

Dave the Dog is worried about coronavirus again

a nurse Dotty book



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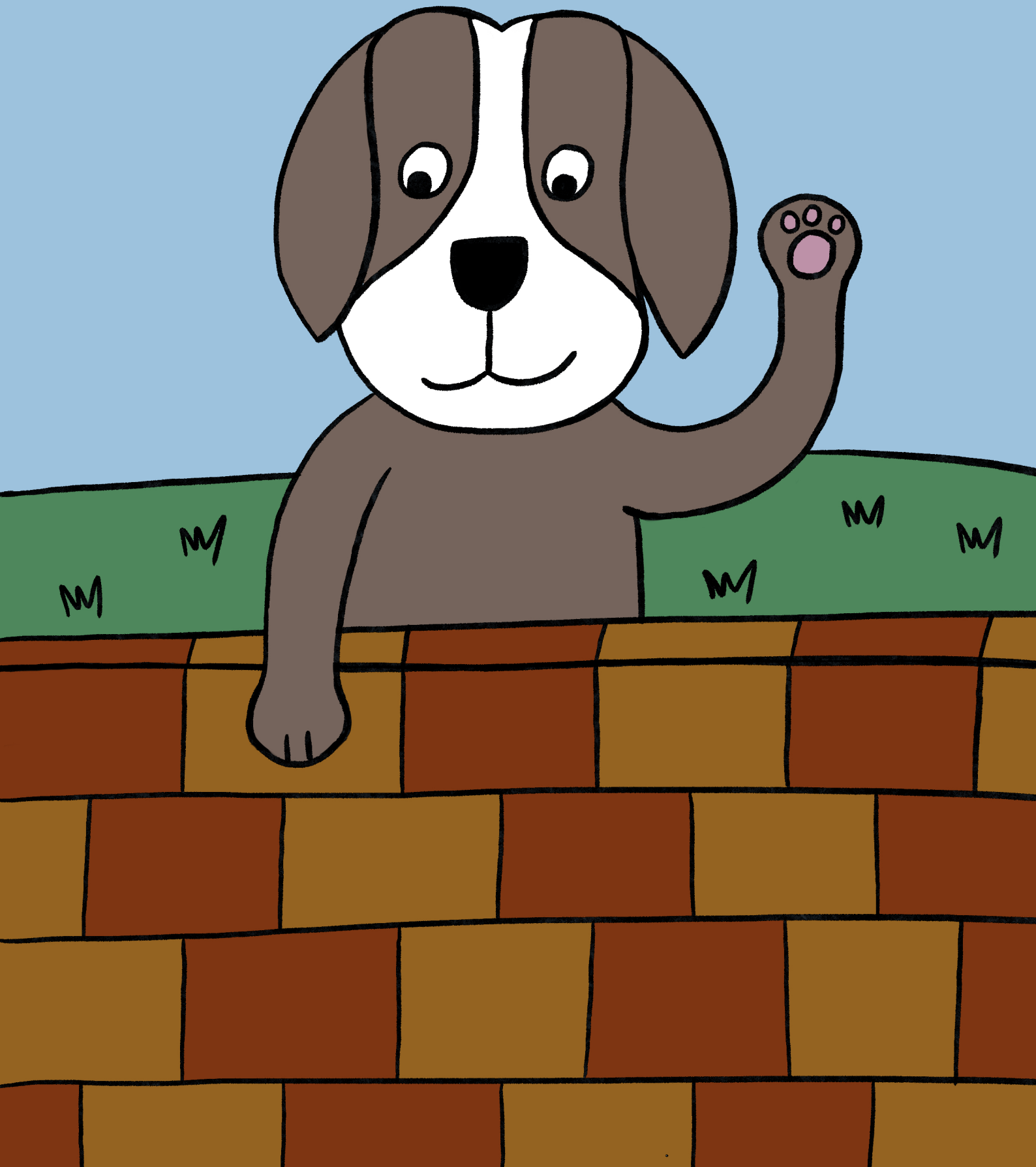
There was once an owl called Dotty,
A nurse with a uniform all spotty.



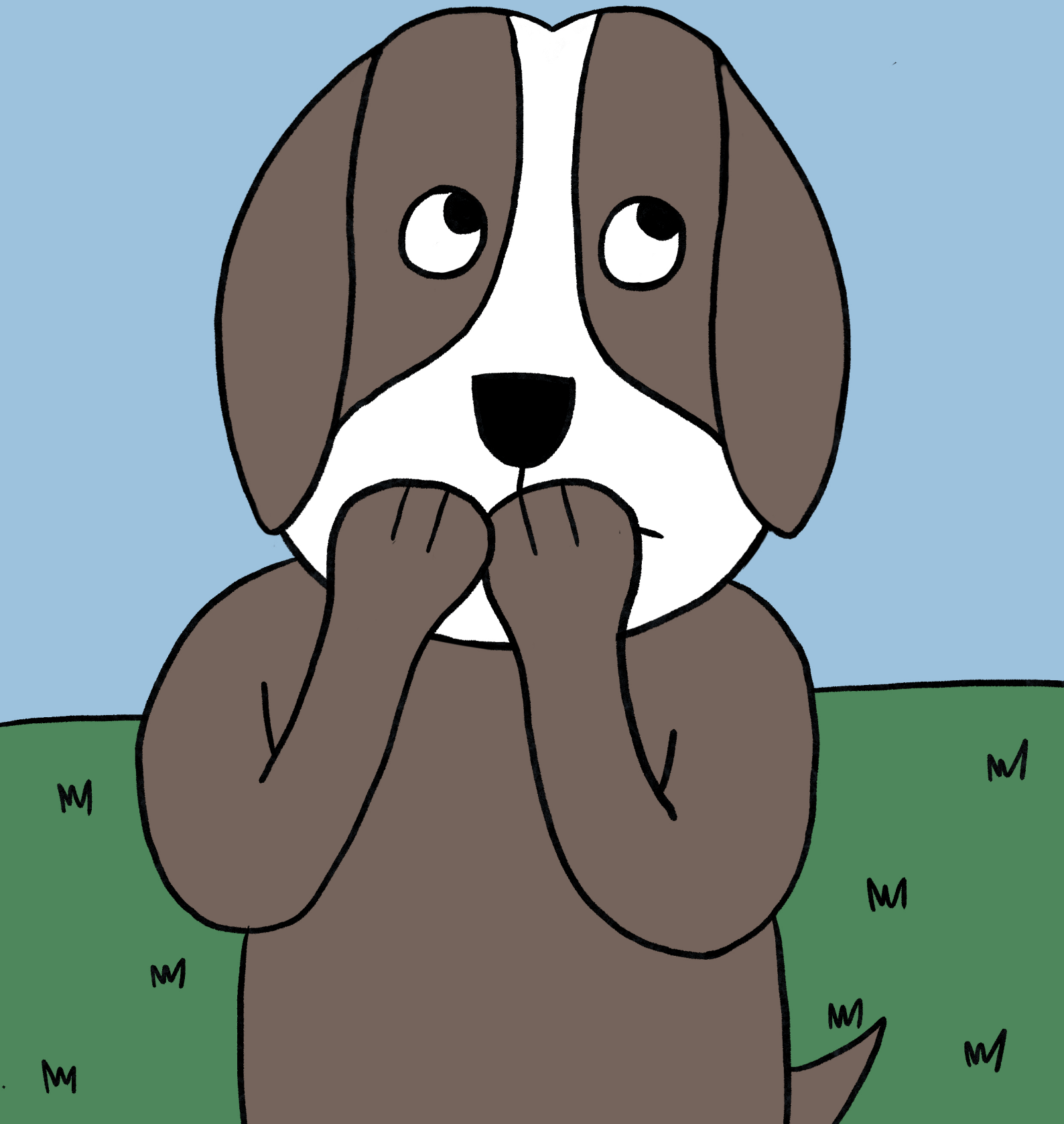
She works in the hospital up the hill,
Looking after all the children who are ill.



