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This is Alfie,  
He's an old boy, maybe not long left.

Hi Alfie, this is Billy. They recognize their  
breed don't they?

What are you doing in here?

It's going to be my art studio.

Oh lovely, do you live around here?

I'm in my van until I get this place going.

You have no running water, is it not cold?

I go swimming in the pool every morning,  
have a shower, it's all good.

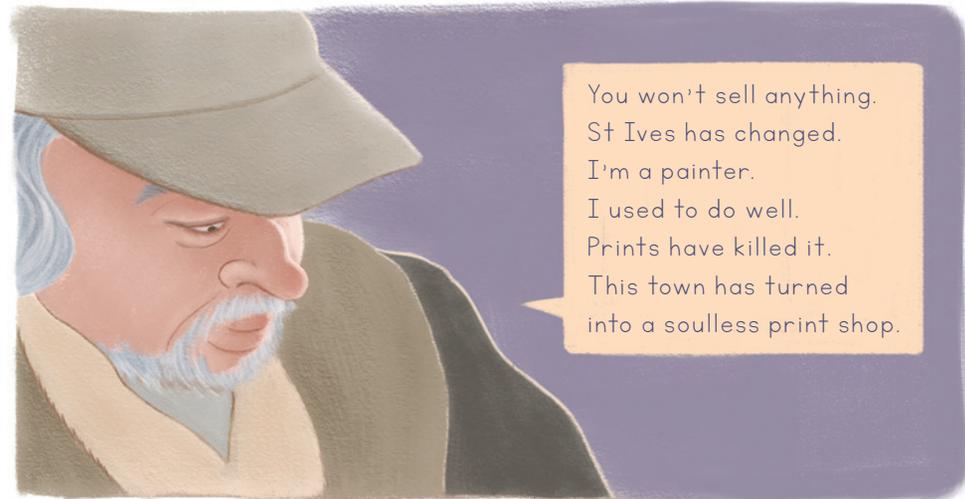
It's great to have an  
artist take this space.  
My name is Jackie.

Chris



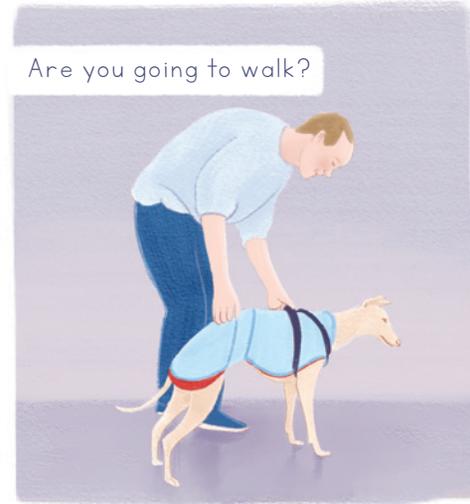
What's this place?

It will be an  
art studio.



You won't sell anything.  
St Ives has changed.  
I'm a painter.  
I used to do well.  
Prints have killed it.  
This town has turned  
into a soulless print shop.

Are you going to walk?



Good boy.







Let's get this leg warmed up.

Get your front paws tapping.

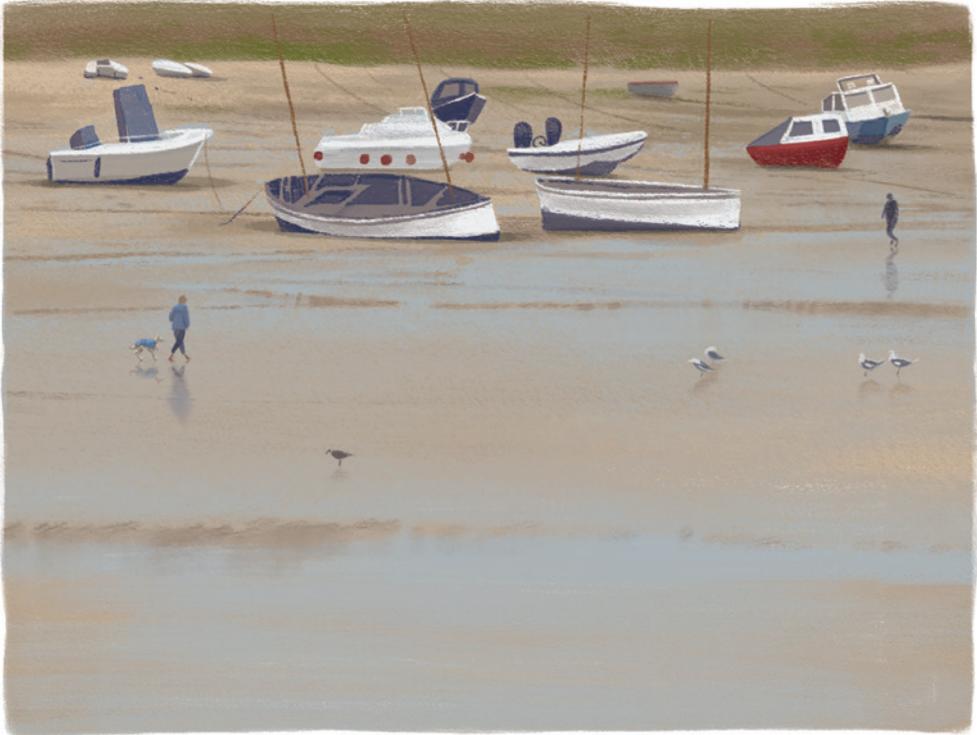


How are your eyes?



Clear

and sharp.



What's wrong with your dog?

He's recovering from a brain injury. I've been rehabilitating him.

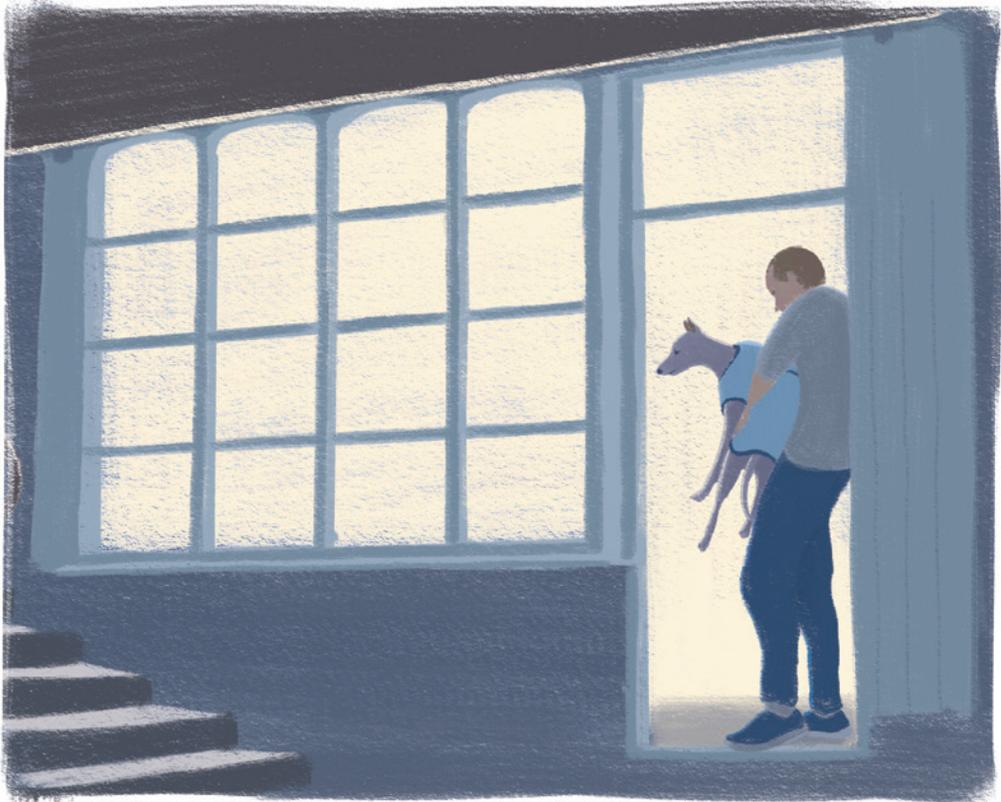
He looks messed up, are you doing the right thing keeping him?

I'm giving him a chance. He wants to live.

I wouldn't put a dog through that. Are you keeping it alive for him or for you?

