

Maya is a beautiful black Standard Poodle born in Montana. As a small puppy she goes to live in Washington State with Mama Donna, and is soon followed by her little sister, Chloe. When Maya is 18 months old, she goes to dog college to learn to be an assistance dog for a person with a disability.

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

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



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aya loves doing things to help people. She loves learning. However, she also loves little puppies. She loves teaching them and taking care of them.

She is not sure what to do. So, she sits down and talks to Mama Donna.



Mama Donna listens to Maya. She cares about Maya. She wants Maya to be happy. Mama Donna has an idea.

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he next day Mama Donna takes Maya to a special place called a retirement home. She explains that this is where many people live who can't live by themselves because they need help.



Maya goes around and visits people. Everyone seems to love having Maya there. Wow... with just one visit she is able to help many people be happier.



She loves helping and it is fun to be able to help so many people all at once.

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hen it is time for fun.

A man puts his leg up in the air.

Maya jumps right up and over!



wow-ee! zow-ee!



Down she goes on the other side of his leg.

This is so much fun for Maya and it makes everybody smile.

It is wonderful to have fun and help people be happy all at the same time.

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he people in the retirement home love Maya very much and she loves them too.

Soon it is time to go.

Maya barks 'good-bye'!



Then she remembers that assistance dogs aren't supposed to bark very much.

Soon she must make a choice.

Soon she must decide what to be when she grows up.