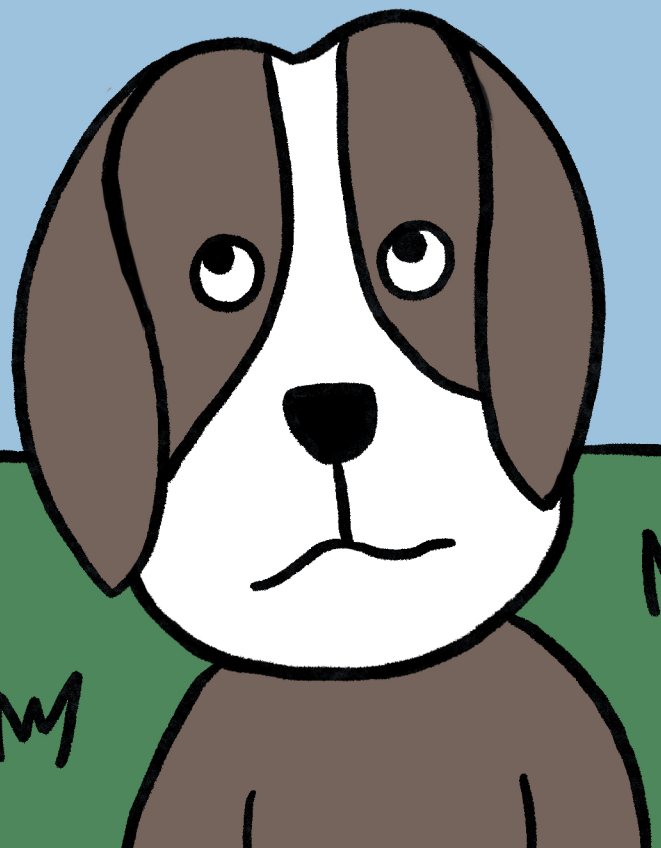
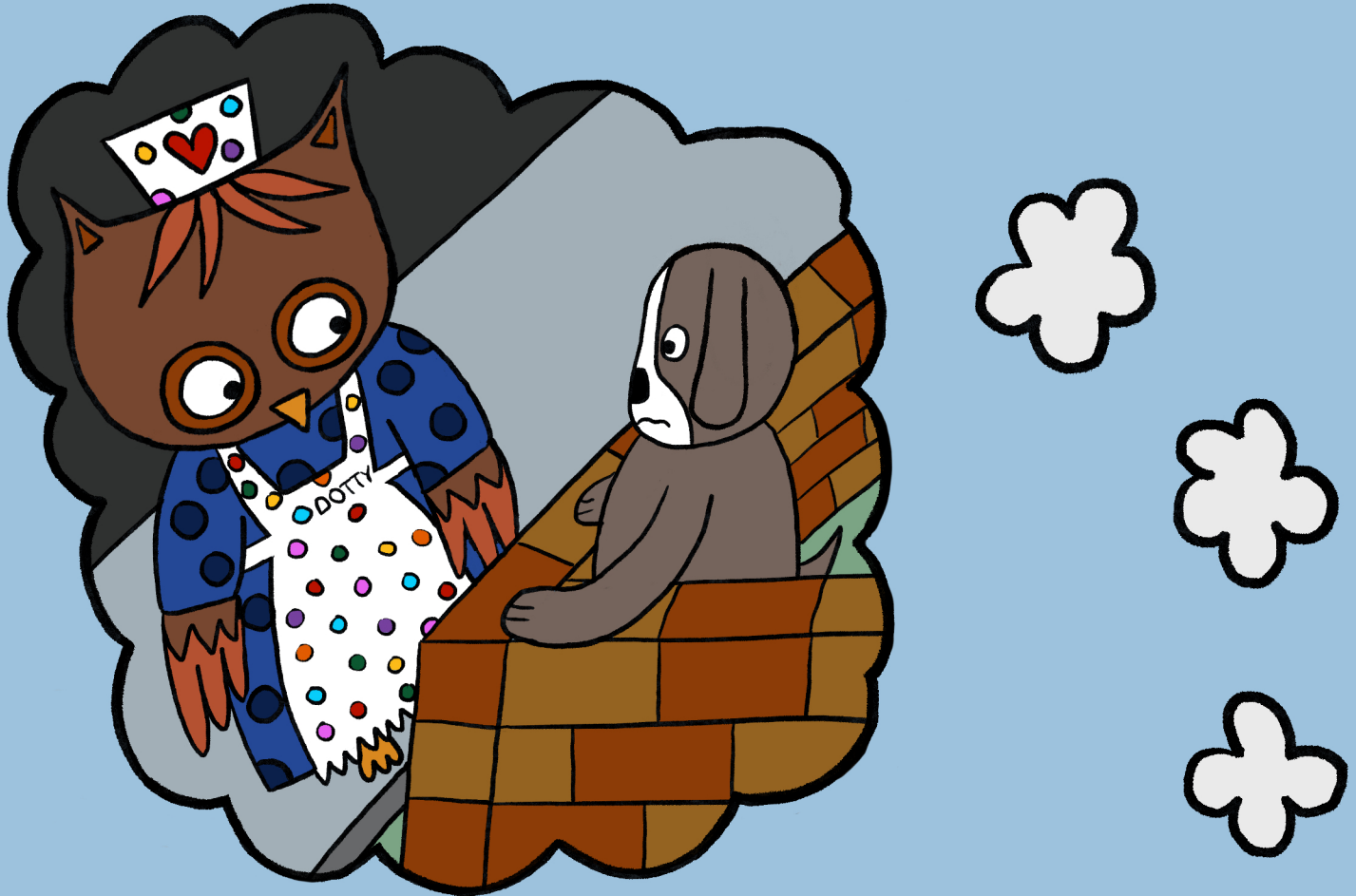
Last time we also met a dog called Dave,
Who every morning likes to give nurse
Dotty a wave.



