ARF Script

**Song: This Is Our Night to Howl**

Leighton Ruthven **Announcer (During Song)**: Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, pals and puppies from Paducah to Peru! Welcome to Doggie Town and tonight’s comedic calamity of caring, kindness and canine courage! Ladies and gentlemen, we proudly present…ARF!

**Scene 1: Ms. Hutchinson’s and Ms. Tezeno’s Class**

Beckett Morrell **Beagle 1** (*speaking directly to the audience*): Welcome to Doggie Town, Where cats stay clear and dogs get down! We’ll introduce ourselves to you. I’m Benny the Beagle through and through.

Bryce Becker **Irish Setter 1** (*with an Irish accent)*: Ay’ me mates, if you are a better, bet on me, ‘m an Irish Setter.

Martha Harper **Pointer 1** (*pointing all over the place):* Look there! Look there! Look here at me! Patty Pointer, can’t you see?

Oliver Tuohy **Basset Hound 1**: Look down here, close to the ground. Barney here, a Basset Hound.

Halle Addington **Terrier 1**: We’ve got boxers and huskies, and oodles of poodles. Shepherds and Greyhounds as skinny as noodles.

Nick Loncto **Chihuahua 1**: Some of us are tiny.

Porter Hawley **Saint Bernard 1**: Some are very tall. But One thing is for sure….You’re gonna love us all!

Ava Nassar **Pomeranian 1:** Hey everybody, I have big news. If you don’t listen up, you snooze, you lose! Someone left a message on the garden wall. I tried to get it down, but I’m just too small.

Denis Loncto **Rex Retriever 1**: I’ll get it! *(He runs to get a poster that is hung on the wall)*

Ava Nassar **Pomeranian 1**: That’s Rex. He’s a retriever.

***Rex runs back with the poster in his mouth.***

Harper Stengard **Poodle 1**: Give it up, Rex, you’ll soak it with drool. I can read it; I’ve been to training school.

***Rex drops the poster***

**All: What does it say?**

Margaux Williams **Poodle** 2: It says…The judges of the world famous Wurstchester Dog Show are coming to Doggie Town! It says they are looking for new talent to star in their show at Madison Square Garden in New York City!

Lilly Segrave **Labrador 1:** This is news we just can’t ignore. The best news I’ve heard since I left Labrador.

Claire Case **Shar Pei 1**: I’m sure they’ll like me. I’m Shar Pei *(pronounced shar-pay)* Let’s show them our best and make their day.

Charlie Hoffman **Terrier 2**: The Germans are coming! They’re ready to sing. That Shepherd of theirs can howl anything!

Chloe Skouras **Saint Bernard 2**: *(Shaking his head doubtfully)* Oh I don’t know if this is a good idea.

**All: Let them sing!**

Chloe Skouras **Saint Bernard 2**: Okay, let them sing. Let’s hear from each one. But I’m keeping my eye on the last Doberman!

Nico Reittenbach **General German Shepherd**: Raus! Raus! Mach schnell, get in line! This is our chance to really shine!

**Song: What Does it Mean to Be a Dog? (Part 1)**

**Scene 2: Ms. Tezeno’s Class**

Nico Reittenbach **General German Shepherd** *(speaking to the other German dogs like a drill sargeant):* Puppies, line up! Lieutenant Doberman!

Cole Frame **Lieutenant Doberman**: Sir! Yes, Sir!

Nico Reittenbach **General German Shepherd**: Lieutenant, when the one who feeds you wants his bedroom slippers, what is your responsibility?

Cole Frame **Lieutenant Doberman**: I grab them with my mouth and shake them until they are slobbery with drool, sir, and then play tug-of-war and chew those slippers to shreds!

Nico Reittenbach **Gen German Shepherd:** Nein! Nein! Nein! How many times do I have to tell you? You pick them up carefully with your mouth and place them at his feet.

Cole Frame **Lt. Doberman**: Oh, sorry, sir! I guess I forgot!

Nico Reittenbach **Gen German Shepherd**: Corporal Schnauzer!

Hayes McDonald **Corporal Schnauzer**: Sir! Yes, sir!

