

## Story

# Ahh, what a day it was!

Yesterday, Filly and Dilly visited the water park. It was an extraordinary experience. The aquapark's owner, known as "Mr. Whale", decided to make it accessible in a very unusual manner.

He announced on TV: "Starting today, my aquapark will be open for every kid and their pet! I want everyone to learn empathy and sympathy for other beings."



Filly was laying down and watching a cartoon, glancing at her goldfish, which was smiling broadly. At the mention of the event, she sighed: "Ah, what a day it was!"



Dilly peeped from behind the couch. "Oh yes! It's been some time since I had the opportunity to help so many people at once and sense how they are feeling."

"Whether it's someone who was crying because they fell, or someone who had a fight with their friend, or was sad because they didn't have such a super-cool swim ring. Thanks to empathy, I could understand their feelings, listen to their voices, read their body language, and try to comfort them." He listed what he did to help others, very proud of himself.



"Which is something dogs are very good at!" added Filly.

"Oh yes! It's easy to feel emotions in our own bodies, but sensing someone's emotions from a distance requires skill... and some practice! Sometimes, all it takes is to talk to someone, show them support, or just hug them and be with them for a while," Dilly explained. A true canine expert in recognizing and sensing emotions from a distance!

"That's right. You can also hug your cuddly toy," added Filly after taking one of her cuddle toys into her paws before going to take care of the plant she got from Mr. Whale yesterday.



"Mr. Whale said that taking care of plants also teaches us empathy," said Filly.

"Oh boy, look, the plant smiled at us!"

"Amazing. Empathy really does work! We definitely must go back to thank Mr. Whale. And maybe take a second dip?"

"Great idea!" replied Filly.

Quickly, they packed their things and, like explorers, set off on another mission to the water park.