Dave was feeling worried about coronavirus
before,
And now Dave is feeling a little worried
once more.



See before nurse Dotty helped Dave
understand what was going on,
But he thought by now coronavirus would
be gone.



So he decided that he would give nurse
Dotty a ring,
To see if she could help him again make
sense of everything.



The phone rang and nurse Dotty said hello,
She said she would be happy to help Dave
with whatever he wanted to know.



Because she knows that things feel a little
scary again,
But they will get better even if she can't
promise when.

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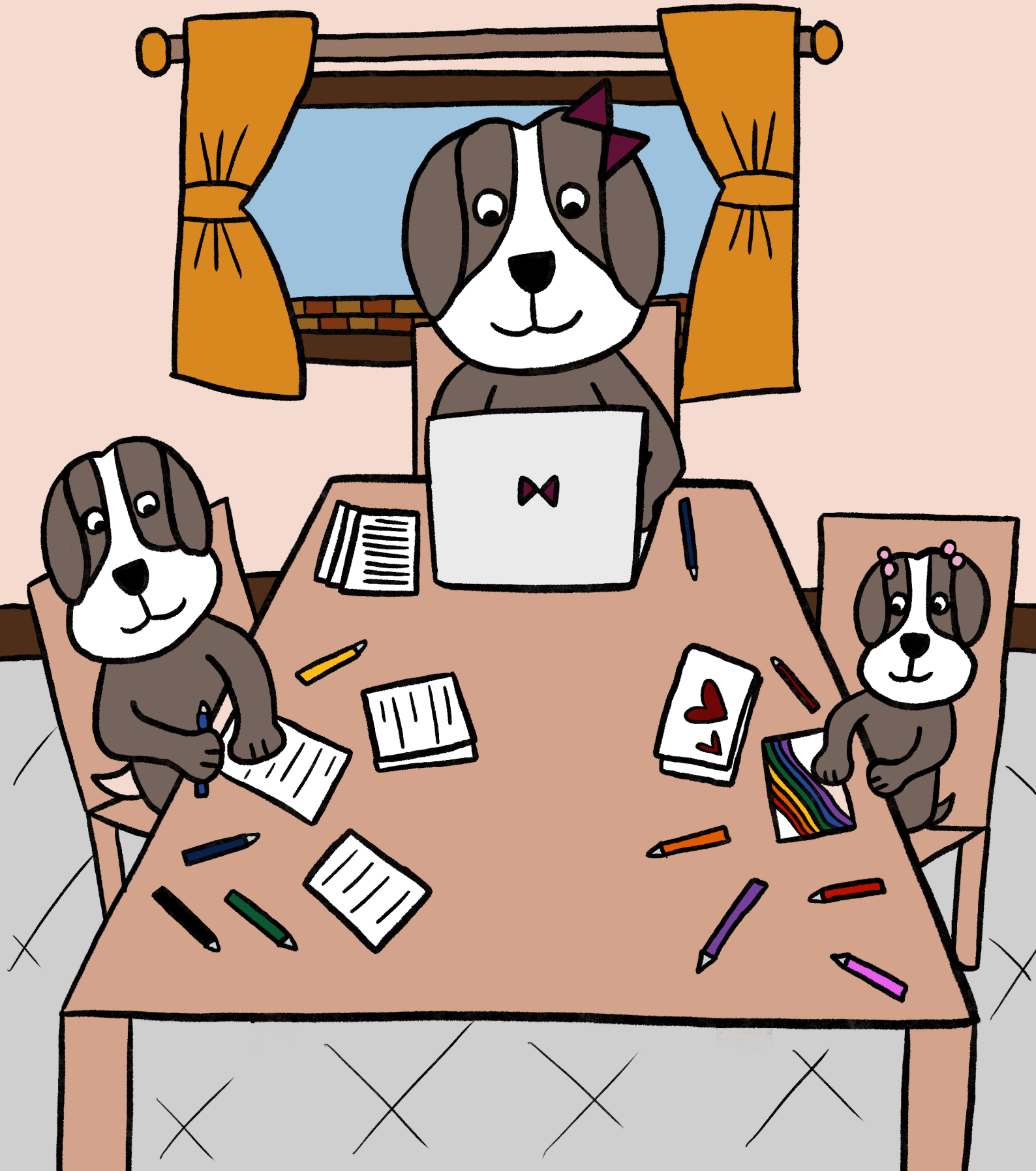
Nurse Dotty said coronavirus is making
some people poorly still,
And sometimes in the winter bugs make
more people ill.



