

Animal Adventures

My name is Marcus Wilson. I'm 14 years old, and I'm an only child. I only have one friend, and his name is Wolf. I know, you're thinking, what parent would name their kid wolf? Well, Wolf isn't a human, he's a dog. You see, I don't make friends easily. I don't even try, cause when I do, I mess up and make a fool out of myself. My mom is a doctor who is always at the hospital, and my dad is in the army. So the only one I hang out with is Wolf.

It's the last day of school, and I've dreaded this day for so long. My mom is going to make me go to Animal Camp. She says it's going to help get over my shyness and make new friends, but I know that that's not going to happen. The only good thing about it is that I get to be with Wolf. She's got the supply list and everything, and as soon as I get home, she's going to make me start packing.

Dinner was horrible, Mom made me eat all of my brussel sprouts, beans, *and* my peas. Disgusting, right? Tomorrow morning, a bus is going to come pick me up to go to Animal Camp. I packed all the things I would need: water, snacks, candy, dog food, more candy, my sleeping bag, Wolf's sleeping bag, and a flashlight. Animal Camp is on an island called Animal Island, so after we get off the bus, we're going to go on a boat to Animal Island.

One Day Later

Right now I'm in my cabin at Animal Camp. I'm in cabin 15, and my bunkmate, who sleeps on the bunk above me, is this boy named Isac Callikan. He's pretty nice in general, and he also has a pet dog, who's a

german sheperd, and it's name is Jack. Jack and Wolf get along pretty well, just like me and Isac do. I also met this girl named Melli Smith, but everyone calls her Mel, so I call her that too. She is in cabin 18, which is pretty close. She has a pet saint bernard(which is also a dog), named Max. She's also really nice. Wow! Mom was right, I actually did make some friends!

Dinner was also really good. We had mashed potatoes, steak, and fried carrot sticks, which, surprisingly, was actually *good!* So far so good, my cabin leader, Joshua, said that starting from tomorrow, we're going to start the activities that we're to do with our pets. Who knows how its going to go!

For breakfast, we had bacon and eggs, and now we are going to start our first activity, in which we have to get in a group of 3 with our pets and go on a scavenger hunt. I'm in a group with Mel and Isac. Joshua gave each group their first clue, and ours was "Your next clue is in the place where all your food is made, in the sink cupboard." At the same time we all said "The kitchen!". We headed toward the cafeteria, where the kitchen was located, but we stopped when we heard an animal cry for help, it sounded like it was in pain. We all stopped and turned to look the way the sound was coming from. It was coming from the Dark Forest, where we were forbidden to go, we asked Joshua why, and he said that a group of kids once went in there looking for their lost pets, but they never came out. Mel and Isac starting walking toward the forest, but I said "Where are you guys going! We are not supposed to go there!". Mel replied "But we can't leave an animal in pain, to just lay there and die! What if it was Wolf out there?" Worried, I agreed, thinking about the severe punishments we would receive if any of the cabin leaders found out. The farther we went in, the darker it got. Max, Jack , and Wolf huddled together as they walked, as if they were trying not to lose each other. Then suddenly, we heard the same noise, but it was much closer, literally right near the trees next to us. We walked into the bushes there, and there lay a dog. Not just any dog, the dog was a husky, just like Wolf. Immediately, all 3 dogs ran over and started sniffing it. Me,Mel, and Isac went over and checked the dog out. It was a girl, and it was alive. We found some water in a puddle close to us, and woke the dog up. The dog was immediately friendly, as if it knew we

were trying to help it. We decided to name her Alexia, since we all agreed it was a nice name. But then Isac suddenly said "Oh no! I think we've been gone for too long, its almost dinner time!". With that being said, we all ran off toward camp, forgetting about Alexia. When we came running out of the forest, we found the whole camp staring at us, including all the cabin leaders. We knew we were in *huge* trouble.

Sigh. We were in the cafeteria, wiping the tables, instead of listening to the after-dinner campfire stories. After we got caught, the cabin leaders yelled at us for about 45 minutes, then told us the horrifying punishments we were in for. Here are the punishments: wipe the tables after dinner for a week, feed and clean the horses, clean the horse stables, and feed all the other animals for a week. I'm pretty sure this week's gonna be horrible.

Finally the week's over, and we get to have some fun. Wait. Where is Wolf?! He was sleeping near my feet! I went to Joshua, and he woke up the entire camp, and we were all searching for Wolf. An hour passed, and still no sign of Wolf. I was starting to get more worried by the minute. Then I saw Wolf's tracks starting from my cabin door, leading all the way to the Dark Forest. I showed Joshua, and he sent out a group of professional animal experts to go find my poor Wolf. 2 and a half hours passed when they came back empty-handed. They couldn't find Wolf. This cannot be happening.

I checked the time, it was 11:30, and I am going out to the Dark Forest to find Wolf. As I entered the Dark Forest, it became pitch black, so I took out my flashlight. Then, I heard a sound, a soft whimper. It sounded a lot like Wolf, so I went and saw what it was. It was Wolf, but he was cornered by some big creature, it looked like a mountain lion. I made a loud noise and called to Wolf to run. He obeyed and started running, and I followed. It felt like this was the fastest I've ever ran. I took the fastest way out of the forest, but when I came out, I realized that the gates to the camp would be locked by now. So I had to climb over the gate, and the tips of the gates were sharp, and I almost poked my eye out. When I got back to camp, it was only 4:00. So I went to sleep, and the only people I've told

are Mel and Isac, to the rest of the world, I just said that Wolf came back on his own.

Now I'm at a sleepover at Isac's house. Now I'm the boy who makes friends *so* easily. I don't know what happened to Alexia, but I'll never forget what happened 2 years ago.

The End.