



# Cone Dog

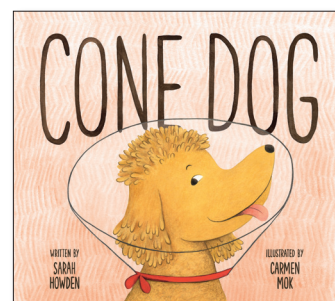
**Discussion and Activity Guide by Sarah Howden and Carmen Mok**

## About the Book

One day, Emma the dog leaves the vet with a giant plastic lampshade on her head. It cuts off her corners, dulls her digging, and makes Garson the greyhound gawk. One thing is clear—the cone is not good, and the only thing left to do is sulk.

When Emma's human tries to cheer her up with a game of fetch, Emma discovers that the cone miraculously catches every ball she fumbles! Emma realizes the cone has other surprising advantages too, from serving as a helmet during her hallway hurtles to helping her dig at triple-speed. Best of all, the cone plays a pivotal role in Emma's master plan to scare off the sneaky neighborhood squirrel, Keith.

Eventually, the cone comes off and Emma is free, but the important lesson she learned from her cone days remains: cone or no cone, it's Emma's inventive spirit that make her the Best. Dog. Ever. This fresh and funny follow-up to *Cone Cat* is a charming ode to ingenuity and making the best out of a *ruff* situation.



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## Before Reading

- Do you have a dog or any other pet?
- Do you know why dogs and cats have to wear these cones?
- Have you ever seen a pet with this kind of cone? Has your pet ever had to wear a cone? How did you react?

## After Reading

- Where does Emma think she got the cone, at first? Where do you think she got the cone?
- Name two things Emma doesn't like about the cone.
- What makes Emma change her mind about the cone?

**READING LEVELS**  
Grade: 2  
Fountas & Pinnell: K  
Lexile® Measure: AD 540L  
Common Core: RL.2, W.2, SL.2, L.2

**CURRICULUM LINKS**  
Language Arts: Reading



## After Reading (continued)

- Name one thing the cone helps Emma do that she couldn't do before.
- Why doesn't Emma like Keith? Give one example of what he does that bothers her.
- Why does Emma want to trick Keith?
- How does Emma trick Keith?
- Do you think Emma will miss the cone at the end?
- Do you think you'd like wearing a cone?

## Activities

Make a colorful cone for your stuffed animal!

What you'll need:

- Cone-shaped coffee filters (preferably white), size 4 or 6 depending on your stuffed animal
- Safety scissors
- Crayons or pencil crayons
- Clear tape

Directions:

1. Cut off the bottom inch (2.5cm) of the coffee filter so there's now a hole in the bottom (ask an adult to help show you how much).
2. Decorate your "cone" with whatever fun drawings or patterns you want!
3. Cut down the side seam of the filter, so it's open.
4. Wrap it around your little stuffed animal's neck so that the wider part fits around their head.
5. Tape the side so it stays on. Now your stuffed animal has a snazzy cone of its own!



**Color in Emma's "cones"!**



**Design a new cone for Emma!**