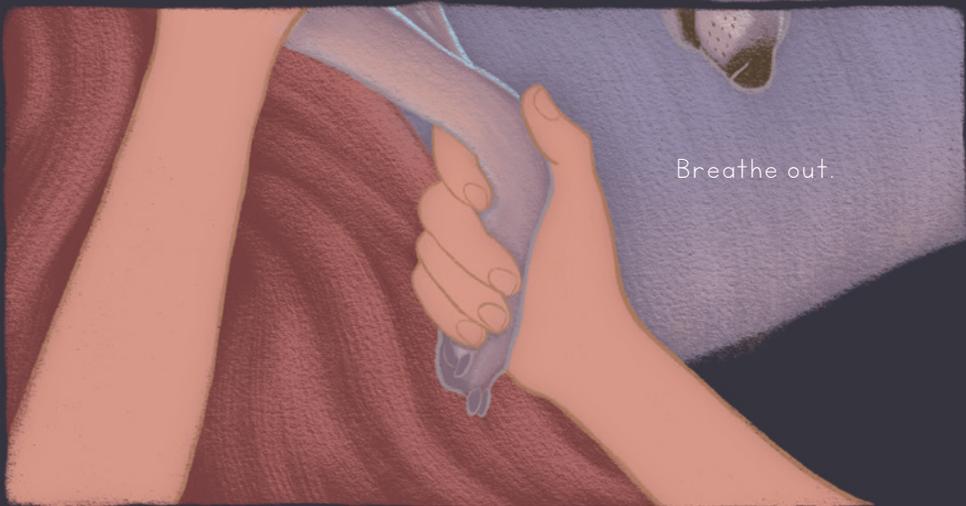
He could still out run you.







Breathe in.



Breathe out.



Be  
right  
here.





Billy... Billy,  
wake up.



It's late,



Let's go.





I'm grateful to be healthy.  
Grateful for my potential.  
Grateful for the health of my family.  
Grateful for the health of my dog.  
Grateful my van is working.  
Grateful for the opportunities I have.  
Grateful for all the people I'm going to meet.

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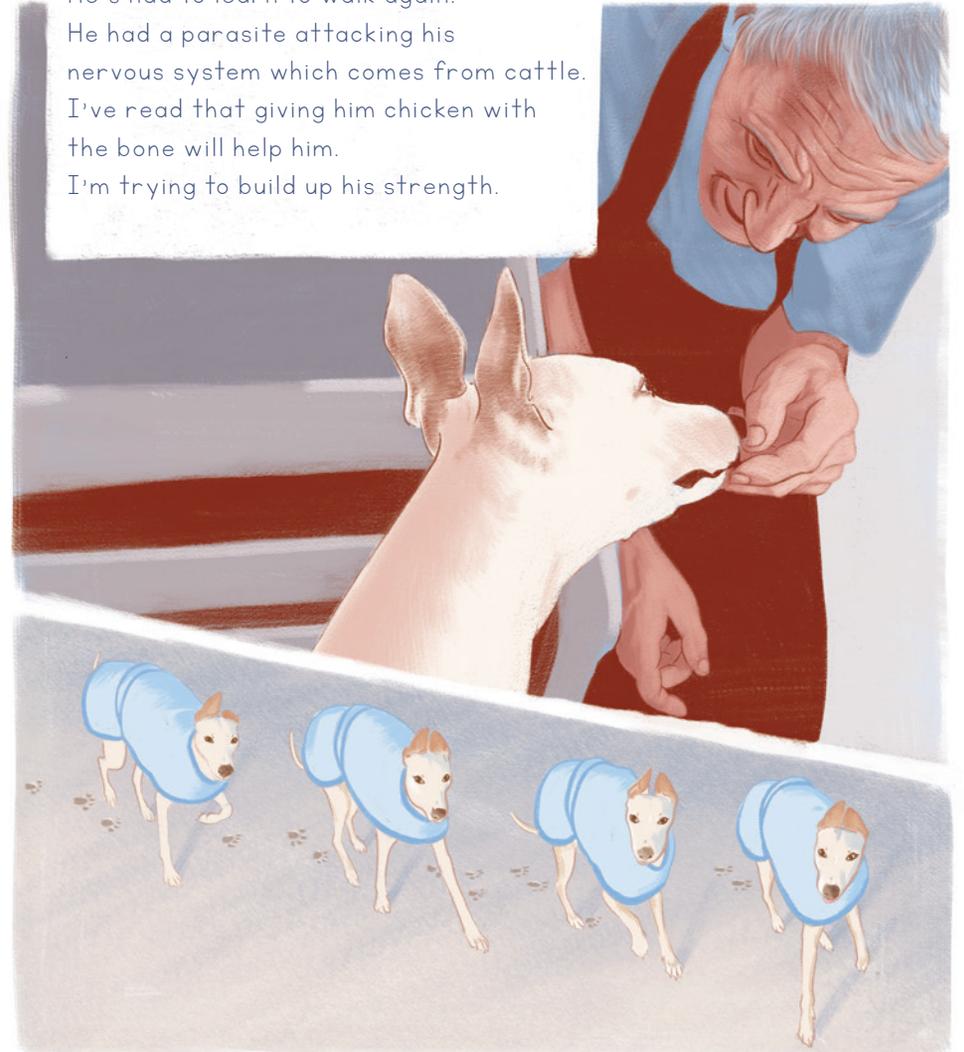
I'll have a chicken leg for the dog.

You give him raw chicken?

If it's been frozen yes,  
I think it's doing him good.

He looks a bit wobbly.

He's had to learn to walk again.  
He had a parasite attacking his  
nervous system which comes from cattle.  
I've read that giving him chicken with  
the bone will help him.  
I'm trying to build up his strength.





What's that Billy?



You are the hunter.



How's Billy this morning?



Good morning sweetheart.  
He's got some good muscles on him.



Get it.



Get the chicken.



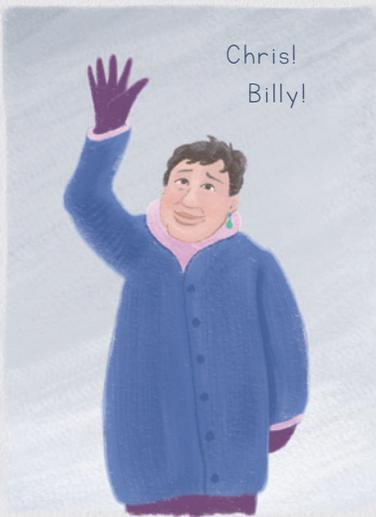
You are fast.



You are strong.



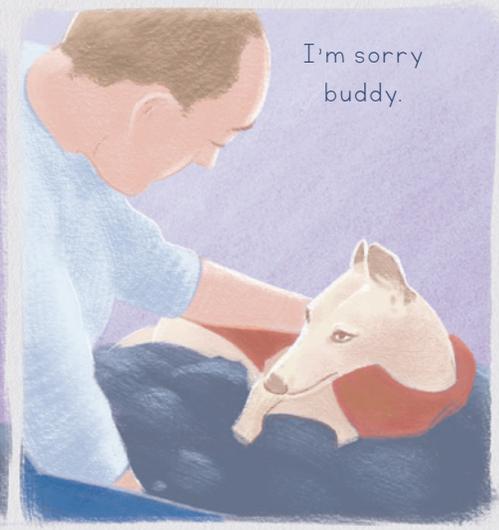
You're a hound.



Chris!  
Billy!



Come to my house.  
I'm making pumpkin soup.  
How's he doing?

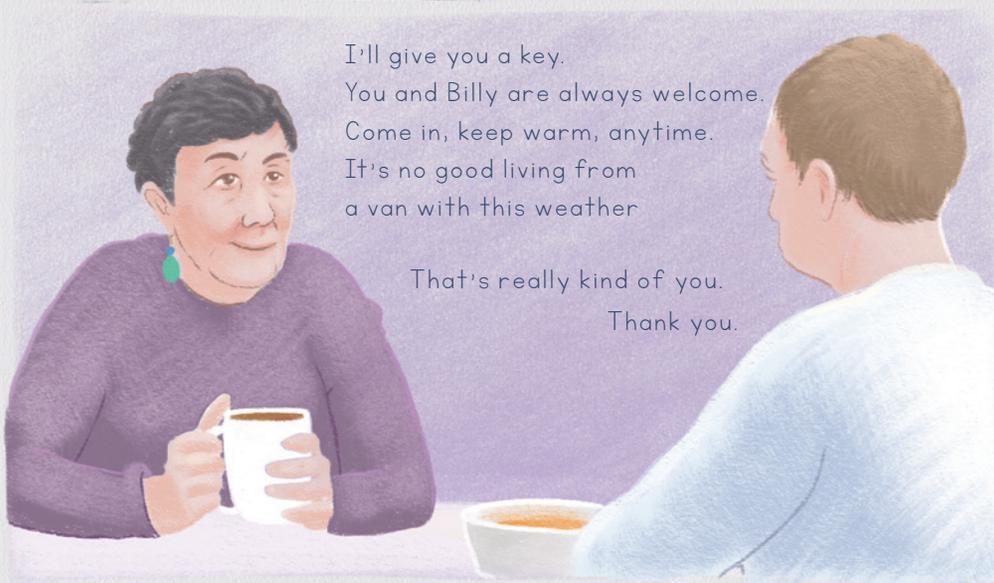


I'm sorry  
buddy.



He's been off  
medication for 6 months.

I just wish I saw the expert sooner.    If I would of asked for help earlier.

