

THE MISCHIEVOUS TWO



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Dedicated to,

My two Little Dogs

And

My Loving Family Who Gave me this
Opportunity

Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the Mahamaya as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past Yatiwara writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, Karadana Atthadassi Thero.

The Pirivena student monks have also taken up book writing “The Herana Gatkarani “project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and Pirivena education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy.

This story begins with mischievous two. You all must be wondering who these two are. They are my adorable two dogs and they are also twins. Both of them are female. Their names are Minnie and Winnie. They do many funny and weird things at home. Oh, those two.

Just a bit about Minnie & Winnie

Minnie

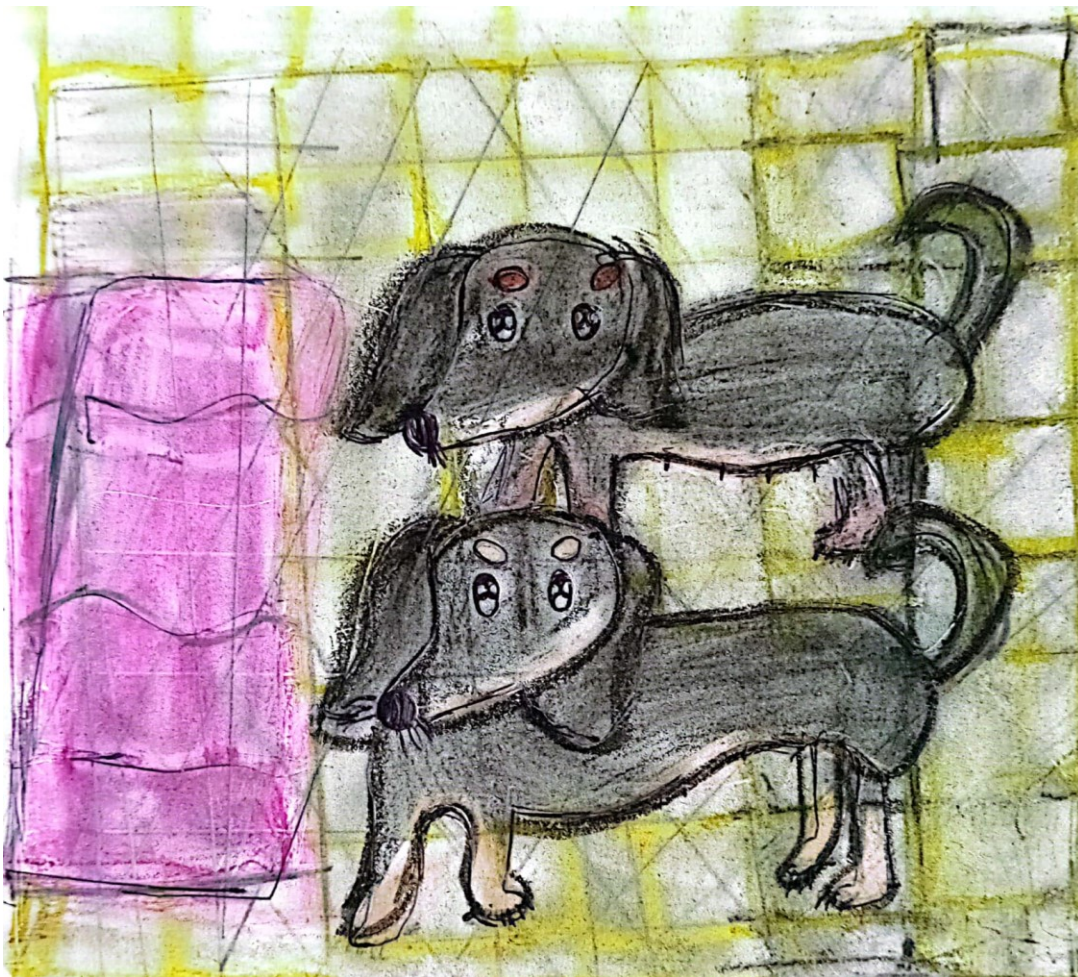
Minnie is bit fat and shorter than Winnie. She also likes to chew and tear many things. She is dark black and has only a little brown in her body. She also digs lots of holes. Well, I know I'm telling that Minnie does all these things but Winnie joins as well. Sometimes, she gets mad and growls at us. Mostly when we go near her when she is sleeping. But we think she does that because she is scared.