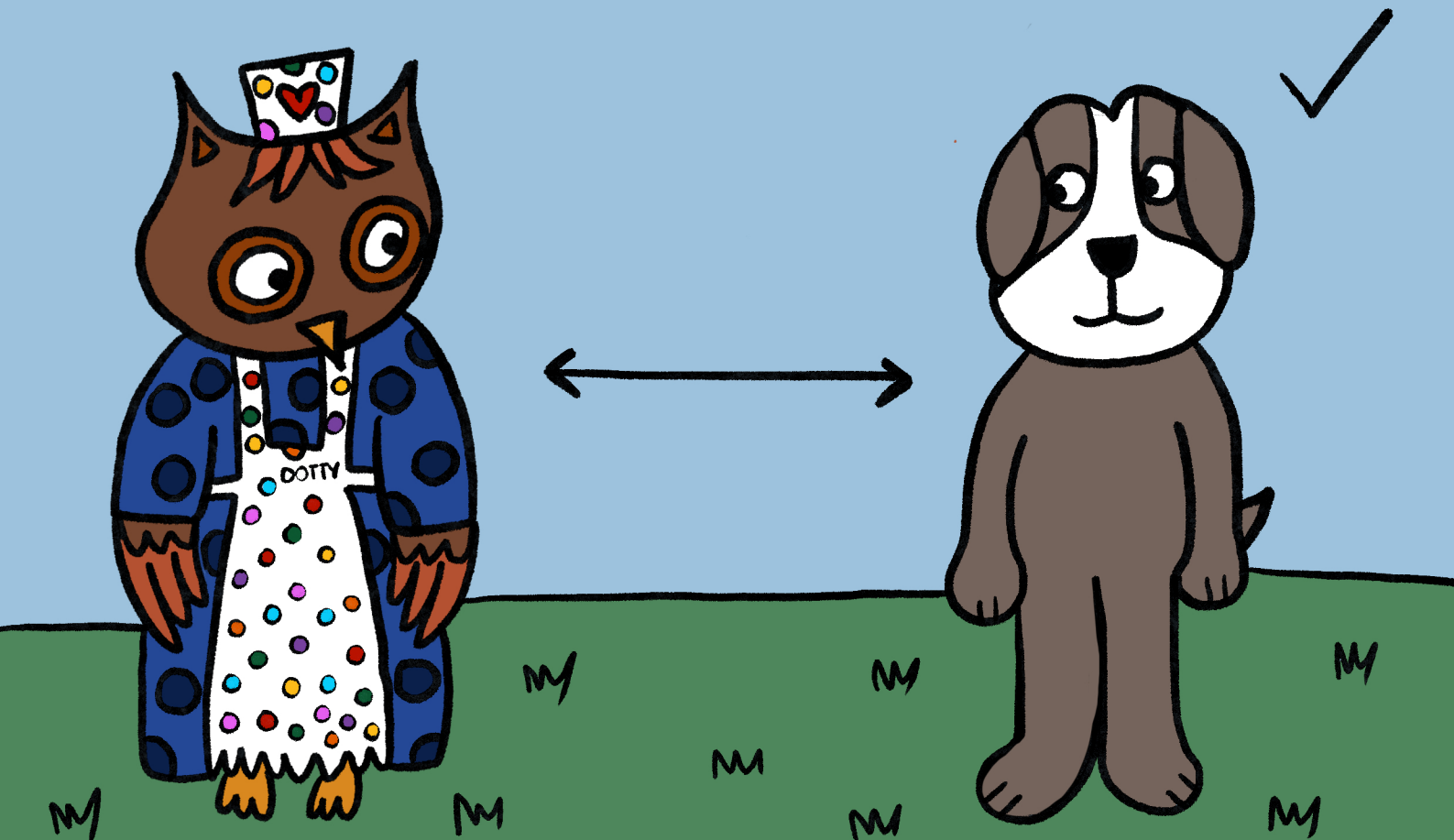
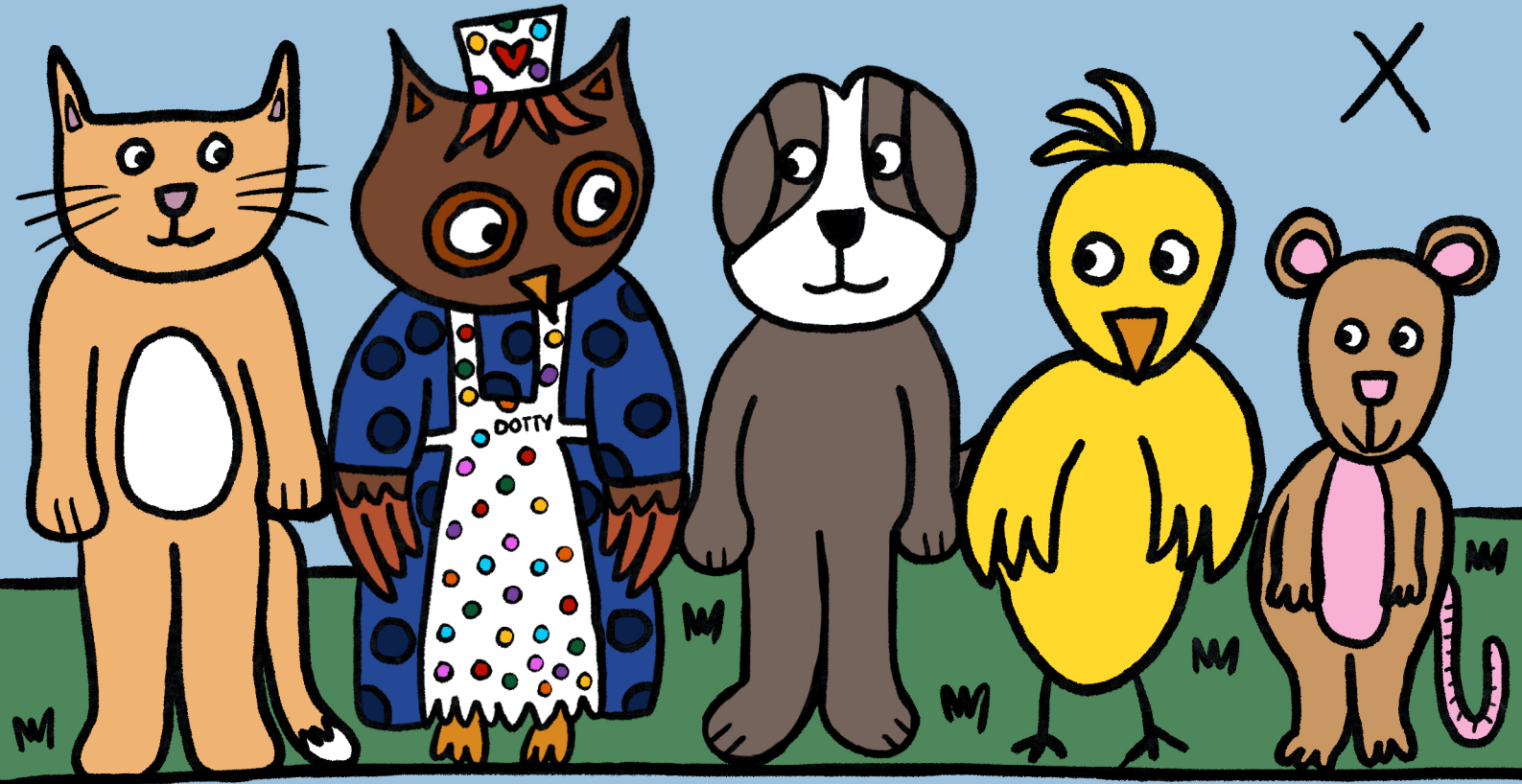
But she said we know much more about
coronavirus now,
That is why there is lots of things we are
doing to help keep people well.