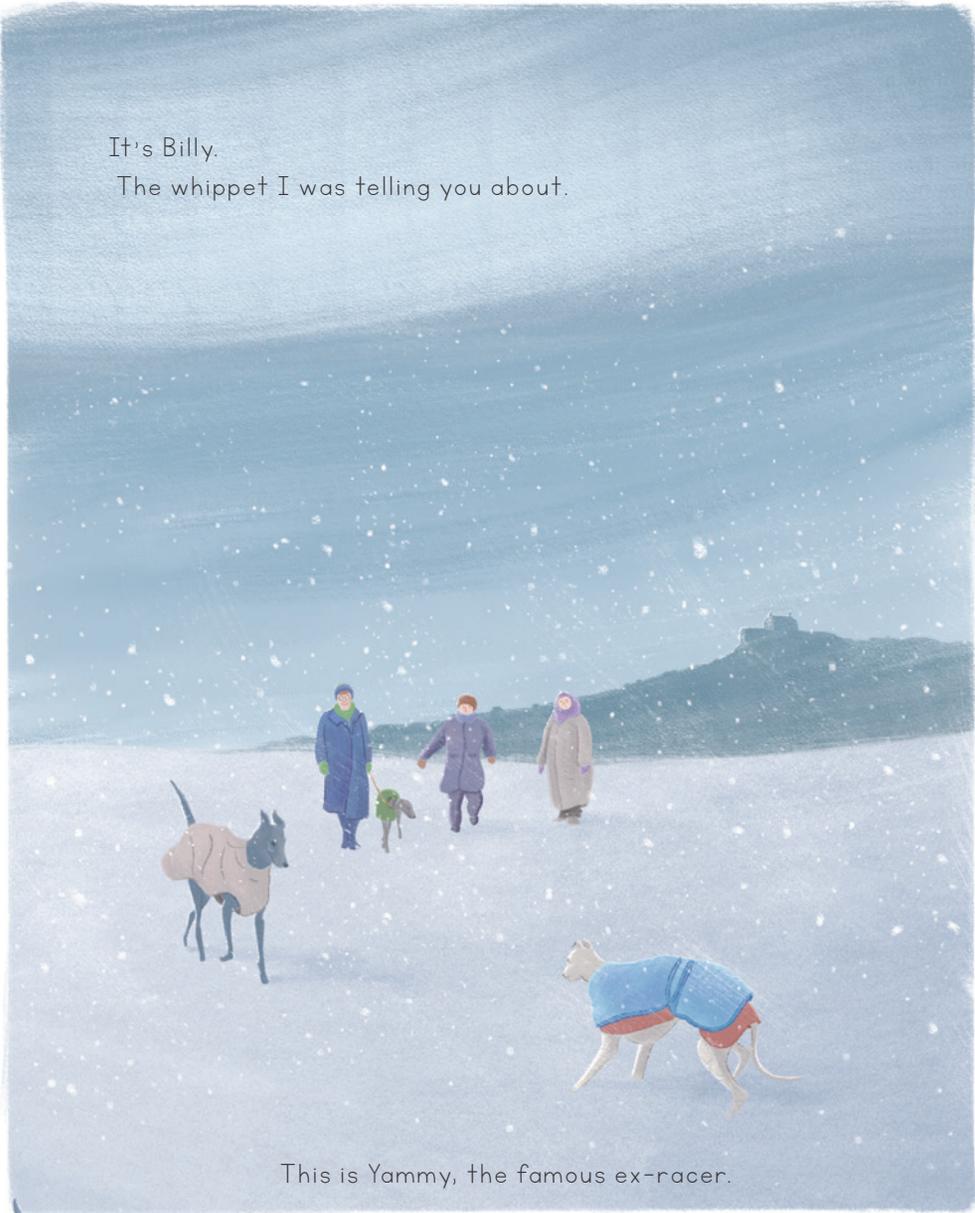


I'll give you a key.  
You and Billy are always welcome.  
Come in, keep warm, anytime.  
It's no good living from  
a van with this weather

That's really kind of you.  
Thank you.



It's Billy.  
The whippet I was telling you about.



This is Yammy, the famous ex-racer.



The beast from the east.



He's as gentle as they come.



How about this weather?



Here Billy have a treat.



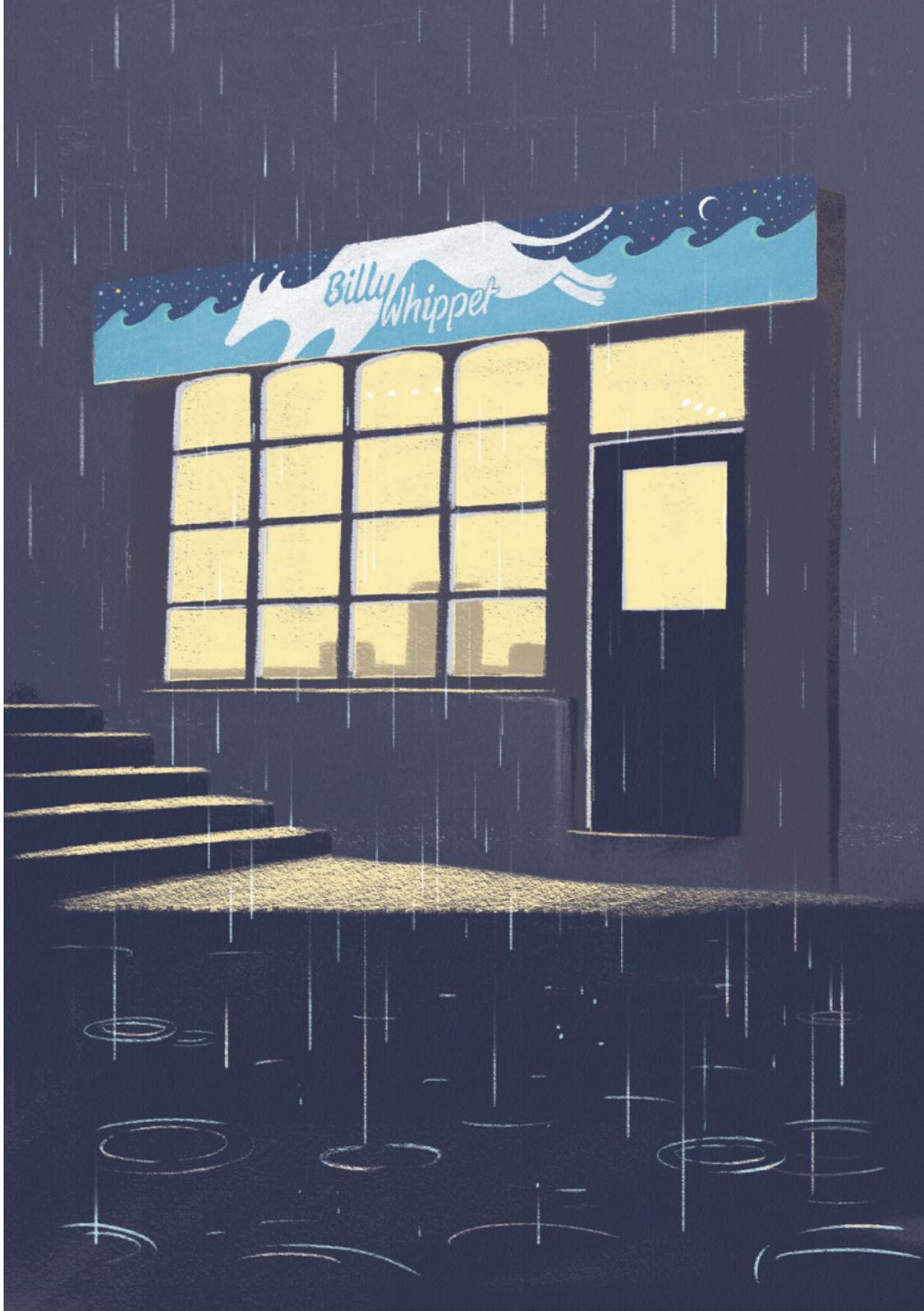
You're alright Chris,  
I wish you the best of luck.

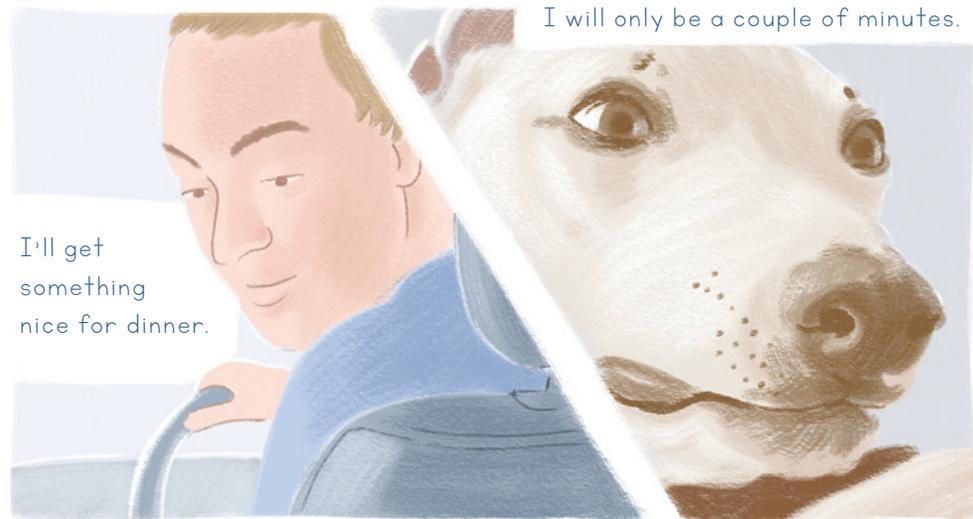
Thanks for helping.



