

REFLECTION IN THE GLASS DOOR

ABOUT:

My son has a huge, beautiful, Goldendoodle named Murray. He and Winston are great friends. While my son was out of town, I kept Murray for him. Winston likes to keep an eye out for sneaky squirrels and destructive deer through the glass door in my office. Murray joined him and I had this great picture of them together. The contrast between them was striking. Tall Murray with long soft hair, pointy nose, and whisky-colored eyes compared to short, stocky, Winston with a boxy nose and eyes so dark you could hardly see them. I wondered, If Winston was a human, would he compare himself to Murray?

PURPOSE:

I hope this story will inspire children to focus on their uniqueness and appreciate their special traits, that are not necessarily appearance, but what comes from within them.

SUGGESTIONS:

Be ready with something unique about the child/children you are caring for, something that you see that they might not. Give them ideas about how this is something they should try to develop.

IDEAS:

Scotties are bred to help farmers control vermin and preying animals. They dig into burrows and dig out rats, foxes, badgers, and the like. Terriers are considered Earth Dogs.

- **Research the history of dog breeds, like Scotties.**
- **Find a YouTube video on Earth Dog trials and watch together**
- **What famous people had Scotties for pets?**

Did you think of more ideas? Grrreat! Write Winston and let us know so we can include it on this site!