

Maya is a beautiful black Standard Poodle. She was born in Montana.

When she was a puppy, she went to live in Washington with her human Mama Donna. Soon puppy Chloe joined the family.



When Maya was 18 months old, she went to dog college to learn to be an assistance dog for a person with a disability.



Having a disability means that some parts of the person's body don't work well.

Many people with disabilities use wheelchairs because their legs don't work well.

Maya learned a lot at college. Now she is back for a visit with Mama Donna and Chloe.

There are many things to tell them. There are many things to show them. There are many things to talk about.



Maya is very excited to see the yard again.

She is very happy to see Chloe again.

Chloe has grown up quite a bit.

But Maya is still taller than Chloe.



They have fun playing together again.

Chloe tells Maya a secret.

“My ears are dirty,” she whispers in Maya’s ear.



Maya knows just what to do!

When Chloe was a little puppy, Maya cleaned her ears.

Chloe didn't like it very much then. But now she is older and she has missed Maya's help.



Maya cleans Chloe's ears.

Chloe is very happy.
Maya is very happy.

She loves taking care of puppies and dogs.

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hen Maya notices something hanging on the door.

Wow! She knows what that is. It is a special tool that assistance dogs use to open doors.

People in wheelchairs sometimes have trouble opening doors.



Dogs can help.
But they need to
use a tool.

“Look, Mama
Donna! Look,
Chloe! Look what
I can do!”