Winnie

Winnie is bit thin and longer than Minnie. She has a lighter black and she has brown more in her body than Minnie. She is not that scared and she jumps heights that we can't

imagine. We call her “High Jumper” because of that. She likes to eat many dairy products Milk, Cheese etc.

Well, we can't see many differences from outside but they are completely different characters. The things they like to do are absolutely different as well.



Where it all began!!!!

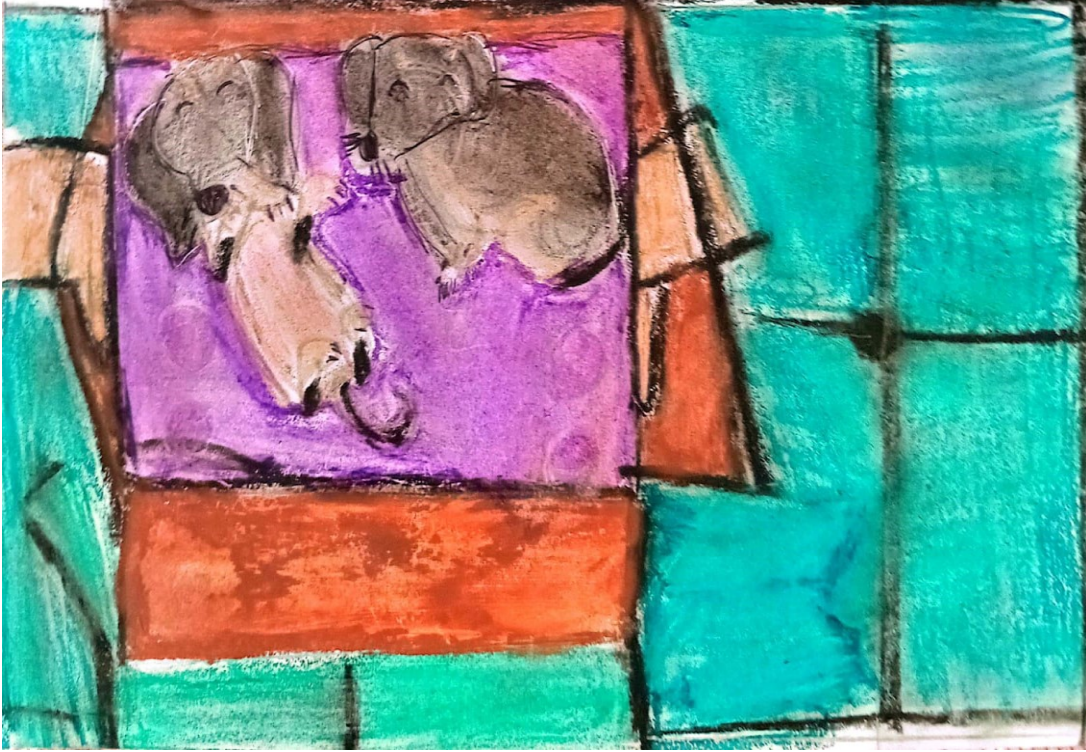
I wanted a dog for a really long time. I begged my father a lot, to get a dog. Finally my father said that he will bring me a dog. My mom said that I have to do some responsibilities and that was ok for me.

I was so excited. Soon we started our journey. We were going on and on it seemed that it wouldn't stop. At last, we arrived at the place.

When we entered the house two big dogs were there. I was bit worried because I wanted a little puppy. Then a man brought two little puppies. We couldn't see them correctly because they were so tiny. One puppy went crazy, she was running everywhere, trying to drink her mother's milk. While the other one fell asleep on my lap.

I couldn't guess which puppy to get. So, my mom and dad said that we can take both of them. I couldn't even express my feelings. We weren't expecting two dogs at

all. We got a cardboard box and kept them inside and took them home. They were sleeping. But Minnie came out of the box and slept on my mother's lap. While Winnie was sleeping until we got home.



How I Figured Out To Name Them.

While we were coming back from the place, we got the dogs we started to think about names. As they were twins, I wanted both of the names to be alike. First, I thought the names would be Minnie and Winnie. But I wasn't sure. We were thinking lots of names that were similar it was hard because it should also be Female names.

