

Floppy Ears

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Phil was a basset hound. He had very long ears. His favorite person in the world was Shelly.

Shelly was his owner's daughter. She always played with him and gave him treats.

Phil's favorite treat was ice water. He liked a nice cool drink after he went outside. He liked a nice cool drink before a nap. He also liked a nice cool drink after he ate.

Phil had a problem. Every time he tried to drink his water, he got his ears wet. Then his wet ears would get water everywhere. It was not a nice feeling.

Shelly was a smart girl. She liked to play with Phil and help him. When she saw his wet ears, she started to think.

"How can I fix his ears? They always get wet."

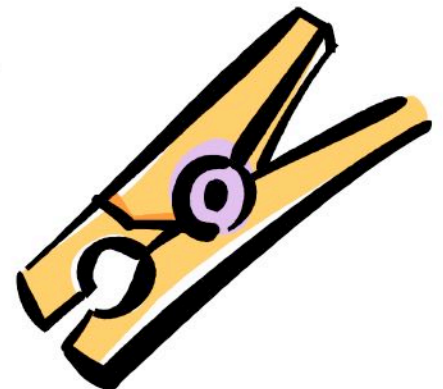
She definitely didn't want to use scissors to make his ears shorter! That was a scary idea. She would never hurt Phil. Phil's ears were the best thing about him.

What could she do?

She tried to tape his ears up. The tape wouldn't stick well to his fur. Phil yelped when the tape pulled off his hair, too! Poor Phil.

How about a clothespin? She used a clothespin to hold his ears back behind his head. It worked!

Phil drank his ice water before his nap, and he didn't get his ears wet. Now he could sleep without wet ears. Shelly was so happy, and Phil was happier!



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 - C. Shelly is a girl.
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3. What is Phil's favorite treat?
 - A. Bacon
 - B. Cat food
 - C. Candy
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4. What does Shelly try to help Phil?
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