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Top of the morning!
It is 6.30am.
Time to get up……
Cock-a-doodle-do!
Today Jessy and her three puppies will visit the farmyard.

I will tell you how to Stay Safe on the farm.

Come with me, Emo, Ben and Sam through the farm gate.

Close the gate after you Ben.
These puppies are so frisky.

I will need my glasses to keep an eye on them.
We must all be careful on the farm.

The puppies need to be supervised.

Are all three puppies here?

1, 2...

Only two?
Emo! Stay close to us. That is a working tractor.

You must stay away. You cannot get a ride.

There is no child seat and anyway farmer John is too busy.
Remember puppies, farmer John cannot always see what is on the ground. Look how small we are!

Keep away from tractors and farmyards on busy days.

Woof! “We must stay away from Tractors”
Let’s move on. Have we still got everybody?

Let’s do a head count...
1, 2...You rascal Ben!
Come back here!
I wonder if farmer Bob knows the gate is open? Ok puppies, stay by the fence and stay together.

I will tell farmer Bob the gate is open.

Woof! “We must stay together.”
Woof! Woof! Farmer Bob, the low field gate is open!

Thank you Jessy, Thank you Jessy! I will close it.
“Emo! Come out of that field quickly! The bull might attack you.

We must tell Farmer Bob to put a ring and chain on the bull and a warning sign on the gate.

“Woof, Beware of the Bull!”
Oh no! Grandma Polly is out in the field with no stick. She has her back turned to the animals.

At her age she should know better! We will walk with her to protect her.

Woof! “We must take care around farm animals.”
We have surprised the ducks. Quiet now!
There is no fence. That is careless.
It would be so easy for a child to drown, even in a small amount of dangerous water.

Woof! “We must stay away from water.”
Where is puppy Sam? Is that him with little Jack playing with a kite?

Sam, I will bring you home if you don’t stay with me.
Danger! Danger! Little Jack!

Overhead power lines are only safe for birds! They are not safe for kites or anything else.

Stay in the safe play area and enjoy your kite.

Woof! “We must take care where we play.”
Hi puppies!
Want to play with me?

Don’t put my puppies in danger!

High places are for squirrels and clowns, not for puppies or children!

Woof! “Puppies don’t climb trees because it’s dangerous.”
OK Sam, Emo and Ben, let’s see what is happening in the hay-barn......but stay together!
Woof! Woof! Get down Philip!

Woof! Woof! Get down Ruth!

You are not Superman, Philip. You cannot fly!
Ruth is much too young to climb ladders.

Ladders should never be left where children can climb them. Go back to your play area where it is safe.

Woof! “Children should play in a safe play area”
We have frightened the rats. They are running for cover into the stacked bales.

It is very important to wash your paws after playing where rats might have been.

Woof! “We must wash our paws.”
Puppies! Do not climb on those bales.

They could fall on you.

You could fall between the bales and get trapped.

Woof! “We must not climb on bales!”
Look puppies, Grandad Bill has his hand on the cow’s back. Daisy is friendly but farm animals are not pets.

He should always be at a safe distance from animals.

Woof! “We must keep a safe distance away.”
Jewels the cat is frightened of something.

I hope it is not us.

Oh! It must be the digger.

Woof! “Always stay away from building work and working machinery.”
“Ben! Stay away from that open manhole!

You could fall in and drown or the bad gases in the slurry could kill you.”

“Woof, tell Farmer Bob to cover the manhole.”
"Emo! Watch that PTO shaft, you could get caught up.

Farmer Bob think about my little ones, get a PTO guard. Cover that manhole when you go spreading."

"Woof, we must stay away."
Don’t go into the workshop puppies.  
It is so untidy.

We might trip or fall.

Woof! “Farmer John should tidy up.”
Listen! Listen! Grandad Bill is cross with the children, they are playing with fire.

Go back to the safe play area.

Woof! “Never play with fire.”
How many puppies?
1, 2, 3 ....

Off we go again.
Come on Sam!
The chemical store is open again!

How careless! Somebody could be poisoned.

Even Daisy the cow knows that you should be properly togged out with mask and boots if you are near chemicals.

Woof! “We must stay away from chemicals.”
Let’s take a ride!

Puppies – you cannot take a ride on an open trailer. The ground can be very rough and bumpy. That makes it easy to fall off.

Many children have been hurt and injured riding on tractors or trailers.

Woof! “We should walk instead.”
What’s that splash?

Clever fox is not so clever! He has fallen into the water barrel and is caught.

Puppies and children would never do such a foolish thing.

Woof! “We must stay away from water.”
Keep back! Keep back!
Maggie the cow is sick and now farmer Bob is sick too.

Farmer John will have to call Tom the vet and Richard the doctor.

Woof! “We should stay away from sick animals.”
There is a dead bird on the roadway. You must never touch dead birds or dead animals.

Always tell an adult if you find a dead bird or animal. They should use gloves when handling them.

Woof! “Never touch dead animals or birds.”
The ponies will be getting a new stable next winter. They will be cosy then.

We won’t come up here when the building work is going on. There will be machinery working, half-built walls and big holes.

Smart puppies, children and ponies should keep well away from such dangerous work.

Woof! “Stay away when building work is going on.”
OK puppies! 1, 2, 3.
Now we have toured the farm and learned all about the dangers on the farm.

We will return to the garden and have our picnic where it is safe.

Woof! “We have been good, let’s have a picnic!”
Hello Glenda! Are you taking your family around the farm? That will be fun.

First, though, you need to take the hair out of your eyes! You will not be able to see the dangers properly or warn your puppies about them.

Come and share our picnic before you go.

Woof! “Let’s all have a picnic.”
Before tucking into our picnic, it is very important that we wash our paws. We must remind the children to wash their hands after playing with us too.

Bad bacteria can make children very ill.

It is an important rule to wash before eating.

Woof! “Always wash your paws and hands before eating after you have been with animals or pets!”
Wake up all adults!

Look after your precious little ones........

You cannot replace them!

Woof! “This is a great place for a picnic.”
Glenda is taking her family around the farm to tell them all about the dangers there.

We are all sleepy now and will have our nap. Goodbye boys and girls!

Woof! “Tell the adults you know to stay safe on the farm.”
We would like to encourage parents to read this book with their children, and discuss farm safety with them.

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