At last, we decided that there were no more names like Minnie and Winnie.

We thought that Minnie and Winnie were good names. so, we named them Minnie and Winnie. We all know **Winnie the Pooh** and **Minnie the Mouse** from the cartoons. Well, they are not like the cartoon characters at all.

Arrival To Our Home with Minnie and Winnie

Minnie and Winnie were unfamiliar with our home. They walked while sniffing all around the house. After they finished that, my mom fed them a yogurt and they ate it happily.

Then they became sleepy so my mom and me got a little basket and kept a little blanket in it. Eventually they hopped into the basket and fell asleep. It was about 5pm at that time.

They woke up after about 2 hours. We took them to our garden to walk a bit. They sniffed everywhere while walking, as they did in our home before. After some time, we brought them back inside and gave them some rice with chicken. When it was time to sleep, we took them

upstairs with the basket to my room. We kept them in a corner of my room. They were scared so they didn't go to sleep right away. They were walking around as they did at the garden and downstairs. After some time, they went to sleep.

When we woke up in the morning they were not in the basket. I was so worried. Then I looked under my bed and saw they had gone under the bed and fell asleep on a rug. This is how the first day with Minnie and Winnie looked like.

The First Visit to The Vet

Two days after we brought Minnie and Winnie home, it was time to take them to the vet. At first, they were very curious when we took them to that room. Me and my father kept both Minnie and Winnie on the bed which was in the room. The vet examined both of them. He examined their eyes, opened their mouth to see if they were healthy and all sorts of stuff.

They had to get a vaccine too. Winnie was a little startled at first but after she knew that it didn't hurt, she was ok. After Minnie knew that it didn't hurt, she was fine too.

The vet told, that everything was fine with the puppies and they were healthy. We also had to get a book to write their vaccines and we also had to take them again and again for more vaccines. But now they are getting more scared to get vaccines because, they understand the process.

Flee Infestation and Their First Bath

When my mom and Minnie & Winnie were in the garden, my mom noticed some little brown creatures running here and there on the dogs. My mom looked more closely and saw that they were flees. My mom rubbed some coconut oil on their bodies and started to pick the flees. This wasn't an easy job. They were startled. Especially Winnie.

Then we decided to give them a bath. This was not an easy task either. It was very hard to get them under the tap. As they were scared of water. Hardly we got them inside and closed the door. So, they won't escape.

We had to bath them one at a time. First, we put some soap and washed it off. Then we put some liquid soap which had a good smell. Then my mom brushed their teeth with her finger. They almost bit her finger off. After that we kept them in the sun to dry. But alas they ran to the garden and got themselves dirty again. Our hard work didn't pay off.

But at least they smell good now especially their mouth. Now it's even harder. They don't even come inside the washroom because they know, that we will bath them once again.

After that my mom trimmed our dogs' nails. That was the hardest thing we went through and also it was their worst day in their little life.

It was hard to settle them down to come near us. As they were scared of the nail cutter. Then we settled them down and trimmed their nails. Winnie was so scared after that. She wouldn't come near us for a long time.

That was the worst day for them and as well for us.

The Tragic Incident

My mom was making lunch at home and while she was cooking, she heard a weird whine she had never heard before. So, my mom went upstairs with some food for them to eat. Then she opened the door.

My mom couldn't believe what she saw. Normally Minnie and Winnie would come running when she opened the door but that day only Minnie came running. My mom immediately checked what was going on with Winnie and she was so astonished for what she saw. Winnie was swollen everywhere and whining.

My mom couldn't think what to do. Because we weren't even at home, Me and my brother were at school and my dad was at work.

My mother quickly took Winnie down stairs and called the vet to ask what she should do. The vet told to give some pills and if that didn't work to bring Winnie to the vet. My mom said that it wasn't easy to give her the pills. Somehow my mom managed to give the pills quickly and after some time she was back to normal.

Think of that happening many times. It happened about two or three times already. Even my mom didn't know that dogs can get allergies and she never experienced this before as she is a dog person. I couldn't believe that either. We still don't know the cause of this.

When Minnie and Winnie Had to Have a Big Splash.