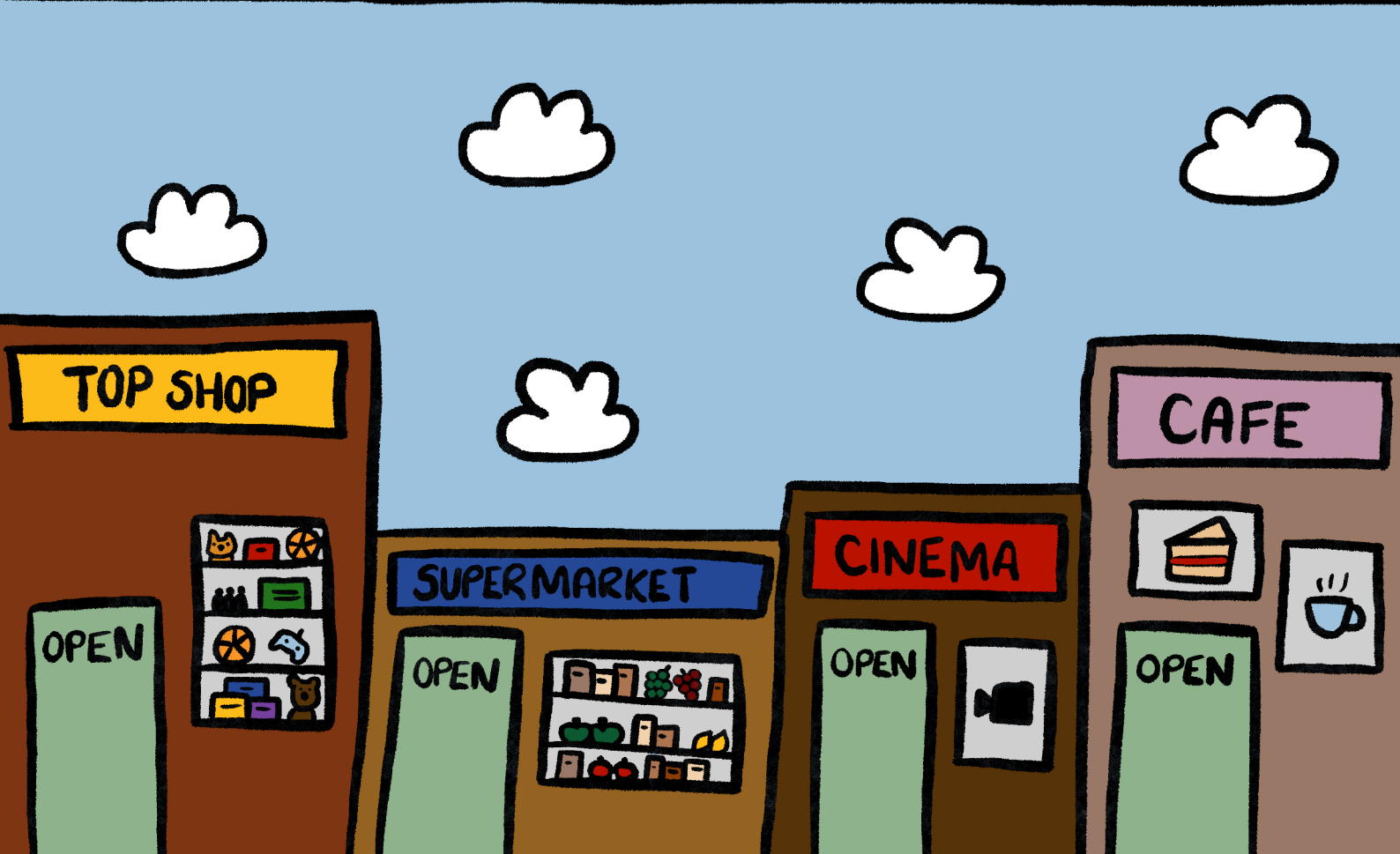
Schools have shut for a little bit so Dave is doing his work at home, Lots of shops and works are shut too so Dave is not there alone.



Nurse Dotty said this is to stop lots of people needing to be in the same place, Because you can stop bugs spreading between people by leaving plenty of space.



Between open and shut places may often change,
This is to make things as safe as can be
even though it feels a little strange.