How's he doing?

Looks better than before Christmas.

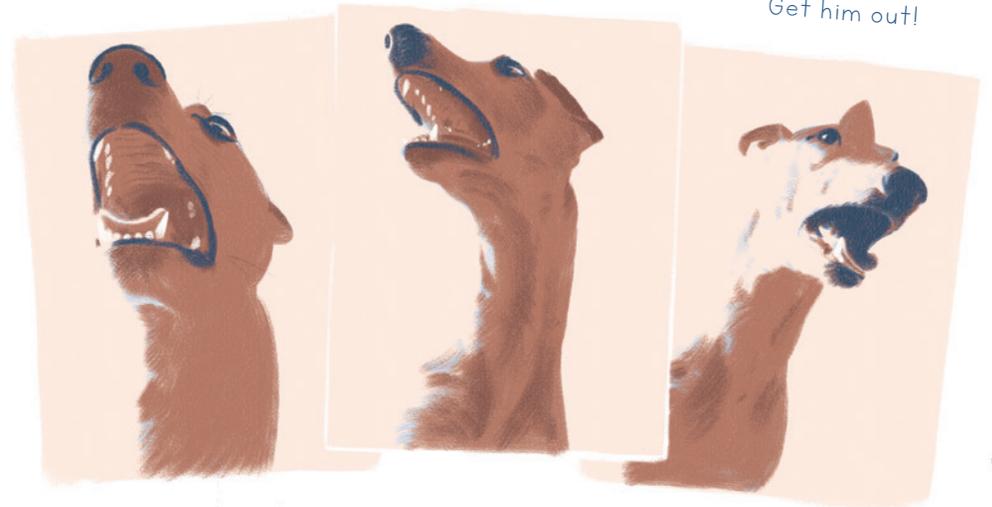




It's too hot!

Smash the window!

Get him out!  
Get him out!







What a beautiful dog.



He looks like he's dancing.



Oh hello, you're lovely.

I'll just catch one wave.



Then come right back.



You'll be alright won't you buddy?





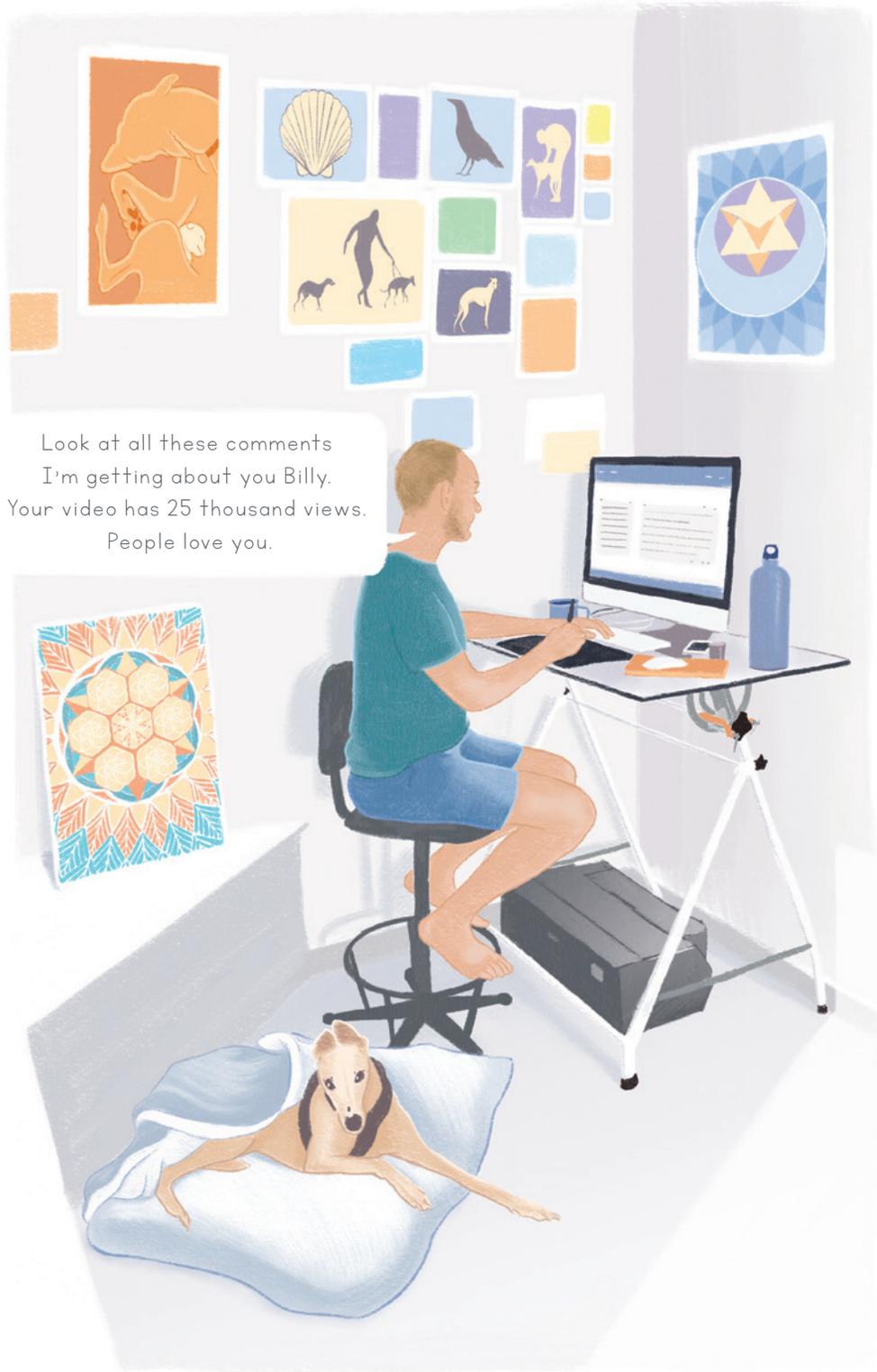


Go on Bill, you can do it.  
You're not going to fall.

That's it.

Yeah, easy-peasy.





Look at all these comments  
I'm getting about you Billy.  
Your video has 25 thousand views.  
People love you.



We don't need thousands of likes.



Just one love.



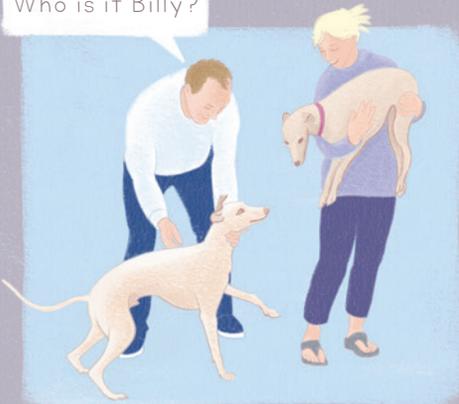
beep  
beep!



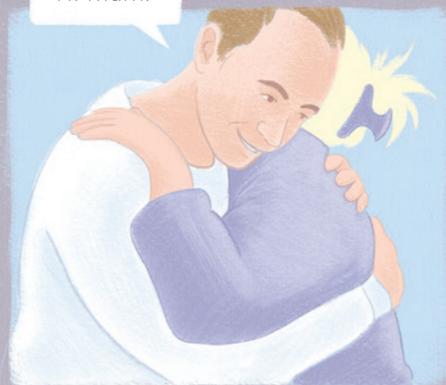
Hiya!



Who is it Billy?



Hi mum.



Billy boy!



Let's have a look at you.



Hey, he looks great.



