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A SCHOOL TAIL

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Dedicated to my fellow dreamers:
Chase massive dreams,
practice when others would give up,
and be yourself, 'cause you're purrfect!



Be the weird YOU want
to see in the world!

—Jason



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A Doggone Good Idea



“Keen? Helloooo, Earth to Keen!” Peachy the cat poked a tiny dog in a dinosaur costume.

“RAWRRRRRR!” Keen jumped, startled. “Peachy, you scared me!”

“Were you daydreaming about cookies again?” Peachy asked.

“Umm,” said Keen, “no?”

“Keen?”

“Well, okay, maybe,” Keen admitted. “But you know how hungry I get after . . . *anything*. And today was the first day of school so I’m EXTRA hungry!”

Peachy laughed like it was perfectly normal to talk about chocolate-chip daydreams with a doggy in a

dinosaur costume. Because when you were best friends with Keen—it was.

Peachy and Keen had been purrfect pals ever since they were little. Peachy was a cool, collected kitty, while Keen was, well, hungry. Keen was a friendly furball with a love of costumes and an even greater love of food. But while most of the cats and dogs at school didn't usually get along, somehow Peachy and Keen just worked.

“Well, you can daydream about chocolate-chip dog biscuits later.” Peachy pulled Keen down the hall. “We have to go sign up for the school newspaper!”



“Aw, Peachy,” Keen groaned. “Why do we have to join the *Happy Tails Times*? The students only read that paper when they want a good catnap.”

“That’s not true,” Peachy said. “Besides, it’s been my dream to write for the paper ever since . . . fur-ever! And this year, we’re finally old enough to join.”



Peachy pictured herself walking the halls with a notepad, wearing a fancy press badge to show everyone just how super important her writing was.

“My aunt was the star reporter when she was a student here,” Peachy chattered on. “She covered all sorts of amazing stories. The Great Catscape, The Cow Who Cried Wolf, even Waterfowl Gate!”