Nico Reittenbach **General German Shepherd:** When the lady of the house puts a fresh baked pie on the windowsill to cool, what does a good dog do?

Hayes McDonald **Corp. Schnauzer**: He waits until she’s not looking and then gobbles it up with great appreciation??

Nico Reittenbach **Gen German Shepherd**: Nein! Nein! Nein! You sit quietly and wait until they offer you a chance to lick the plate after dinner.

Hayes McDonald **Corp. Schnauzer**: Not even a little taste?

Nico Reittenbach **Gen. German Shepherd**: Nein! Nein! Nein! Private Dachshund!

***The Dachshund is not paying attention***

Nico Reittenbach **General German Shepherd**: *(louder)* Private Dachsund!!

Austin Collins **Private Dachshund**: Oh, sorry, sir! Are you talking to me?

Nico Reittenbach **Gen German Shepherd:** Attention, soldier! Attention!

Austin Collins **Private Dachshund**: No need to bark, sir!

Nico Reittenbach **Gen German Shepherd**: A Good dog must be disciplined! It’s all about discipline, soldiers! Now, march! March! March!

**Song: What Does it Mean to Be a Dog? (Part 2)**

**Scene 3: Ms. Mattox’s Class**

Logan Leonard **English Bulldog 1**: *(with an English accent)*  Bully for you, you’ve got what it takes. You sang that song with no mistakes!

Hayes McDonald (Tezeno’s) **Corporal Schnauzer**: Do you think so, Simon? Do we have a chance? I know I have a ways to go to perfect my dance.

Logan Leonard **English Bulldog 1**: Don’t worry, pup, that was a fine presentation Now let’s make room for the singing Dalmatians!

**A fire siren rings – Dali Dalmatian runs across the stage**

Avery LaWare **Dali Dalmatian**: Fire! Fire! Fire, everyone! We just got word that a fire has begun!

Emmy Fullerton **Dalmatian 2**: We must get there quickly, no matter the cost. Or I fear, that all will be lost.

Hudson Swiatkowski **Dalmatian 3**: Where is it, Dali? Surely you know? Tell us which way we all have to go.

Avery LaWare **Dali Dalmatian**: I’m afraid I don’t know what to do! I’m a firefighting dog, but I don’t have a clue.

Angelina Lancaster **Dalmatian 4**: Well, put it together! Come up with a plan. You’re very well trained, so we know that you can.

Finley Matthews **Dalmatian 5**: And when you do, let out a big yelp. Here come your friends, who all want to help.

**Dalmatian class stands on risers.**

Avery LaWare **Dali Dalmatian**: I’m looking for fire, but I only see spots. Help me, friends, to connect the dots!

**Song: Connect the Dots**

**Scene 3 (continued): still Ms. Mattox’s Class**

Valencia Neumann **Pointer 2**: *(taps Dali on the shoulder and says, while pointing)* It’s over there!

Avery LaWare **Dali Dalmatian**: I know now! The fire I can see. Come on, firefighters Follow me!!

**Dalmatians sit**

Valencia Neumann **Pointer 2**: Well, that’s taken care of. *(pointing everywhere)*  I’m seeing spots all over the place. There and there, and in front of my face.

Tate Youngblood **Irish Setter 2**: Ay’ me laddie, I know what you mean. That’s the most dots I’ve ever seen.

Noah Barraclough **Husky 1**: I’m a husky and I never get cold. And hearing them sing, just never gets old.

Valencia Neumann **Pointer 2**: Look over there! Look who is ready to sing. A pack of boxers have entered the ring!

**Song: Fight Fair**

**Scene 4: Ms. Sutton’s Class**

***Rover is sitting on the ground looking very sad.***

Lucille Meeks **Basset Hound 2**: Gee, Rover, why the long face? Don’t you have a Frisbee or a ball you could chase?

Avery Carter **Chihuahua 2**: Yes, sir. You look so very sad. What could be so terrible to make you feel so bad?

Hudson Armstrong **Rover**: All of you are so very sure. All of you are so very pure. They’ll never pick me or let me sing. You see, I’m different. I’m not one thing.

