

The Wacky World of  
**Silly Willy Winston**  
an Ordinary Pet with Extraordinary Adventures  
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## Chapter One

# Silly Willy Winston

Hello. My name is Silly Willy Winston.

You may be wondering how I got my name. You might also be curious about how a dog with a name like Silly Willy Winston can have adventures as Super Snout, Inspector Snout, Explorer Snout and Pirate Snout.

It is simple. I am a Basset Hound. Basset Hounds have some rare traits. These rare traits are what give me my super powers.

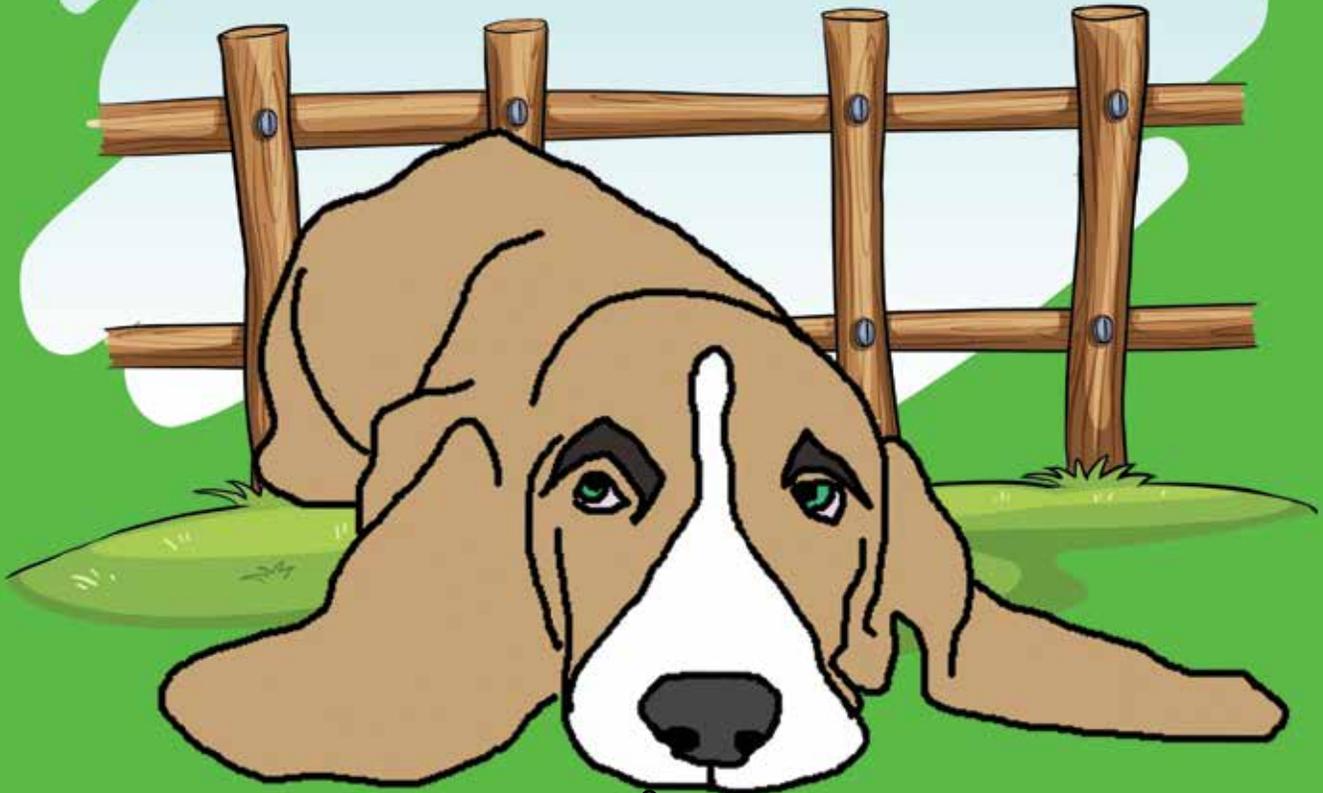


What are these traits?