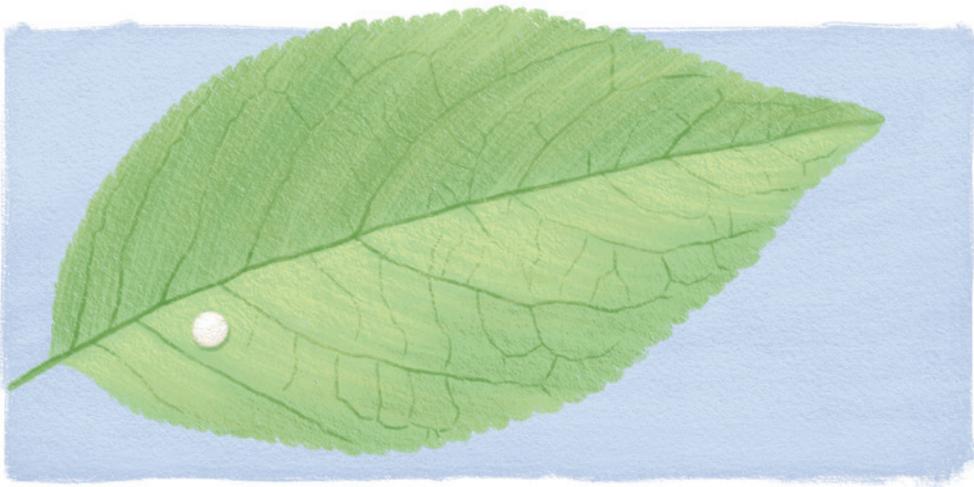
It's been so difficult for Billy,  
I don't know what I was thinking,  
sleeping in a van with a disabled dog.  
He needs a stable home.

He's lucky to be alive and lucky to have you.  
Look how much he's improved.



Focus on the opportunity,  
not the obstacles.





A challenge can help you grow.



Grow strong.



Eat well.

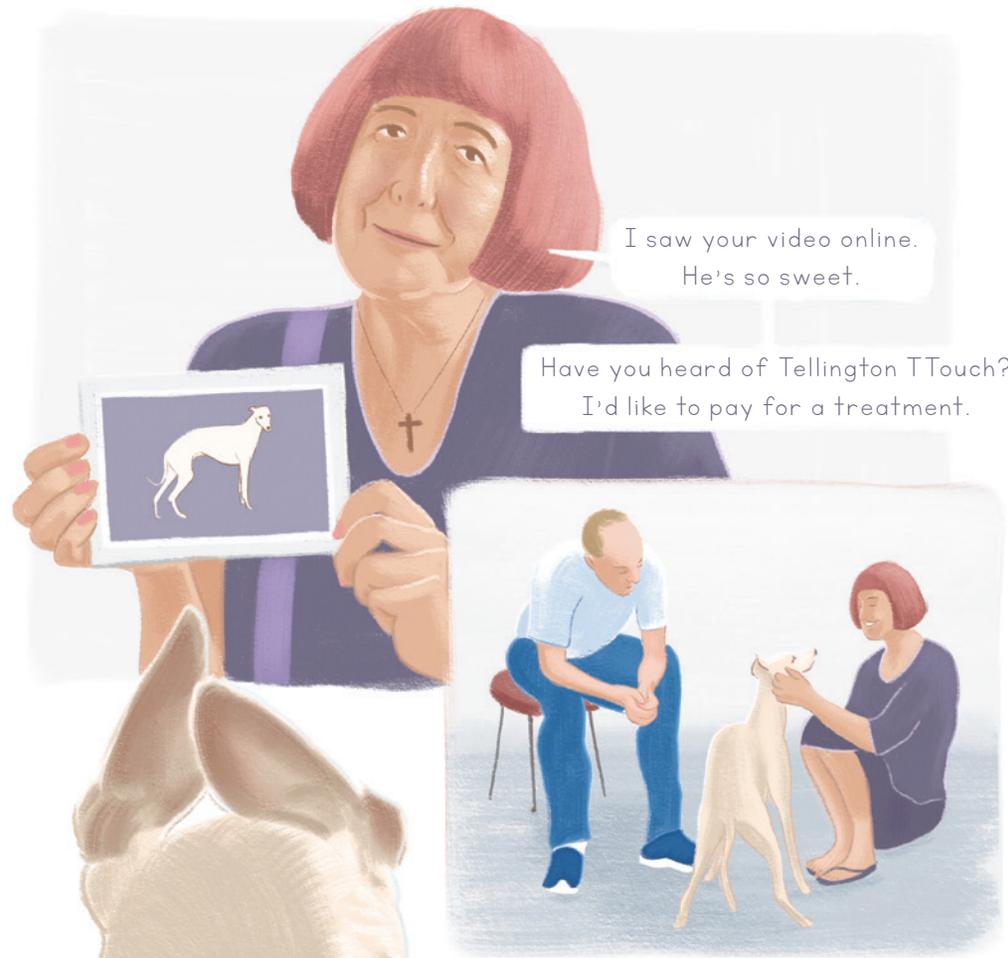
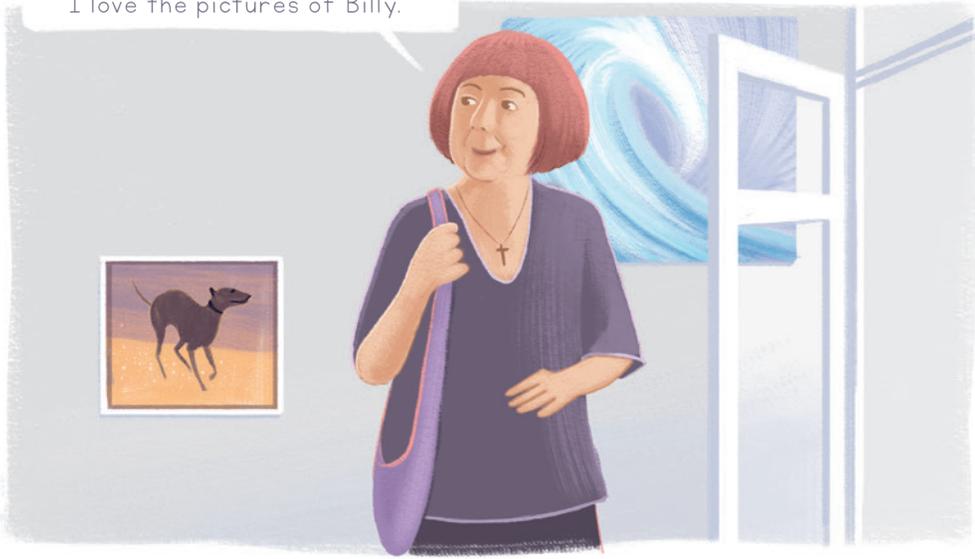


Transform.





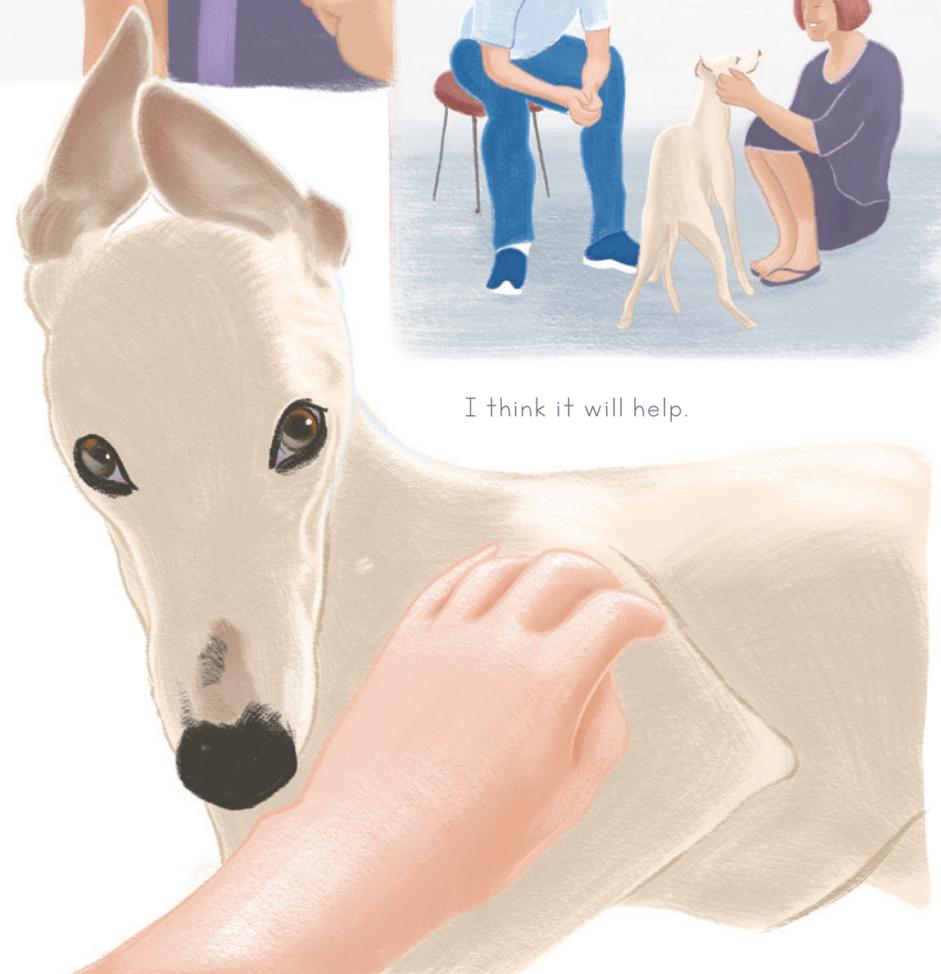
This place is looking great,  
I love the pictures of Billy.