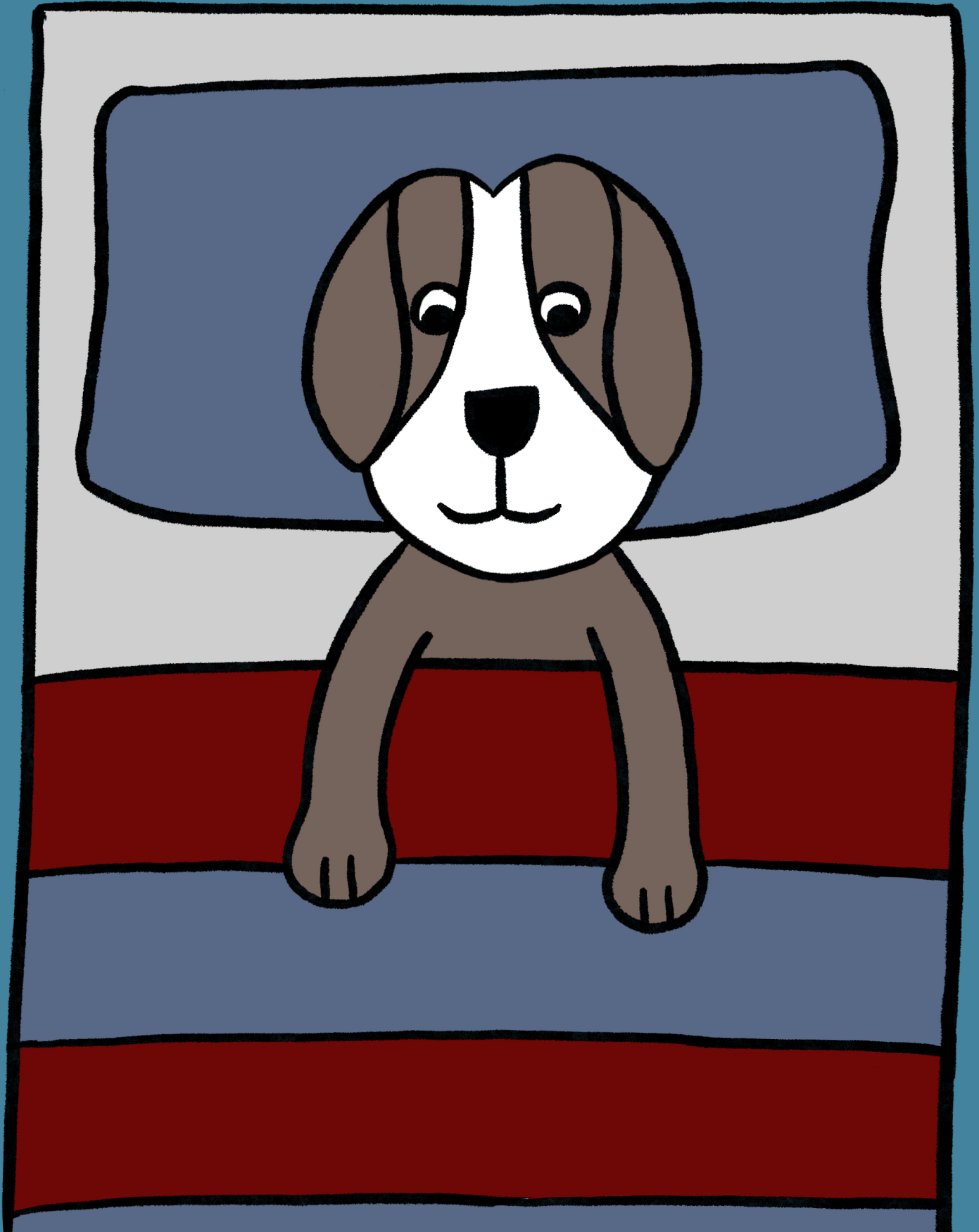
And where you can go to may change as well as who you can see, Depending on where you live to keep things as safe as can be.



There may be times when you need to do
a coronavirus test,
This will be a little swab in your mouth
and nose to tell you if you need to stay
home and rest.



Nurse Dotty also reminds Dave if he is ill
he should also stay home then,
But it is nothing to worry about; it is just
time to rest and feel better again.



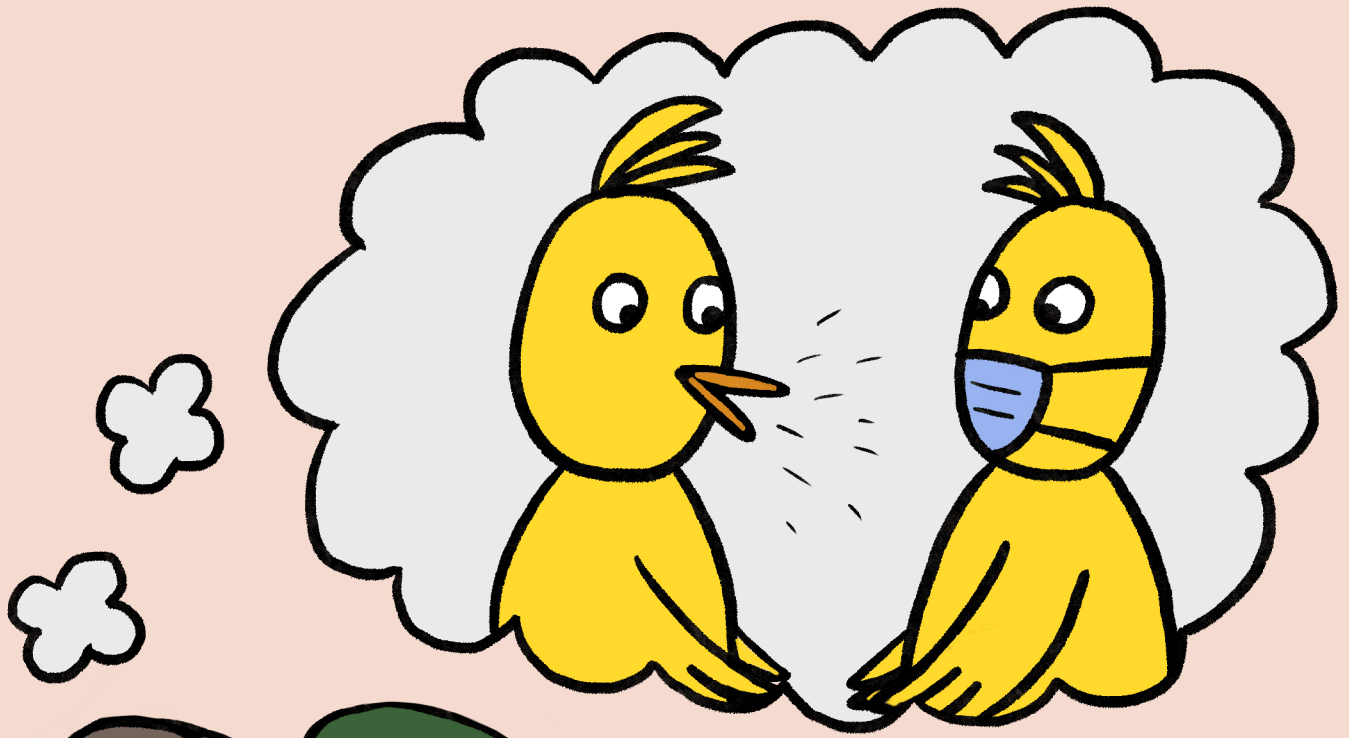
Dave is really missing seeing his family and friends,
And he can't wait to hug them when
coronavirus ends.



