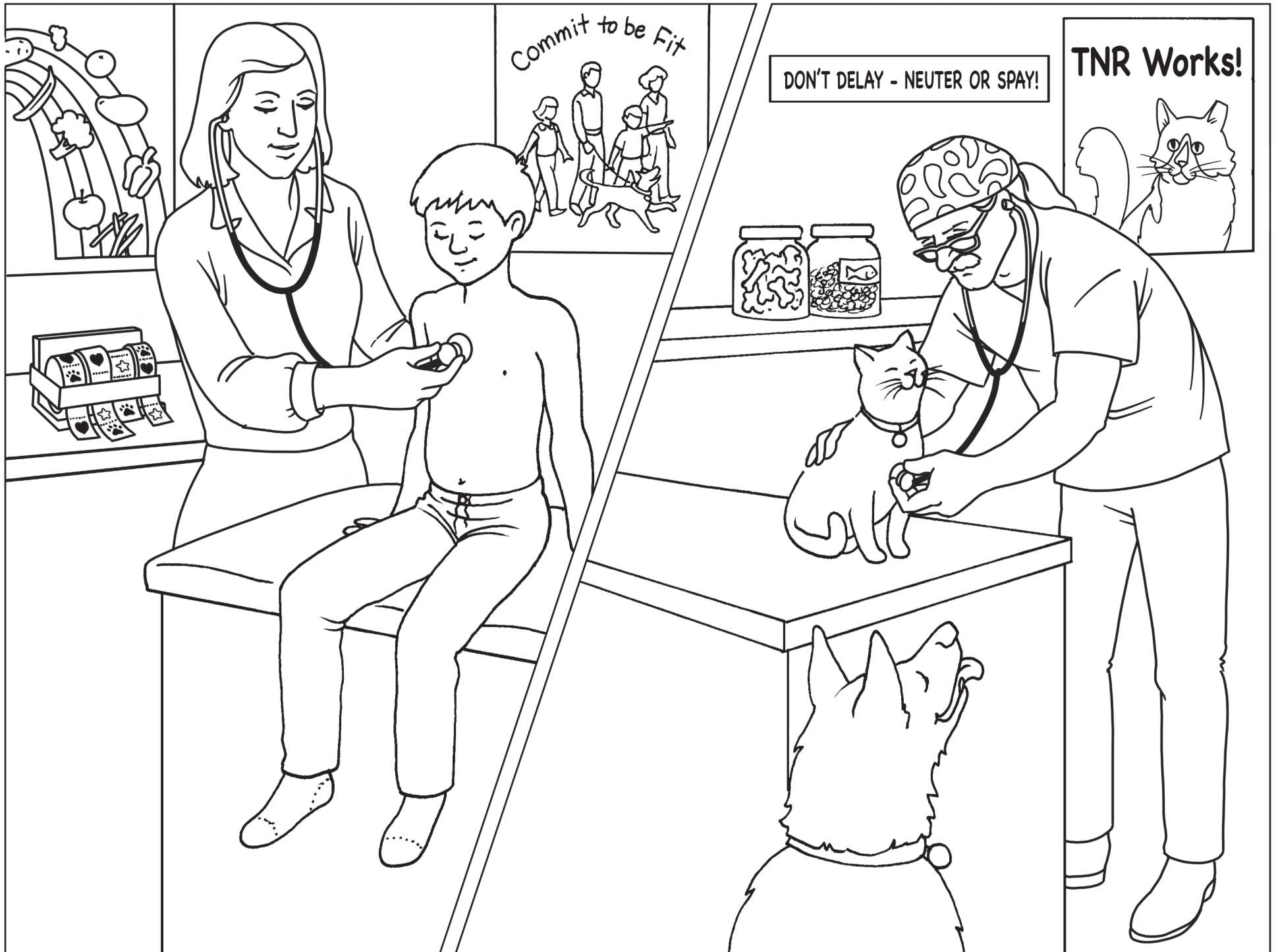
Our grooming routine keeps us neat and clean.