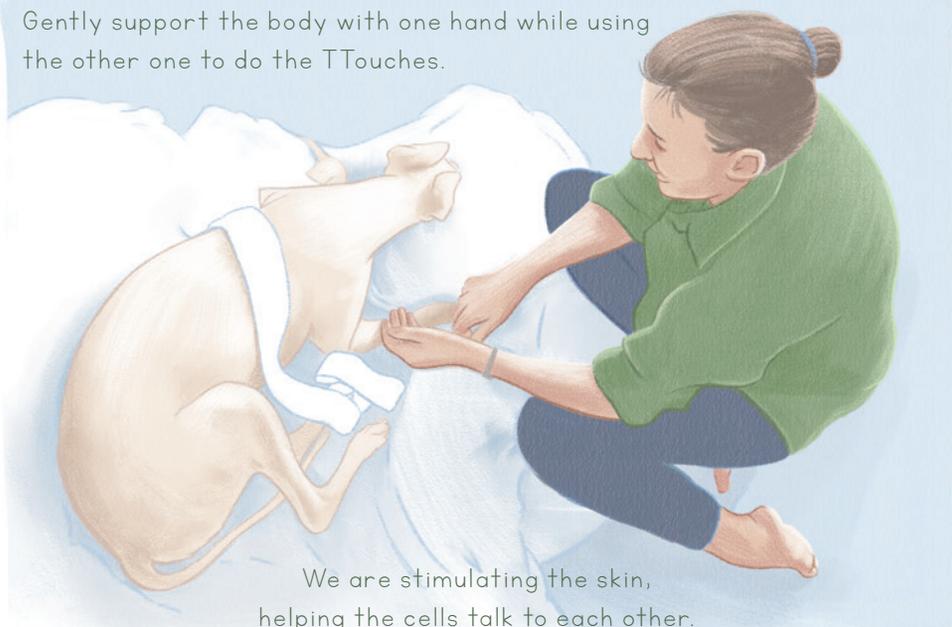
I saw your video online.  
He's so sweet.

Have you heard of Tellington TTouch?  
I'd like to pay for a treatment.

I think it will help.



Gently support the body with one hand while using the other one to do the TTouches.



We are stimulating the skin,  
helping the cells talk to each other.



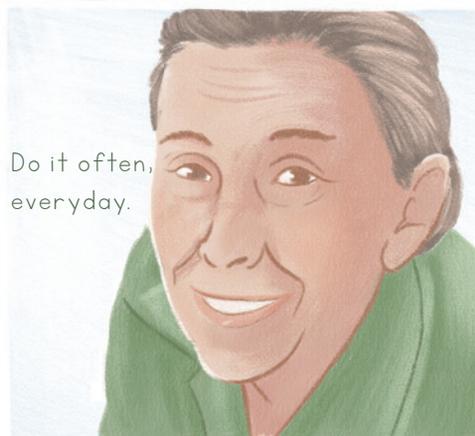
Use the lightest of pressures.



Move the skin in little circles.

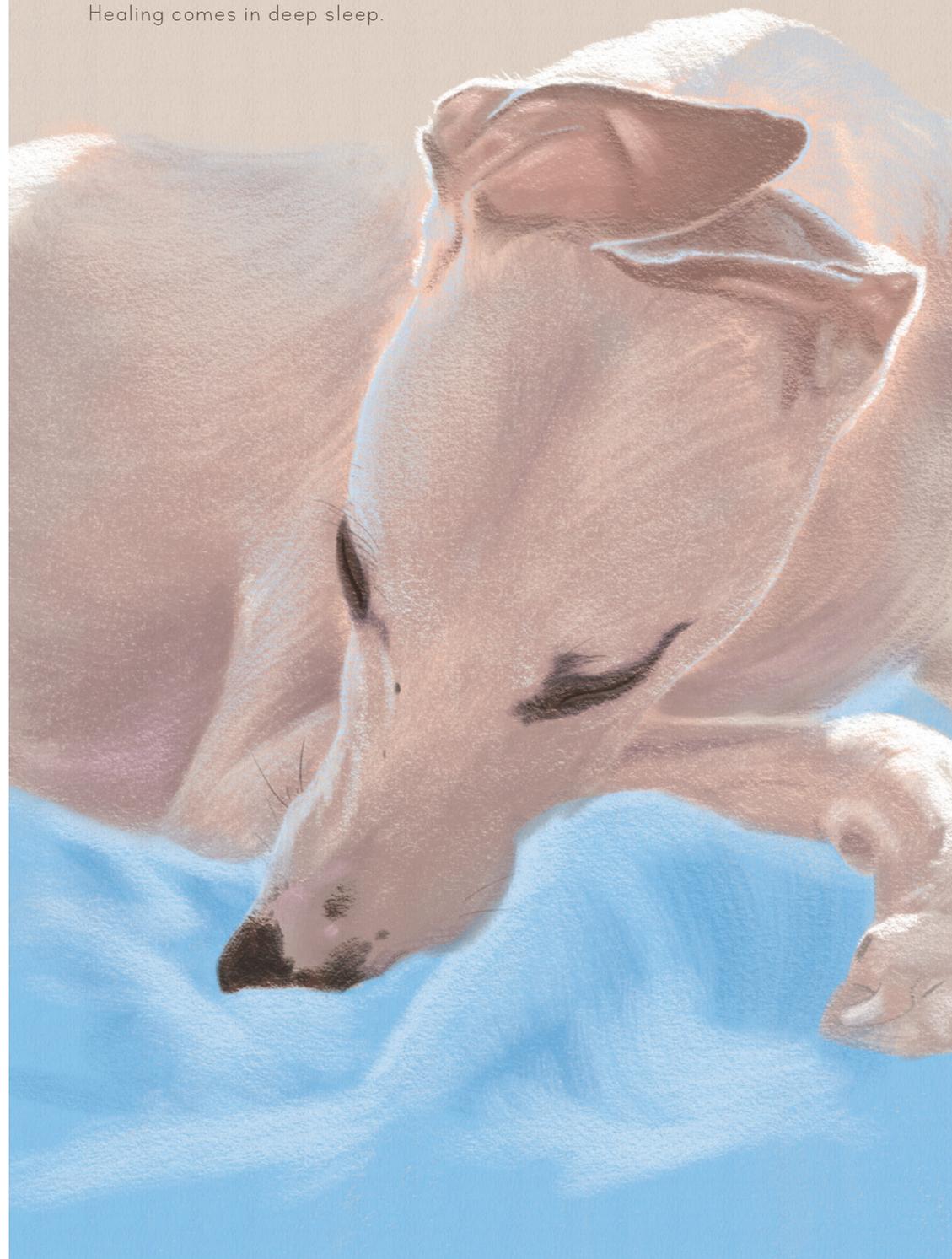


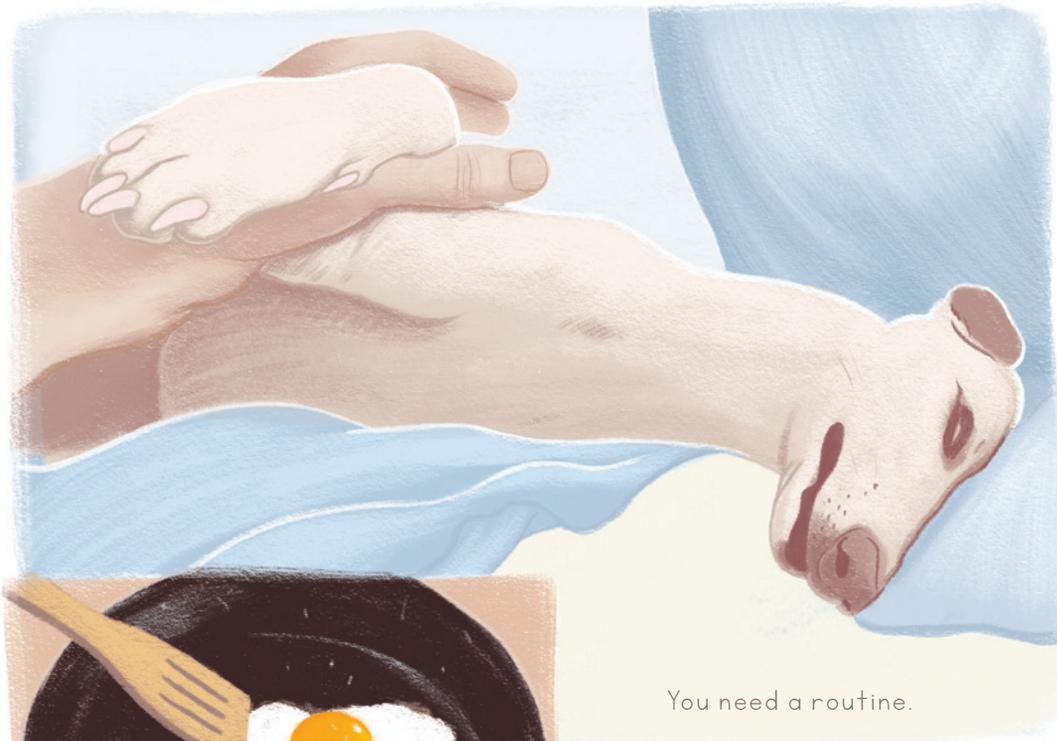
Work up and down the tail,  
the legs, everywhere.