Evelyn Folk **Pomeranian 2**: What do you mean?

Hudson Armstrong **Rover**: My father was a Shepherd. My mom a Spanish Hound. My Grandpa was a Collie Grandma met while in the pound.

Lucille Meeks **Basset Hound 2**: You’d like to be considered and you’ve got talent but…

Avery Carter **Chihuahua 2**: You think they won’t consider you because you are a mutt.

Hudson Armstrong **Rover**: *(sadly)* Exactly.

Sawyer Ellis **Rottweiler 1**: All of us have challenges. Some people think I’m scary.

Evelyn Folk **Pomeranian 2**: And some folks get all mad at me, because I am so hairy.

Wesley Stewart **Saint Bernard 3**: Some of us seem way to big.

Avery Carter **Chihuahua 2**: And some seem way too small!

Grace Pezzino **Basset Hound 3**: But that’s the way it has to be. We’re puppies, after all.

Evelyn Folk **Pomeranian 2:** Look Rover, it’s not your breed that will win this show. You ought to take it from me. It’s what goes on inside of you the judges want to see.

Hudson Armstrong **Rover**: Really, Chihuahua? Is that really true? Do you think there is a place for me, like there is a place for you?

Sawyer Ellis **Rottweiler 1**: Sure. Listen, here’s a lesson I had to learn a long time ago.

**Song: I May Be Small**

**Scene 5: Ms. Johnson’s Class**

Hudson Armstrong (Sutton) **Rover**: Thanks, Chihuahua, and all of you. I feel a whole lot better.

Bennett Belote **Poodle 3**: There’s a message from the judges, and they sent it in a letter. The judges say they’re interested in a very special trick. Whoever does the finest trick, will be their final pick.

Colton Schroeder **Rex Retriever 2**: Bow-wow! I think I’ve got it made, ‘cause I can fetch most anything.

 Layla Jones **Terrier 3**: I can roll over and shake and beg. And sometimes even sing!

Sadrac Bryan **Beagle 2**: I think they want something different from any one of you.

Hagen Allen **Afghan 1**: They don’t want the same old tricks. They’re looking for something new.

***All of the dogs start barking out the tricks they can do. They eve act some of them out like “beg” or “speak”………….After a few seconds they stop barking.***

Olive Pastore **Basset Hound 4**: Hey, Rover, don’t you have a favorite trick that only you can do?

Hudson Armstrong (Sutton) **Rover**: *(shyly)* Well, there is one thing, but I can’t show it to you.

**All: What is it?**

Hudson Armstrong (Sutton) **Rover**: It’s – Shakespeare! I recite Shakespeare!

Bennett Belote **Poodle 3**: You can’t be serious. I don’t’ believe it. Many dogs have tired, but none could achieve it.

Charlie Viergutz **Saint Bernard 4**: Give him a chance, you never know. A dog reading Shakespeare would certainly steal the show.

Hudson Armstrong (Sutton) **Rover**: Well, I don’t know…

**All: *(act like they’re beggin)* Please! Please!!**

Hudson Armstrong (Sutton) **Rover**: *(clears his throat)* From Julius Caesar, Act 4 Scene 3: I’d rather be a dog, and bay the moon, than such a Roman.

**All: Bravo! Magnificent!**

Amelia Agypt **Shar Pei 2**: Another letter has arrived form the judges! It’s a little wet and covered with smudges.

Bennett Belote **Poodle 3**: It says – The contest is about to start. We’re looking for dogs with very big hearts. And if you know literature when you begin, you’ll be the dog that is certain to win!

Colton Schroeder **Rex Retriever 2**: It sounds to me like Rover is the guaranteed winner!

Sadrac Bryan **Beagle 2**: This contest is over! Let’s go have some diner! Biscuits for everyone!

Charlie Viergutz **Saint Bernard 4**: And a keg of root beer! And for our friend Rover, let’s all give a cheer! Hip! Hip!

**All: Hooray!**

Greyson Morrison **Labrador 3**: Yelp! And bark and let out a growl. This is our night to let out a howl!

**All dogs howl**

**Song: Reprise: This is Our Night to Howl**