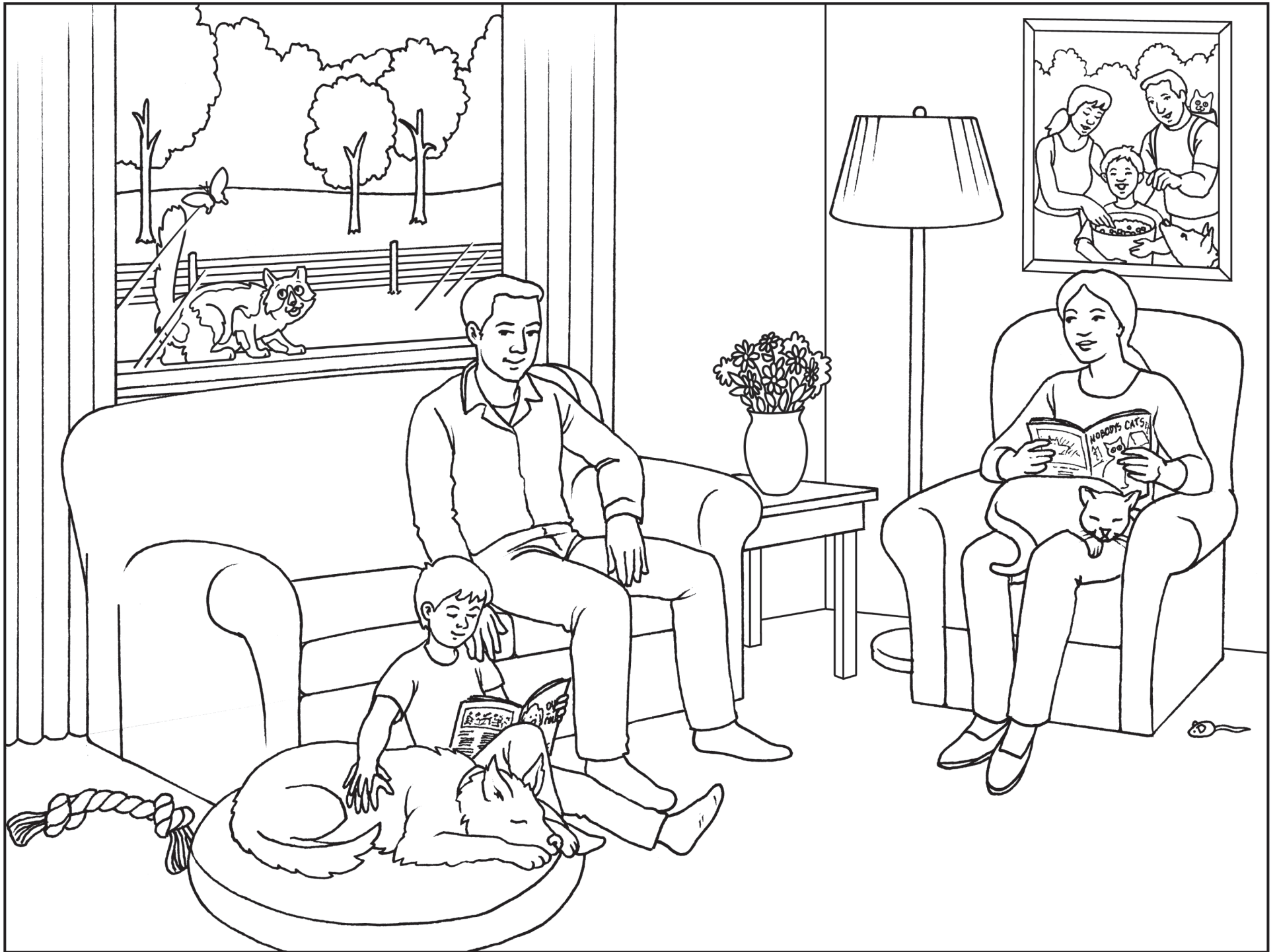
Learning is great for me and you, and it helps us know just what to do.



Exercise is fun, and it's good for everyone.



Healthy families don't forget to see the doctor and the vet.