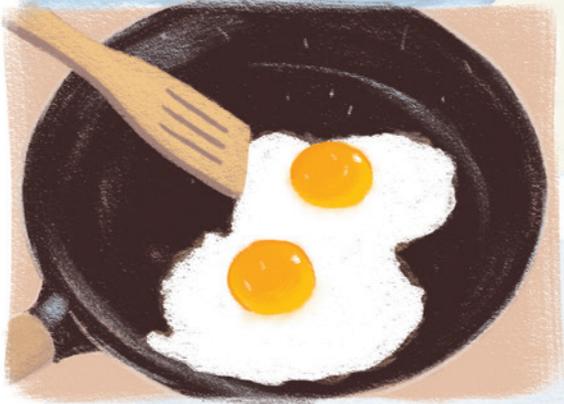
Do it often,  
everyday.

Healing comes in deep sleep.

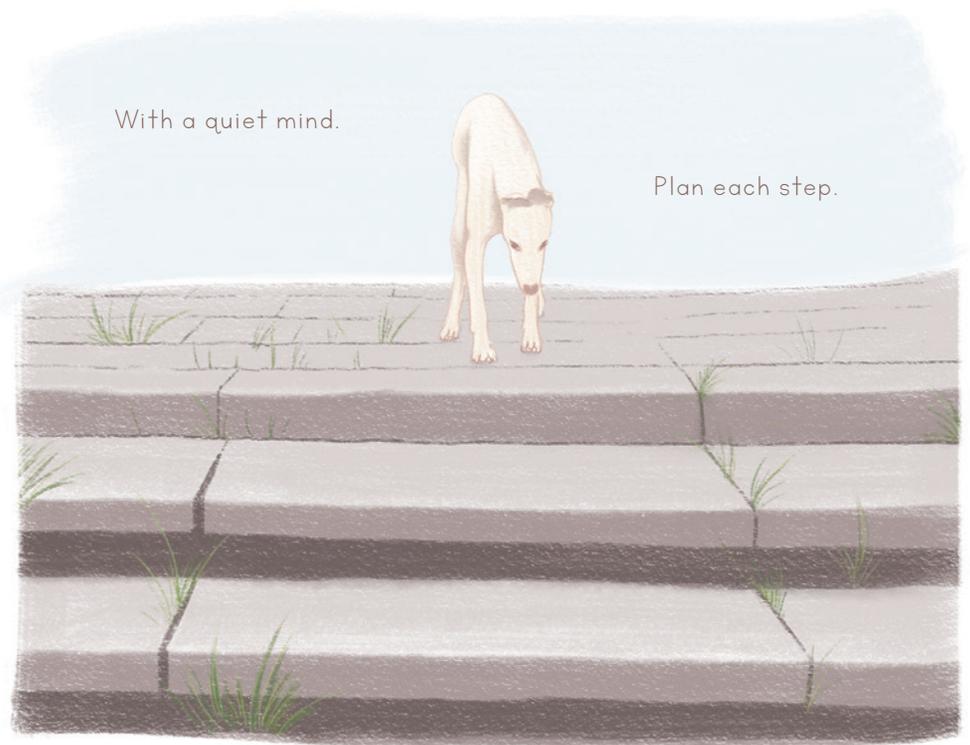




You need a routine.



A routine that works.



With a quiet mind.

Plan each step.



You can do it!



Less distraction.



More concentration.





Life's journey is not a race.



Make friends.



Stretch yourself.



Encourage each other.

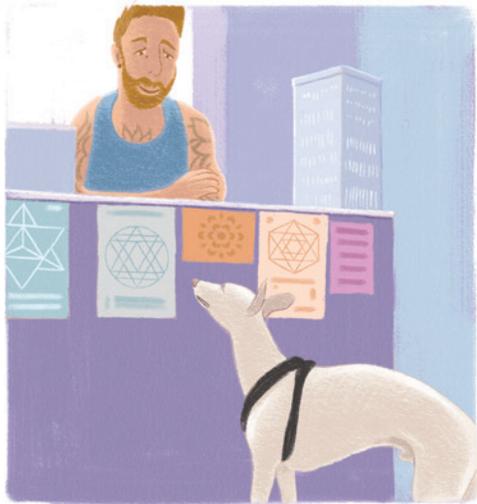


Send good vibes out.

Let good vibes in.



We are tuning our vibration.



Good afternoon Billy.  
Would you like a treat?



I see you walk past everyday  
with this little dog.



It's beautiful  
how you care  
for him.



You truly  
love him.

I used to bring Billy up here when he was ill.  
I never thought he would walk again.  
I'd carry him up to these rocks.  
We would sit here and pray to the sunset.

Sounds silly, right?

Not silly at all.



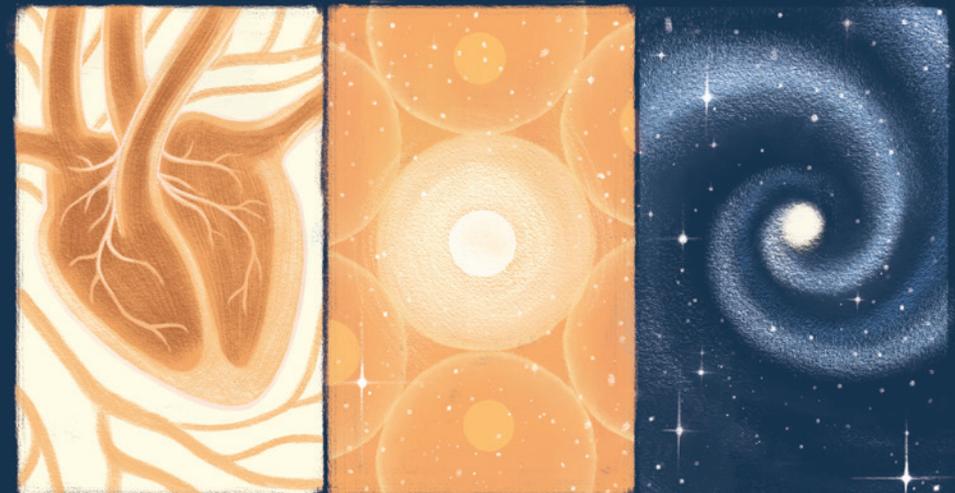
From cosmos

To star

Through nature



Love finds itself.



Between organs

In cells

Along particles.



You are part of this universe.



It flows through you.



Let it flow through your mind.



Let it flow through your body.



Let it flow from your soul.

You belong here.



You  
are  
loved.







Don't try to impress others.



Impress yourself.



Express yourself.



Being unique is good for the universe.



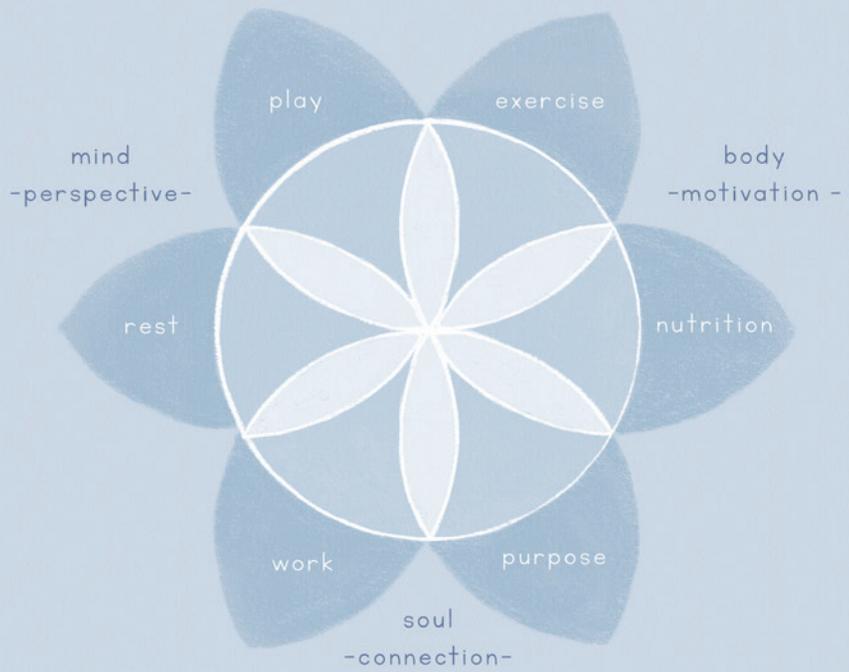
Accept everyone for who they are.