**Big ears, a fat nose, short legs, stout body and huge paws**

These traits can make me a little bit of a clown at times. Honestly I am quite silly most of the time.

But I want to tell you a secret. Each of my traits plays a big role in what makes me a great hero, detective, explorer and pirate.





**Chapter Two**  
**Biggest ears**  
**ever**

I wear my ears with pride. They are bigger than any other kind of dog. They are so big I think they wrote a song about them. You know the one.

*'Do your ears hang low? Can you tie them in a knot?  
Can you tie them in a bow?'*

So I guess you want to know. Can I tie my ears in a bow? I do not know. I never tried.

But take a look for yourself and then you tell me. Do you think I can tie my ears in a bow?



What is so great  
about having the  
biggest ears ever?

So what super powers do my ears have? They are so long they drag on the ground. Sure that means I trip over them once in a while. That is not the great part.

So what is so great about my ears?

They stir up lots and lots of smells. These smells tell me all sorts of things. Things like, who was here, how long ago and where they went.



My ears come in pretty handy if you are looking for a friend or a lost toy.

They also help me get a sense of things. Smells can tell me if I should be afraid or happy. They can tell me you like me. They can also tell me if you are just not quite sure what to think of me.

Best of all, smells help me understand things. That is because I have a really good doggie sense.

## Chapter Three

### Big, fat snout

My big, fat, wet snout works closely with my giant ears. My nose knows because it is not just any nose.

My nose is home to 20 million scent receptors. That is what the vet calls them. I call them smell detectors because they help me find things.

I really like to call them my smell buds. Get it? Taste buds help me taste food and smell buds help me smell smells.





Can you guess how many smell buds you have in your nose? 20 million? 15 million? 10 million?

The answer is you have 5 million smell buds.

That means I have four times more smell buds than you do. But do not feel bad. Five million is as many as any person has.

My snout full of smell buds takes in all the smells my ears stir up.

My big, fat, beautiful snout then sorts through all the smells. It zeros in on the important ones and tells me where to go or how to act.

**I bet you wish you had a big fat snout!**

## Chapter Four

# Proud to be short and stout

I have a really long body. It is about 27 inches long from my nose to my tail. That is just a little more than two feet. I think that is why some people mix me up with a wiener dog.

I am really short like a wiener dog too. I stand just about 14 inches tall. That is just over a foot high. So I am half as tall as I am long.

Can you guess how much I weigh? 15 or 20 pounds?

That is what a lot of people think but that is only half of what I weigh. I am 45 pounds.





I am not fat. I am in tip top shape. I am all muscle over thick bones.

Thank goodness my paws are so big. They are just what I need to hold up my long, stout body.

If all you saw were my paws you might think I was a Great Dane.

Sure I trip over my paws sometimes, just like my ears. But I think they are really cool.

