





Pest-Sniffing Dogs



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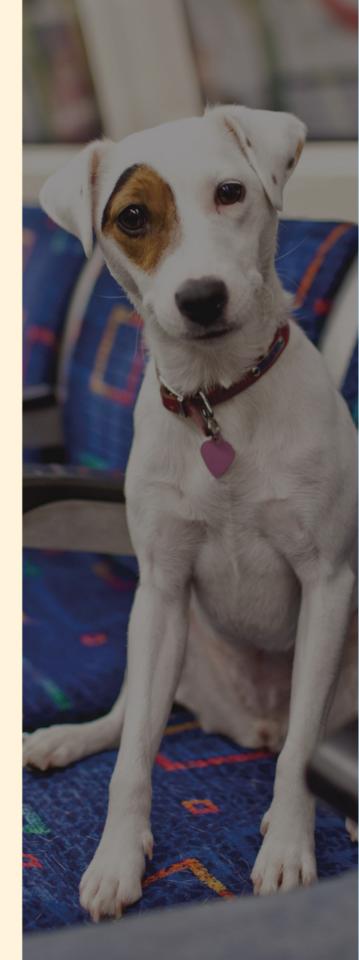
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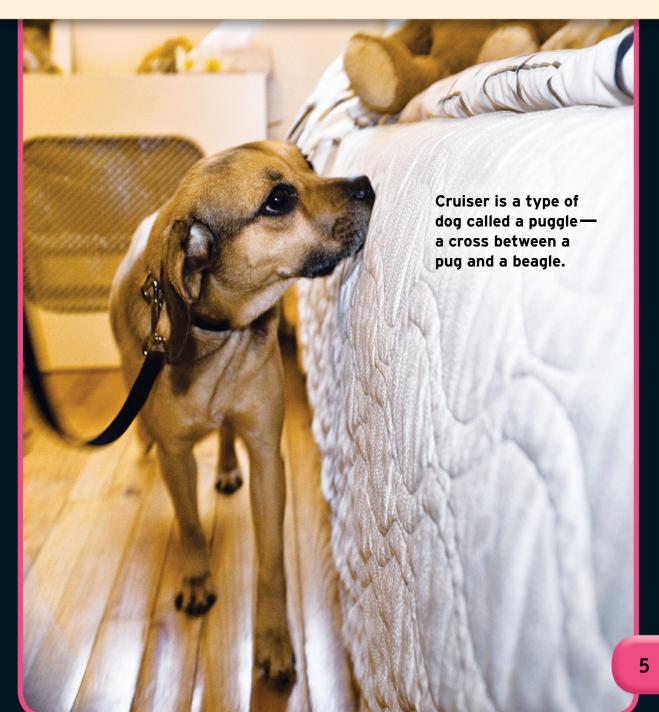


A Disturbing Find

One morning in 2010, a family in Brooklyn, New York, was preparing to move into a new house. Most of their belongings were already packed up in boxes. The mother was worried, however, because the night before, she had found a dead **bedbug** floating in a bathtub.



Were more of the tiny **pests** living in the family's home? To make sure the bedbugs didn't travel in any boxes or furniture to the new house, the parents called for a pest **inspector** to search for the **insects**—only the inspector who arrived wasn't a person. He was Cruiser, a dog!



Bug Hunt

Cruiser began to inspect the home for bedbugs. First he carefully sniffed all the boxes that held the family's belongings. Within a few minutes, he **determined** that none of them contained any pests. Then the dog walked around to check out the furniture.

Bedbugs are often hard to find because they can crawl inside the tiny openings in furniture. Bedbugs can hide in many items, including nightstands, carpets, clothing, furniture, luggage even telephones and clocks!

Cruiser sniffed a wooden crib in one of the children's rooms. He pawed at the mattress. It was his way of saying, "I smell bedbugs here." The mother was upset but also grateful. Thanks to Cruiser, the insects could now be **exterminated**. They would not be moving with the family into their new home.



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One morning in 2010, a pest inspector arrived in Brooklyn, New York, to search a home for bedbugs—only the inspector wasn't a person. He was a dog named Cruiser! After carefully smelling most of the furniture in the house, Cruiser approached a wooden crib in one of the children's rooms. Would the pest sniffer find what he was looking for? Look inside to learn more about Cruiser and other pest-sniffing dogs that use their keen sense of smell to keep pesky insects under control.

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