



Cat and Dog are friends

Yamkela Mbhele

Busisiwe Ndlovu





Cat and Dog are good friends.

They decided to visit their friend, Chick on his birthday.

Chick lived in another village. It would take Cat and Dog two days to arrive.



Cat and Dog behaved in very different ways.

Dog loved to eat and sleep and was mischievous at times.

Cat was kind, generous and could be relied on.

They met at Dog's place to plan their journey.



"I will bring food for the first day," Dog offered.

"I will bring for the second day," said Cat.

They wrote everything down so they would not forget.



"It will be exciting to see Chick soon. It's been a while since we saw our friend," Dog said as he walked Cat home.

"Thank you for walking me home," Cat said to Dog.



They met up very early the following day to start their journey.

They sang and danced happily on the way.

After a while, they rested under a big tree. "I am hungry! Let's eat," said Cat.



Dog hurriedly dished food into two bowls. The food was oily and watery.

Cat asked, "Is this the food you brought for both of us?"

Cat was angry because her friend did not bring the food they agreed on. She did not eat Dog's food.



“Why are you waiting?” Dog asked. He hoped that Cat would stop complaining and eat.

Annoyed, Cat asked, “Why did you bring food that only you like?”

Dog was eating so fast that the bowl slipped. All Dog’s food spilled on the ground.



"Don't worry my friend," Cat said.

Cat took out the most beautiful sandwiches. She began to eat.

Dog looked at Cat's food with pleading eyes.

When Cat finished eating, she packed up and told Dog, "Can we continue our journey?"



They did not talk for the rest of the journey.
Dog's stomach rumbled from hunger.

That evening, Cat dished up for herself. She
went to sleep happy that she had brought
enough food.

Dog went to sleep hungry.



In the morning, Cat served herself a small breakfast. Dog couldn't stop looking at Cat's food.

Cat offered Dog some food.

Dog said, "Forgive me. I was very selfish."

Cat answered, "Let's eat together."

They sat down to eat.



As they continued with their journey, they were friends again!

They arrived at Chick's house in time.

"How was your journey my friends?" Chick asked.

Smiling at each other, Cat and Dog answered, "Very good."



It was indeed a great birthday party.
They ate, sang and danced!



Ulwazi Lwethu is a Zenex Foundation funded and initiated project to develop a series of graded and leisure African language readers and teacher support materials. This project is targeted at teaching and supporting learners in the Foundation Phase to improve their home language reading and understanding. The readers have been originated in nine African languages in collaboration with Molteno Institute for Language and Literacies, Nelson Mandela Institute for Education and Rural Development, Room to Read South Africa, and Saide. All resources are developed as Open Education Resources (OER).



basic education

Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

*The Ulwazi Lwethu readers and storybooks have
been quality assured and approved by DBE.*

Your attribution should include the following:

Title: Cat and Dog are friends

Author/s: Yamkela Mbhele

Translator/s: Yamkela Mbhele

Illustrator/s: Busisiwe Ndlovu

Assurer/s: African Storybook

Language: English



© Zenex Foundation - Saide 2025 (Updated Edition)

CC BY includes the following elements:

BY  – Credit must be given to the creator