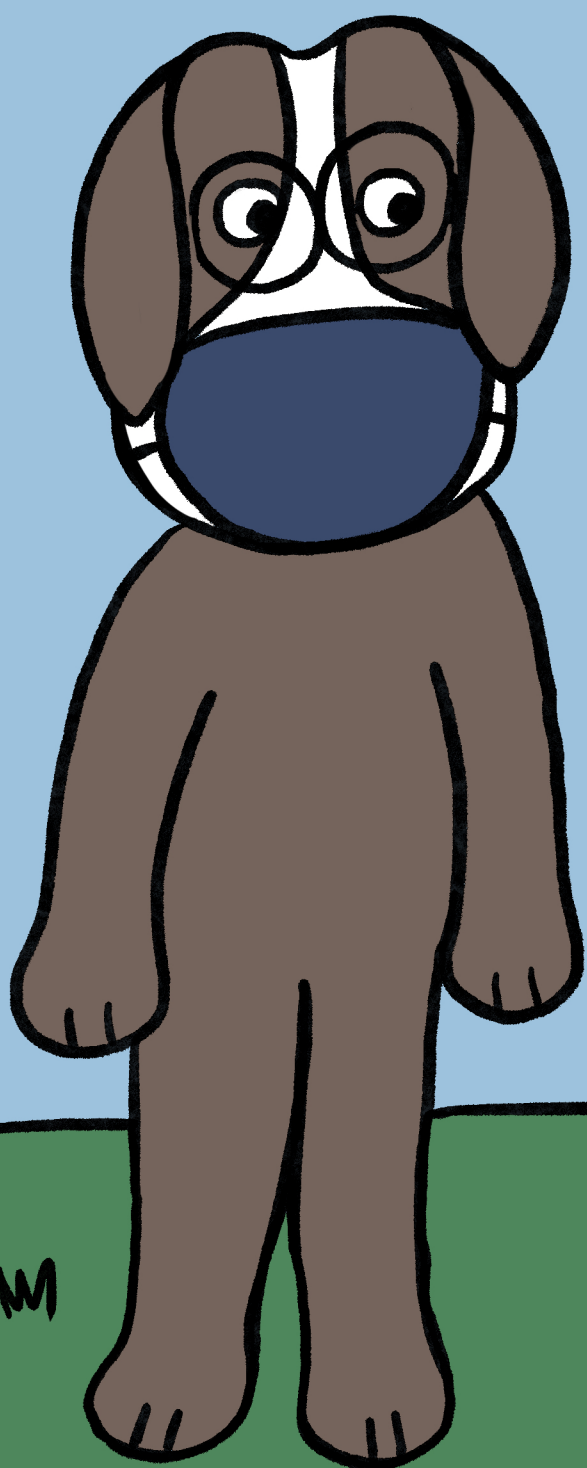
He hasn't been able to see some because bugs can spread between you when you're close together,
close together,
But nurse Dotty reassures Dave it won't be like this forever.



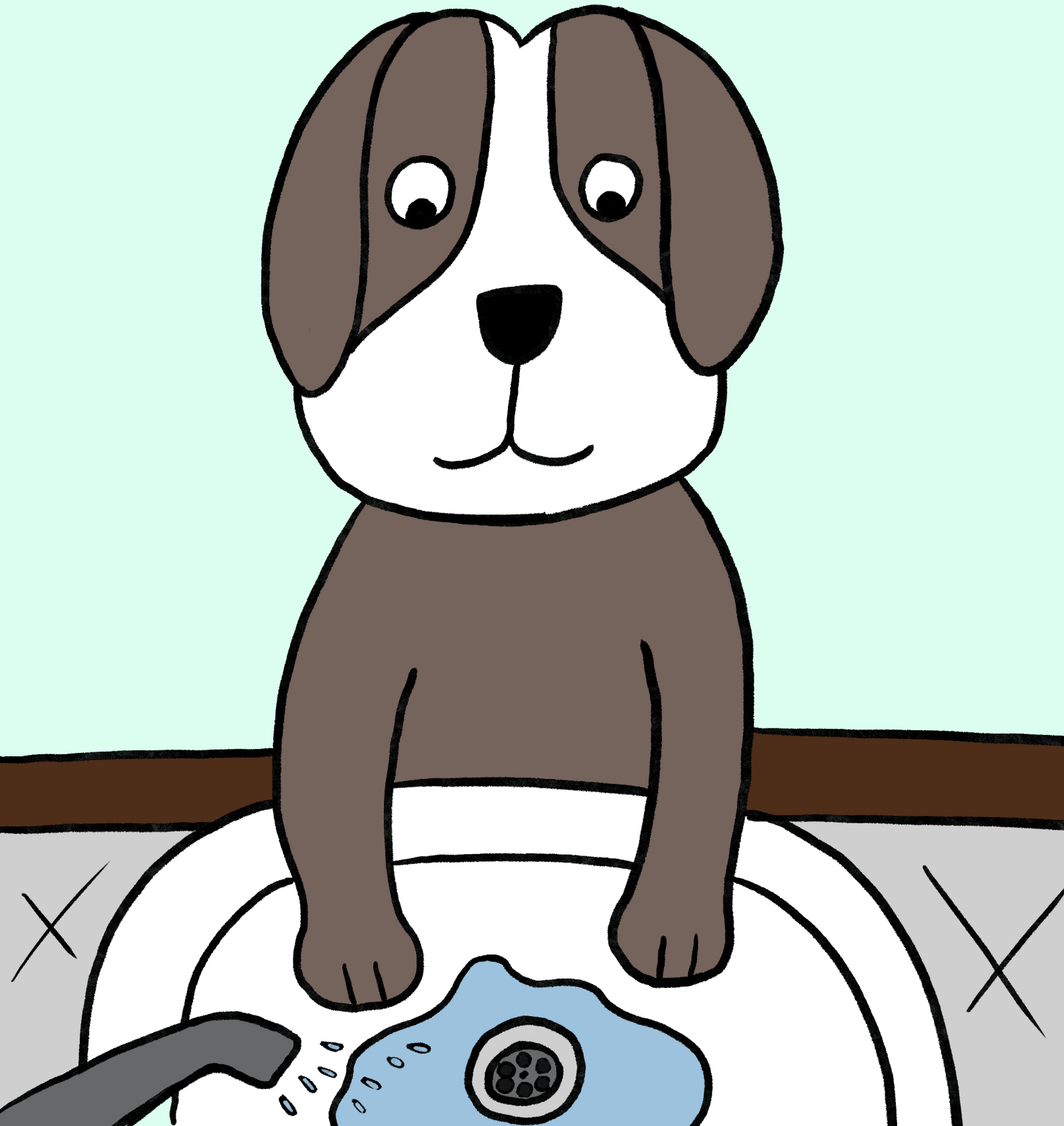
Dave asks nurse Dotty why everyone wears masks now as he sees them all about, She says it helps to protect others from your bugs you may spread when you breathe out.