I was just chilling in my room when, I heard a loud sound with a splash. **DONG!!!** I even Jumped out of the chair after I heard that sound. I ran as fast as I can where the pond is because the sound came from that direction. When I went near the

pond **OH MY GOD!!!** You can't believe what I saw, Minnie and Winnie had fallen in to the pond and water was everywhere. I got a towel and helped both of them out. I rubbed both of them before they catch a cold. It was even evening at that time.

We all laughed after that. **HA! HA! HA!** what Minnie and Winnie do they are so hilarious.

A Thrilling Birthday!

We got Minnie and Winnie when they were two months and now, they are one year old. Their birthday was on the 16th of June. For their birthday, we took them to our uncle's house to celebrate their birthday. There is more information about this house later on. We celebrated it at night, when everyone was at home.

My mom and me made cupcakes for their birthday and put icing on them. The icing was blue and white. We also wrote their first letter of their names on two cupcakes and we kept dog treats on a bowl. We sang them the birthday song and I blew out the candle for them.

Well, they were scared of the candle flame. They were just waiting to eat the cupcakes. Minnie and Winnie enjoyed their birthday very much and they also liked the cupcakes more than anything.

Disasters They Do

Everyday Minnie and Winnie do at least one bad thing. As I mentioned before they dig holes everywhere in the garden. There is a very large hole in the middle of the garden, which both of them dug.

They tear many things. We have already given two Pillows for them, well there not there anymore. They have tear it into pieces. What my mother did is she sewed a pillow with clothes inside, so they can't tear it. At least now Minnie and Winnie are keeping they're pillow neatly. But not that neat. Because half of the clothes inside it is now out of it.

They also chew on many things, slippers and shoes the most. They've already eaten about TEN pairs and the only thing I can wear, which is not bitten by them are my pair of shoes and slippers.

Because of this situation my father brought them some flavored sticks to chew on. When they are cranky, we just give them those sticks. After those chewing sticks finished. My father brought them two large bones. I was surprised to see how big they were. I thought they wouldn't even

remember me with those bones, but, the first day my father brought the bones they came to greet us after we came from school. But they went to chew the bones again. I felt a bit lonely after that. Well after a day they were normal again. Now the two bones are smaller. Because they have chewed on them for ages.

But no matter what they do, we love them very much!!!!

Have You Ever Heard of Dogs Going Trips?

Because we love our dogs very much, we take them on trips. They're two main places we take them to. They're one of my uncle's houses in Uduwela and another uncle's house in Hanthana.

In the house in Uduwela, there is a lot of space. So, Minnie and Winnie can walk around and sniff everywhere. After that they get so exhausted and fall asleep. Then we can do our work peacefully.

In the house in Hanthana, we take them for long walks. They like to go on walks. At first, we thought that they

needed dog collars and a chain, but surprisingly when my father took a stick, they stayed really close to us and if they are too far from us, they wait until we come closer or turn back and come where we are. One time Winnie went in the wrong direction and my father had to hit him with the stick, she never went to the other road without us ever again.

I like to go on trips with Minnie and Winnie or I will get bit worried. But if we go any trips without them, we make sure not to leave them for so many days, only about two or three days. And make sure to have a caretaker to visit them twice a day.

A Normal Day with Minnie and Winnie

Our dogs normally sleep upstairs. At school days, my mom takes Minnie and Winnie down after we go to school and at the weekend my mom takes them down at 6.30 am. She gives the first meal at 12.00 noon and lets them stay outside.

At 1.20 pm my mom locks them in the house, then she leaves to pick us up from school. They play a lot and sometimes take little naps. They also wonder in our garden.

Then at 7.45pm we close the door and keep them inside, because our father comes home in the cab and they can escape from the gate when it opens. No one knows where they will go. They get their meal at around 8.00 pm, when we are having ours. Then they sleep downstairs a little and at about 10.00pm we take them upstairs. But most of the days they sleep downstairs with us.

