

A small black dog and his canine friends are terrorized by the local tomcat. The suburban setting and gentle adventure of this story made it an instant hit when it was published 26 years ago. There are 11 titles about Hairy Maclary and his friends – and Scarface Claw now stars in his own book!



## Rhymes to sing:

- \* **How Much is that Doggy in the Window?**
- \* **Pussycat, Pussycat Where Have You Been?**
- \* **Old MacDonald Had a Farm.**
- \* **Five Little Dogs Went Out One Day** (sung to the tune of Five Little Ducks).
- \* **Farmer in the Dell.**
- \* **Hey Diddle Diddle.**
- \* **Pussycat, Pussycat where have you been?**



## Books to read:

- \* **Slinky Malinki**  
Lynley Dodd
- \* **Scarface Claw**  
Lynley Dodd
- \* **Where's Spot?**  
Eric Hill
- \* **Harry the Dirty Dog**  
Gene Zion
- \* **Dogs**  
Emily Gravett





## Things to do:

\*This is a fabulous text to encourage children to read along with. Allow the children to predict the rhyming text, e.g. 'Bottomley Potts covered in.....'

\*Take a classroom poll of pets and graph the results in a poster. Are there more dog owners, or cat owners in your class?

\*For a free printable board game that explores the story go to:

[www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/8140/NLT\\_StoryGame\\_Hairy\\_Maclary.pdf](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/assets/0000/8140/NLT_StoryGame_Hairy_Maclary.pdf)

\*Create a class mural featuring the dogs from the text. Discuss the shape and size of the dogs and use an overhead projector to project the dogs onto large sheets of paper. The children can trace the dogs and then collage with appropriate materials.

\*Children can draw, paint or model a different house for each different dog. Would Hercules Morse fit in Schnitzel van Krum's house?

\*This story is a great one to act out in the classroom, or for an assembly item. Children can make masks or simple paper costumes.

\*Talk with children about the safe handling of dogs with the help of this website:

[www.rch.org.au/emplibrary/safetycentre/Kids\\_and\\_dogsDL.pdf](http://www.rch.org.au/emplibrary/safetycentre/Kids_and_dogsDL.pdf)



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