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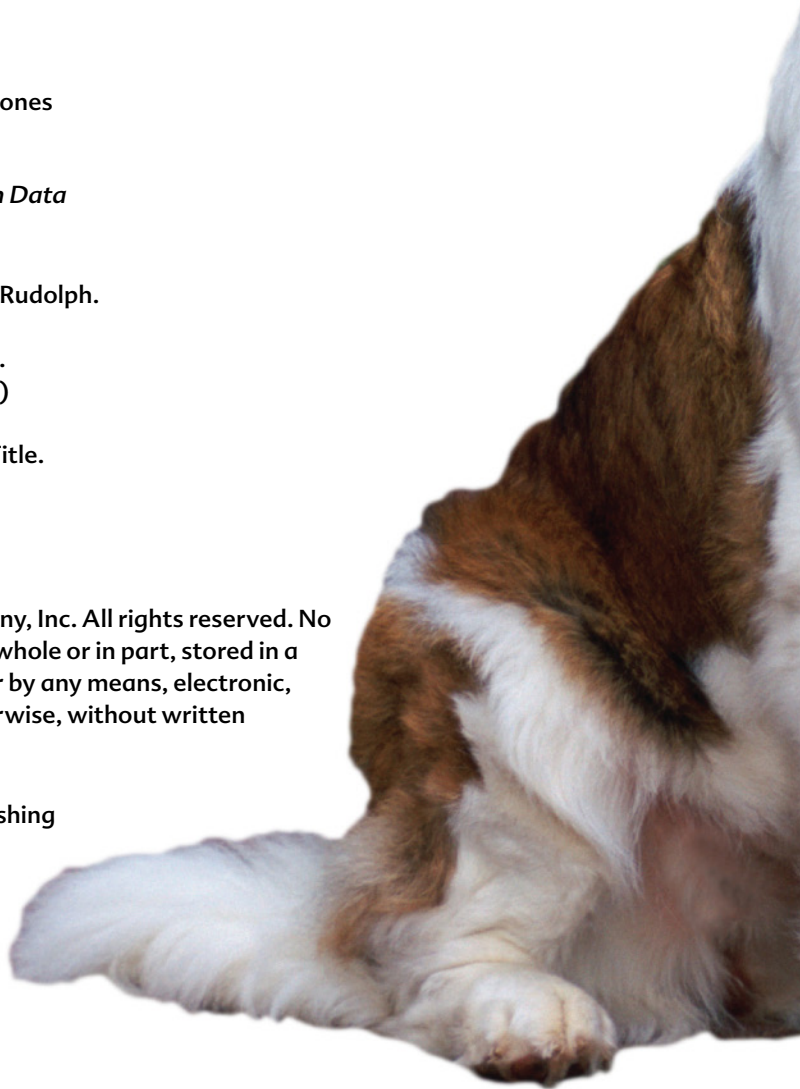
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Katie Goes to Work

When kids go to the Interlochen Public Library in Michigan, they usually expect to find books, magazines, and DVDs. What they don't expect to find is Katie—a 130-pound (59-kg) Saint Bernard. Katie loves to give kisses and be petted. However, she has an important job to do at the library.

INTERLOCHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Katie visits the library
once a month with her
owner, Donald Williams.



Katie is a **therapy dog**. She works at the library encouraging children to read books. She also helps those who have trouble reading. To do this, Katie simply sits patiently by a child's side as he or she reads. Kids don't feel embarrassed if they make a mistake such as stumbling over a word. Katie doesn't laugh or make them feel bad. She just listens to them.



▲ **Katie listens to a child read at the Interlochen Public Library.**

Therapy dogs often visit patients in nursing homes and hospitals. Their job is to cheer up people. Some therapy dogs help people practice skills, such as throwing and catching a ball, that will make their bodies stronger.



A Good Listener

Janette Grice is the director of the Interlochen Public Library. She says Katie “helps kids feel comfortable and welcome when they come to the library.” With a furry friend around, kids are able to relax and enjoy reading rather than fear it. Over time, they become better readers. Because of Katie’s help, Janette says, “the kids just love her.”



- ▲ Katie, shown here with Janette Grice (left) and a young reader, likes to give lots of kisses to the children who read to her!

The relationship Katie has with the children that come to the library is typical of a Saint Bernard. These dogs are known for being gentle, calm, and well behaved. While they have many good **traits**, perhaps their most important one is that they love helping people.



Katie is not the only dog that works at the Interlochen Public Library. She is sometimes joined by Denny, a Welsh Corgi that also listens to children read.

▲ Katie and her pal, Denny, at the library

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Look inside to find out more about Katie and other amazing Saint Bernards—as well as surprising facts about the big dog's history, its physical appearance, and its personality. It won't be long until you discover what every Saint Bernard owner knows. These aren't just big dogs—they are also dogs with big hearts!

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