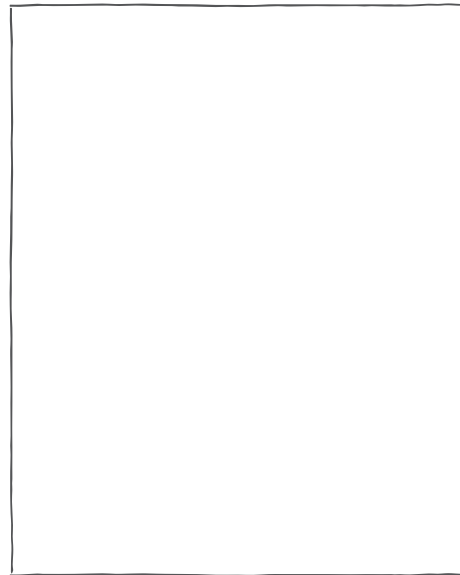
With kind words and gentle touch, family time means so much.

A Promise to Our Pets

We promise that _____ will always be cared for as part of Our Family.
NAME OF PETS

We will give our pets everything they need:

-  Exercise & Playtime
-  Warm Place to Sleep
-  Collar & ID Tag
-  Safety
-  Safety
-  Love & Kindness



Draw your pets or add their photo above.

-  Good Food & Fresh Water
-  Healthy Treats
-  Brush & Bath
-  Training
-  Veterinary Care
-  Clean Yard & Litterbox

Signed by Our Family

What about your community cats and their special needs? Turn the page for more!



A Promise to Our Community Cats

We promise to help care for the community cats in our neighbourhood, and give them everything they need.

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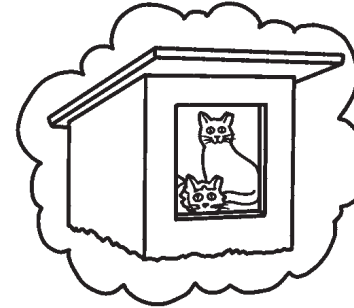
Vet Care



Family & Play



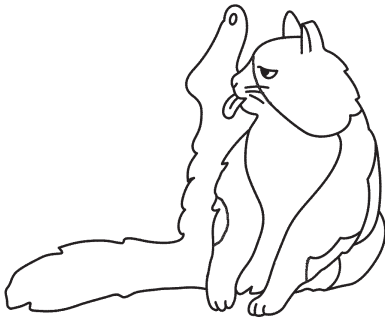
Food & Water



Shelter



Love & Kindness



The community cat in this book is based on Nola the artist's cat - Rocky!

Rocky's mom was a community cat. He lost his mom when he was a teeny-tiny kitten and Nola brought him indoors and fed him around the clock. Because he grew up in a loving home, he is a very happy, healthy, and safe indoor cat.

What is a community cat?

Community cats live outside in groups called colonies. They hang out where they can try and find food and shelter. They can be shy or friendly, and some enjoy being near people while others would rather run and hide.

Indoors is best! Shouldn't all community cats be adopted into a loving indoor home?

Indoors is best, for sure! If we find a lost pet cat with identification (microchip, tag, or tattoo), we try to get them home and back indoors. We can try to find a good indoor home for friendly cats and kittens. But some cats are only happy outside with their cat family. They have grown up fearful of people and not used to living indoors. Every cat has a different story and needs our help in different ways. Without our help, they will suffer.

Why are there so many community cats?

It can start with just one outdoor female cat or kitten. Yes, kittens can have kittens! When she is four months old, she can get pregnant and have a litter of about six kittens. Those litters can happen two or even three times a year.

How can we help?

We can make sure that all cats are spayed or neutered so they can't make more kittens. Community cats are safely trapped and brought to a vet. They are spayed (surgery for female) or neutered (surgery for male), vaccinated and ear tipped (tip of left ear clipped during surgery) and go back to the colony. We call this "TNR" (Trap-Neuter-Return). If we see a cat with an "ear tip", we know they have been to the vet!

We can be caregivers to community cats and provide them with love, kindness, food, water, shelter, and vet care.

We can also take great care of our house cats. We can keep them indoors where it is safest and give them identification in case they get lost. Food, water, love and regular visits to the vet will keep our furry family members happy and healthy. If we all work together, someday every cat will have a loving indoor home!