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A New Leash of Life

I sit like a perfect angel at her bedroom door, tail wagging in eagerness. I wanted her to see how "good" I was being, but she just flashed a quick smile and breezed past me. It was like I was a ghost. A very fluffy, very invisible ghost. Hey there, I'm Rosey! I'm Savanna's pet dog. My heart is set on Zoomies & Co. Grounds, the best park in town, but I'm currently grounded. Apparently, Savanna has a "problem" with my recent hobbies. I've been treating the living room couch like a giant, oversized chew toy (like "is it my fault it's so squishy?"), landscaping the backyard with some deep-dish holes, and okay, maybe this was too much, turning her bedspread into my personal bathroom.

The next morning, I was dropped off at my favorite doggy daycare to meet the squad. I huddled up with Clay, George, Layla, Cashew, Piper, Minnie, Milkbud, and Chester to plot my path back to the park. "Listen up," Milkbud woofed, using a paw to clear a space in the woodchips while the rest of the crew formed a tight, furry perimeter to block the humans' view. "If we want to see the Zoomies & Co. Grounds again, we have to start a 'Goodest Dog' project, no more couch snacking, and for the love of kibble, stop using the bedspread as a splash pad!" "Easier said than done!" Piper barked back,

her ears flopping as she stood up. "That velvet couch is basically a giant, stuffie waiting to be shredded!" "Just stopping isn't enough; we need a trade off," says Minne.

Chapter 2

When I got home I remember the phrase Milkbud said "If we want to see the Zoomies & Co. Grounds again, we have to start a 'Goodest Dog' project ,no more couch snacking, and for the love of kibble, stop using the bedspread as a splash pad!" So I started the *"Goodest Dog' project"*. Oohlala, that has a good ring to it. Anyways, I started with no more couch snacking. I stared at the velvet couch, the couch practically whispering my name like "Roesy, come and chew me!" but I remember Milkbud's words. I sit in my bed and tuck my tail and let out a tiny whimper. Instead of the couch, I grabbed my squirrel chew toy and, you know it, I chew it. When Savanna walked in the living room, she did not see a foamy mess. Instead, she found me laying in my bed, chewing my chew toy lookin' at me like I just graduated from Doggy University. She let out a gasp. "Aw, my little girl. She finally stopped chewing the couch!" Then she just gave me a kiss. For the love of kibble, just give me the privilege to go to the park. Again, Savanna dropped me off , and again I huddled up with the group. "It didn't work Milkbud," I whimpered. "Maybe we can use the idea from Minne," said Layla. "Boo-yah" Howled Clay. When I finally got home, I forgot about Minnie's trade off idea and I went to the backyard to do number 1. When Savanna got home, she smelt it. The worst possible smell on earth,(slams the ground)dog pee. "At least you didn't pee on **MY BED**," Savanna shouts. This time, she gave me treats.

Chapter 3

The next day, surprisely, I didn't go to my darecare, I went to Zoomies & Co. Grounds! But something didn't feel right. I was alone. I whimpered, wolfed, and even cried, but Savanna smiled as sad as a blueberry. I wonder why she's sad. We went home and I went to bed, and the next morning, I went to the boring old doggy darecare. I said "I went to the park, but I just felt lonely," "I'm sorry for you," says George. "What a second, we just could all go to the Zoomies and Co. Park Ground together," said Clay. "Oh yeah" the group wolfed. "Boo- Yah!" said Clay. "buwt how" whipped Layla. "Guess we have to find out!" howled Cashew. Then when I got home, I just went to sleep. The next morning, I went to the darecare, but surprisingly, we picked up all my friends and went to Zoomies & Co. Grounds! "Since you looked sad yesterday- I decided we could go to the park with your pals!" This time I didn't feel lonely, I felt joyful, happy and excited. But then the unexpected happened. It was raining cats and dogs...hardly. We went home then this happened. "Since we couldn't play at one of your favorite parks aka Zoomies & Co. Grounds park, your friends and you are going to have a sleepover and a playdate that includes going to Zoomies & Co. Grounds park!" I was so excited for this moment. We got to make cookies, we got a pup cup at Starbucks, and we even got to go to Zoomies & Co. Grounds park aka the best park. This week was the best week I've ever imagined. I hung out with my friends and ate a delicious snack, and even got to go to Zoomies & Co. Grounds.

The theme: The value of positive behavior and friendship in achieving one's goal.