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I can't believe my dog did that!

Chicken Soup for the Soul celebrates our canine companions' crazy antics

COS COB, Conn. -Gail MacMillan couldn't believe it when her dog, Brandy, pushed a cross-country skier down a slippery hill! She says, "Although he astonished us, horrified us, humbled us, delighted us, inspired us, and at times downright exasperated us, he never once ceased to be a little devil-may-care rake." Memories of our dogs are just as full of the trouble they get into as the love they give us. The contributors of Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Dog Did That! (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, September 18, 2012) tell heartwarming stories of the dogs that are their best friends, despite all the chewed shoes and shenanigans.

Dogs and humans truly have an amazing connection. In Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Dog Did That!, contributors recount inspiring tales of this connection. One night, Jan Nash's dog, Angel, wouldn't stop barking for Jan to take her outside. Angel somehow knew there was a man in the building's parking lot who had a heart attack and needed help, even though Jan's apartment didn't face the parking lot. "She truly is an Angel," Jan writes. Dogs are always there for us, even when we don't know that we need their help.

Every dog owner has a story about the craziest thing their dog has ever done. The stories in Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Dog Did That! will remind readers of their own crazy canines, like Stephanie Winkelhake who never thought she would come home to find her dog, Heidi, stuck in the washing machine. She says, "Her head, the only part of her visible above the top of the washer, popped up and gave us a pitiful look. The rest of her body was wrapped around the agitator." They never figured out how Heidi managed to jump high enough to get into the machine, but what a story it gave Stephanie to tell.

The 101 stories in Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Dog Did That! all have one thing in common: our dogs are always there for us, and this is what truly makes them our best friend. No matter their size, our loyal canine friends are always ready to protect us. Sheryl Young's tiny six-month-old Terrier puppy, Heidi, was as fierce as a fullgrown Great Dane when she was barking at a burglar. Although Sheryl called the police, they never came. "I'm sure I owe my life and the safety of our home to Heidi, our very own canine cop," Sheryl says.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Dog Did That! (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Jennifer Quasha) releases on September 18, 2012. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, which is distributed through Simon & Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold more than 100 million copies in the United States and Canada alone. Chicken Soup for the Soul titles have been sold in more than 100 countries and translated into more than forty languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous brand to high-quality licensees. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media-working on several TV shows as well as a major motion picture, and developing a digital presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support, inspiration, and wellness. In 2007, USA Today named Chicken Soup for the Soul one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit www.chickensoup.com.

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