No judgment.

Positive vibes.





We are in the pursuit of health.



You have to want it.



You've got to try.

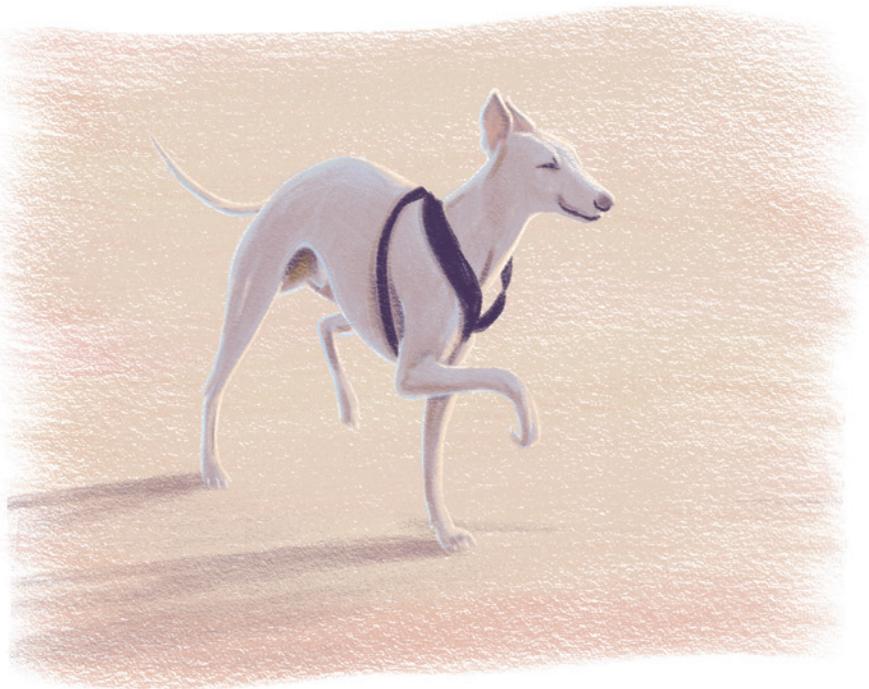


Go get it.

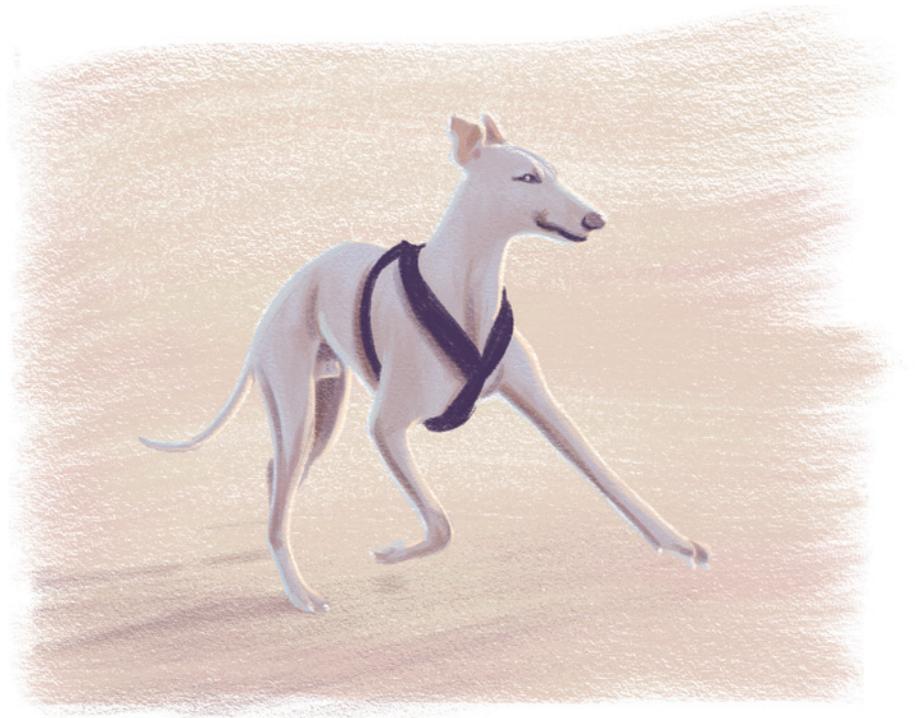


Give it your all.

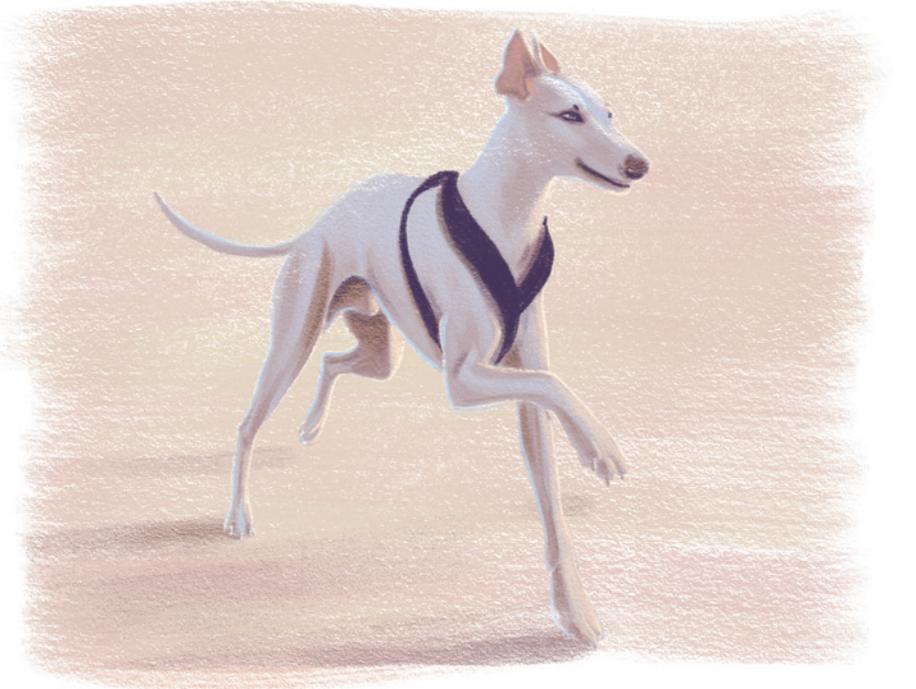
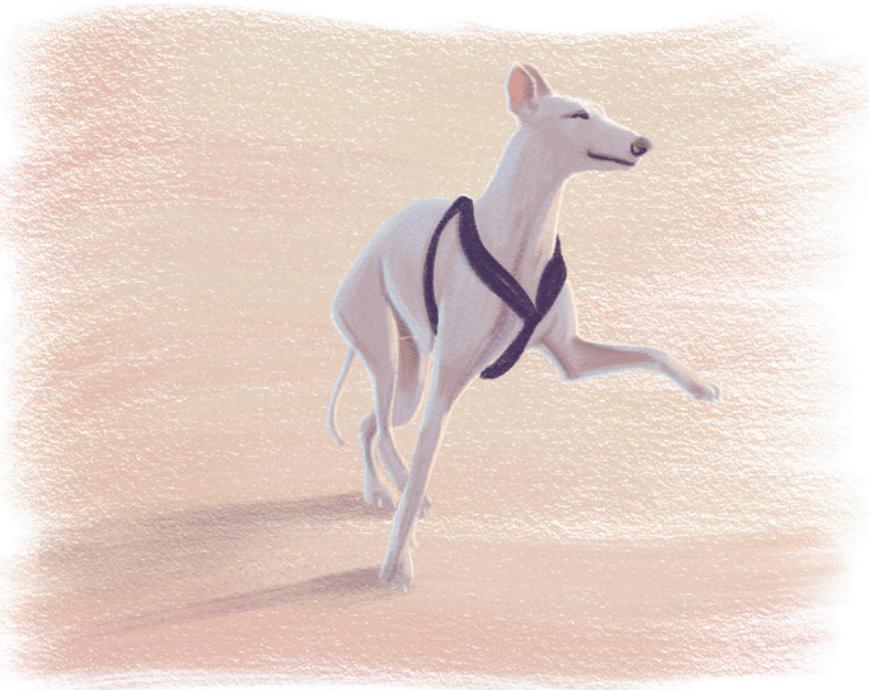




Find what you need.



Do what you love.





Come on Billy!



Ignite your heart.



We are only here  
for a moment.



A happy balance will bring the best out of you.





Thank you for my health.  
Thank you to the people I've met.  
Thank you for being born in a loving family  
who always support my ambition.  
Thank you to Billy for keeping me grounded.  
You can follow Billy's progress online:  
[billywhippet.com](http://billywhippet.com)



Living with disabilities isn't easy,  
but for Billy the Whippet help is at hand.

Captured in beautiful detail this book  
follows great friendships, healthy routines  
and finding a place in the universe.

“We are only here for a moment.”  
Billy and his guardian Chris make this moment count.

