Tran’s Summer Job

I love animals. Therefore, I hope to study animal medicine in college. My mom said that I should work with animals for a summer to see if I really like it. So this summer I got a job at *Puppies with a Purpose* as an assistant. It is a place where homeless dogs learn to help people. I was very excied to get a job there.

My first day of work, I woke up very early. I felt nervous. My dad walked with me because *Puppies with a Purpose* is near his job. I arrived early. My new boss, Sharon, was in the office. [1] She smiled and said, “Don’t be nervous. The dogs are very understanding.” I laughed and felt a lot better. Then Sharon showed me how to feed and walk the dogs. She explained that the older dogs are taught to be friend dogs. “Older people who live alone enjoy having a dog as a friend,” she said. We teach the bigger, younger dogs to help people with disabilities or physical problems. I learned to teach the dogs to walk beside me and stop at street coners. It was a busy morning. I was exhausted but excited, too.

When I arrived home, I had so much to tell my parents about my first day at work. I couldn’t wait for my dad to get home from work, so I called him on the phone. I told him and my mom about the funny little dog that loves to chase balls. “I think she’d be a perfect companion dog for Mrs. Jensen,” I said. I knew my neighbor felt lonely on her long walks in the park. I think I’ll call my neighbor tomorrow from work. It’s not only those puppies who have a purpose now. I do, too.

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