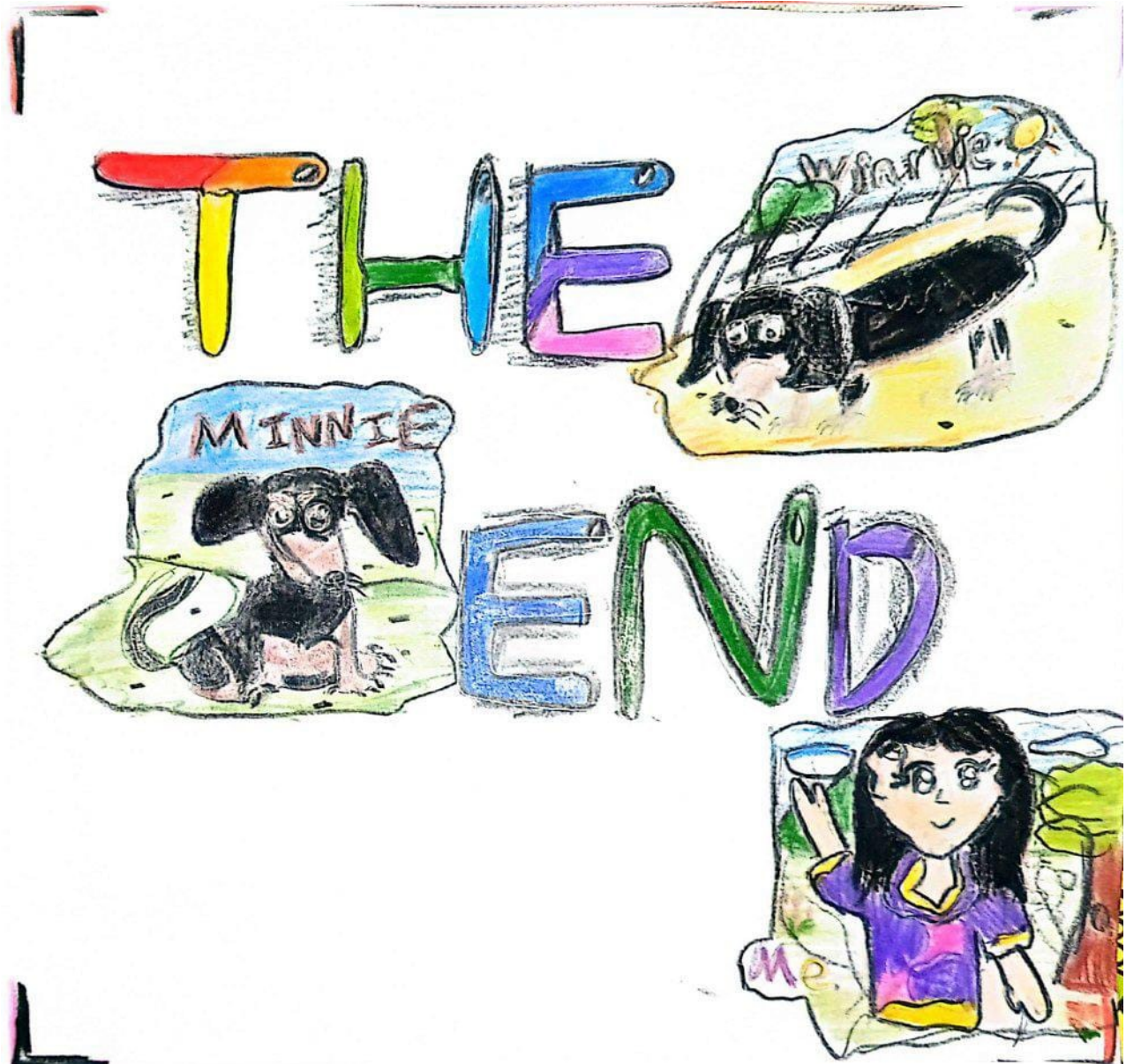
Why I Love Winnie & Minnie A Lot

I love Winnie and Minnie so much. Because my favorite animal is dogs and I love dogs. Even when the day I was born we had two dogs called Broono and Ginger. After they passed away, I felt very lonely. Because I was used to have dogs from the beginning. I never will forget Broono and Ginger, they will always be in my heart.

Out of the topic so let us go to why I love Winnie and Minnie again. Well, I didn't get a dog for about two years, right? So, when my mom leaves me sometimes at home

to get my brother from tuition class or something, I never feel lonely because, I'm not alone at home

When I'm sad, I always cuddle them and that makes me feel better. I have heard that dogs are good companions too. I really love Minnie and Winnie very much. No matter what they do.



THIS IS THE END FOR NOW....

I HOPE WE WILL MEET AGAIN
SOON!!!

AFTERWORD

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of

Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country. To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator

Senevirathne Maha Lekam