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DEDICATION

To my father, Ovila, whose legacy of love is larger than life.
He proudly shared his name with his beloved Grand Dog, Sam Ovila.

*“If you think you are too small to make a difference,
try sleeping with a mosquito.”*

— The Dalai Lama XVI

INSPIRATION

Inspired by the great Sam Ovila – a yellow lab who became so much more than a purely lovable pet. His memory continues to be a stellar example of pure, unconditional love – what more could one ask?





THE RINGING TREE

T

he silence was
deafening.

An ancient forest and
home for thousands of animals, yet
not one sound could be heard!

It was as though everything
was holding its breath - waiting.

But waiting

for what?





The silence was broken by a soft ringing sound vibrating from a huge, very old tree. The ringing quickly grew in strength until a thunderous symphony could be heard throughout the forest.

The Owl said to the Wolf, “Legend says that when a tree reaches five hundred years of age, it will begin to ring. When this happens, the tree is ready to share its wisdom with us.”

The Wolf asked the Owl, “What are we to do?”

“Wait. A great one, called *The Doggie Lama*, will come to our ringing tree to communicate its message for us.

When it’s time,

we will gather all animals far and wide to hear him speak,” replied the Owl.





Bud and Betty Beaver were on a mission. They didn't know why they were **carving an elaborate chair** into the trunk of an old ringing tree, but it certainly was a lot of fun!

The forest animals **watched** the beavers with **great interest**.

The Owl said to the Wolf, "It's time for us to gather. The **Doggie Lama** will arrive when the beavers have finished."





A CABIN IN THE FOREST

Sam, a lovable lab, awoke with a start and his eyes snapped open. “Wow,” he thought, “that ringing sound from my dream is still in my ears!” He shook his head, but the ringing didn’t stop.

Sam suddenly remembered his dream. He had followed a mysterious ringing sound to a place deep in the old forest. It was from there he spoke of something **really important** to a huge gathering of animals.

“I can’t remember what I said, but it felt *really, really* good,” thought Sam.

The ringing sounds were getting louder. Sam thought, “I guess a dog’s gotta do, what a dog’s gotta do!”

With a wag of his tail, **Sam trotted excitedly** into the forest to follow his dream.





The right path through the forest wasn't always clear, but whenever Sam got lost, a wild animal would appear to help him find his way.

To no one in particular, Sam said, "I know I'm supposed to say something important, but why would they listen to me? I'm just a dog!"

"Not just *any* dog. You're *The Doggie Lama!*" came a reply.

"Who said that?" demanded Sam.

"Over here," said the voice.

Sam looked over at a giant sunflower. It was coming from there! He asked the flower, "How do you know I'm the Doggie... whatever you said?"