**If all you saw were my paws you might think I was a Great Dane.**

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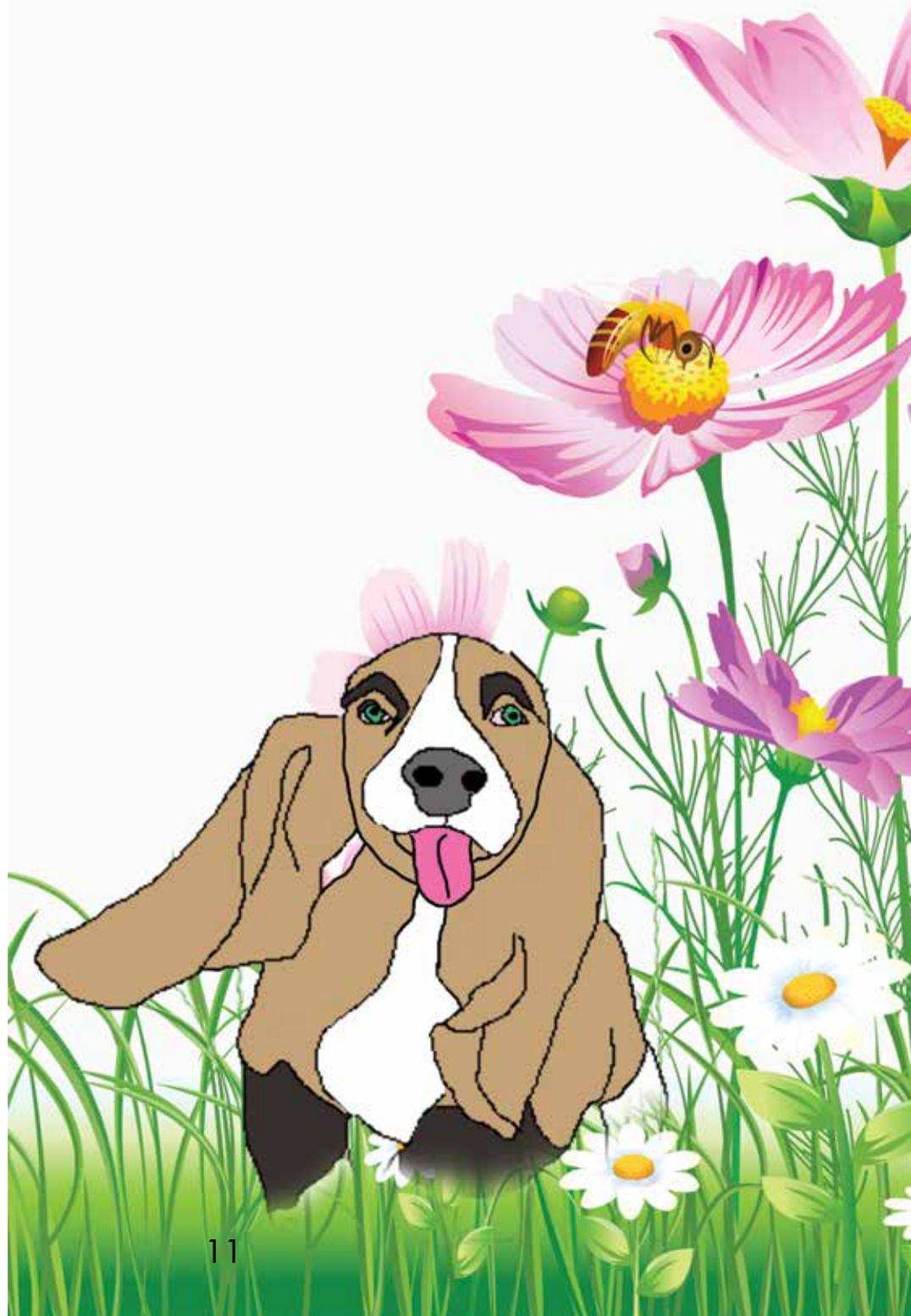
If I was not short my ears  
would have to be even  
bigger than they are.

Why?

So that I can drag my  
ears along the ground of  
course.

Remember, it is my ears  
that stir up all the great  
smells. Without great  
smells I would not have  
my super powers at all.

**Silly Willy Winston  
says "Short and  
stout is in!"**



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### **Silly Willy Winston**

Basset Hound - Biggest ears ever and super large snout - Ordinary pet with extraordinary adventures

### **Super Snout**

Makes light of dark spaces  
- Gives you courage to visit new places - Turns thunder into a thing of wonder

### **Inspector Snout**

Learning where all the tadpoles and caterpillars have gone - Tracking down answers one clue at a time

### **Explorer Snout**

Exploring the land and skies - Learning what makes people, animals and things tick

### **Pirate Snout**

Traveling the seven seas - Searching for lost treasures - Discovering marine creatures