Children do not need to wear them and
some people who are not able to too,
But most adults wear them now because it
helps protect each other when they do.



Nurse Dotty reminds Dave that washing his hands is still the most important thing,
That Dave can do to help protect his family
and him.



The bugs don't like soap or gel so it makes them go away,
That is why you should wash or gel your hands many times throughout the day.



Scientists all over the world worked hard to make a vaccine and check that its safe too,
It helps stop you getting coronavirus and getting ill when it's given to you.

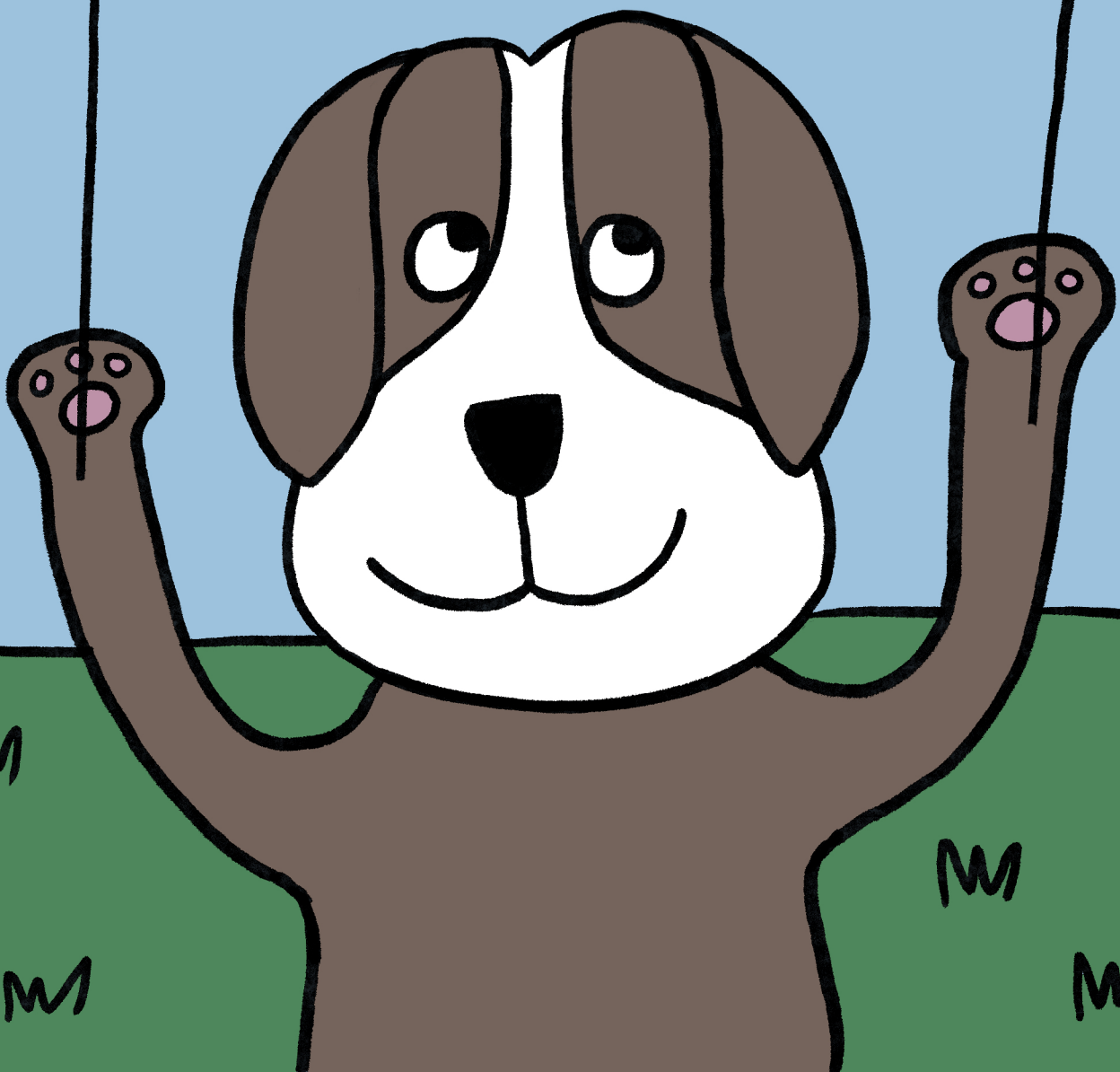


Starting with those most at risk they will give the vaccine to as many people as they can, nurse Dotty has already had it and so has Dave's nan.



This will start to help protect people from getting coronavirus and getting ill,
So although right now it feels like it's never ending; one day it will.

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Also Dave now knew what he should be doing to keep everyone safe till then and why, So Dave is feeling much better as he and nurse Dotty say goodbye.



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