

## WHO SAYS DOGS CAN'T LIKE CATS?

### **ABOUT:**

When my husband surprised me with Winston, our outdoor kitty was surprised, too. But she took to him right away and became his second momma. I loved watching her groom him and how he followed her in the yard. In fact, he even started picking up a lot of cat mannerisms. They were the best of friends. Even to this day, I see him stalking a bug just like Gypsy taught him.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this story is to help children appreciate diversity. To learn for themselves that people can be different (races, religions, abilities) and still be friends.

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

Children may have questions about why people look different, dress different, or talk different. Study the children in your care and be ready with positive insights. No one is immune to curiosity. As a Southerner visiting England, I was asked to "say that again," alllll the time. The people were not mean spirited, just curious. And that's okay.

### **IDEAS:**

- **Choose different countries and study the children. How do they dress? What do they play? What do they eat? What are their schools like? What holidays do they celebrate and how do they celebrate these holidays?**
- **Start a Pen Pal program with another class across the country or the world.**
- **Research cats both big wild cats and domestic cats. What kinds are there? Talk about their special attributes such as night vision and hunting skills.**
- **Talk about how to care for cats.**
- **Compare the difference of how you care for cats and how you care for dogs.**

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