

CHAPTER ONE Friends in the Forest

"Peep! Peep!"

"Dad," Lily Hart called, "the ducklings are hungry!"

"Give them some seeds to keep them happy," her dad said, clearing the work table where he treated sick animals. "I'll check on them in a moment."







Lily's best friend, Jess, grabbed some seeds from a bag. "I love helping your parents," she told Lily. "I'm so glad we're best friends."

Lily grinned at Jess. Her parents ran the Helping Paw Wildlife Hospital in a converted barn behind their house in Brightley. Both girls loved working in the hospital and feeding different creatures in their pens outside.

Soon the ducklings had gobbled up the all the seeds.

