

## CHANGE

### **ABOUT**

My husband, Neal-aka Babe, surprised me with Winston in 2016. He purchased him from Windy Ridge Kennels in Leonard, TX. He was a lively little guy, and even though he was loving, I could tell he was missing his siblings. He did not like being on a leash or learning when and where to potty was a challenge for him. After several weeks he seemed to feel more at home and in a couple of months he ran the place.

### **PURPOSE:**

All kinds of change are introduced into a child's life. A new brother or sister, moving, changing schools, moving up to a new grade, divorce, death, old friends leaving, new friends entering, even the changes in their bodies. They sometimes feel as lost and perplexed as Winston. This story is to assure them that they will adjust to the changes in their lives and take control.

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

Children may not be able to think of what remained the same even though change occurred and will need you to prompt them. Let's take divorce for example. It is obvious what has changed, but what remains the same is that their parents still love them. If they change schools, they are still learning and the friends they left are still their friends. Just because their bodies change, they are still themselves. If a new baby is born into the family, they are still just as important and loved. Think along this vein when the children talk about the changes in their lives.

### **IDEAS:**

- **Explore kennels and raising puppies**
- **Talk about animal shelters and adopting pets**
- **Discuss what pets need and how to take care of them**
- **Research rescue and service animals**
- **Teachers, invite an officer from the canine division talk to your class**
- **Following Winston's Wisdom about how seeds change, put some seeds between wet paper towels and watch how they change. (Keep the paper damp)**
- **Plant a seed and watch how it changes once it sprouts**

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