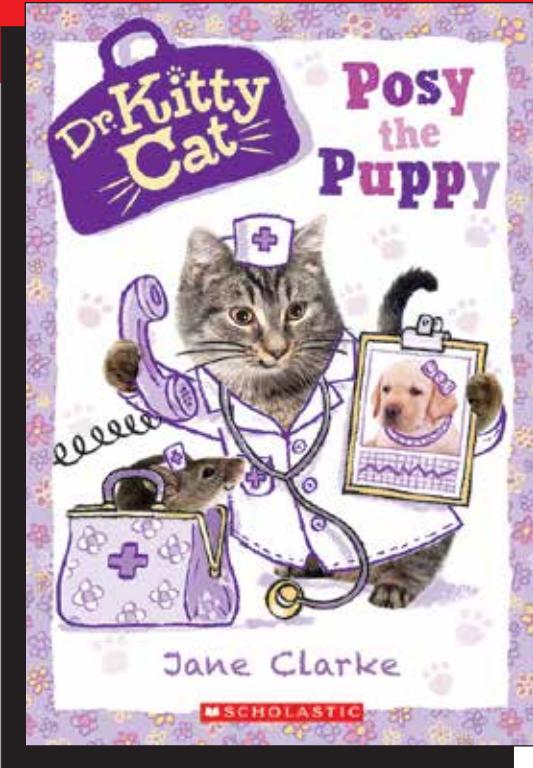


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Dr. KittyCat #1: Posy the Puppy Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- 3 actors (Dr. KittyCat, Peanut, Posy)
- Dr. KittyCat (cat): grey pants & long-sleeved shirt, whiskers, grey ears, stuffed long grey sock to simulate tail, white lab coat, head band with purple cross on it, stethoscope, clipboard
- Peanut (mouse): grey pants & long-sleeved shirt, grey ears, pointy snout & whiskers, long grey sock to simulate tail, head band with purple cross on it
- Posy (dog): yellow or brown pants & long-sleeved shirt, floppy ears, black painted nose, long yellow or brown sock to simulate tail, dog collar, purple bow on head
- Additional props: table with toy telephone & doctor's bag on it, table covered in a long tablecloth or blanket to simulate tunnel, copy of *Dr. KittyCat #1: Posy the Puppy*



Peanut:

(telephone ringing; Dr. KittyCat sitting on chair at side, looking at clipboard. Peanut running onstage to answer it) Dr. KittyCat's clinic. How can we help you? (pausing to listen) Just a moment... (placing hand over mouthpiece & speaking to Dr. KC) There's been an accident on the playing field, over at the Paw and Prizes Field Day. Posy's stuck in a tunnel on the agility course and they think she's hurt!

Dr. KC:

(jumping to her feet; Peanut handing the phone to Dr. KC) Keep Posy still and calm. We'll be there in a whisker! (hanging up phone and grabbing doctor's bag off table)

(Dr. KC & Peanut going offstage then re-entering and crossing stage toward 'tunnel'; Whimpering sound coming from inside tunnel; Dr. KC peering in one end of tunnel & Peanut peering in other)

Peanut:

I can't see anything. (calling into the tunnel) Posy – are you in there? (more whimpering from inside tunnel; Peanut heading over to bend in tunnel & speaking gently) Don't worry, Posy. Dr. KittyCat is here. How are you doing?

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- Posy:** *(howling)* Aooo! It hurts!
- Dr. KC:** *(hurrying over to where Peanut is standing)* Posy. Can you tell me where it hurts?
- Posy:** *(whimpering)* It... it's my leg.
- Dr. KC:** *(both she & Peanut standing; Dr. KC whispering loudly to Peanut)* Posy should stay where she is until we figure out what's wrong with her leg. *(pausing)* But I'm not sure there will be enough room for me to examine her inside the tunnel.
- Peanut:** I'll go in and keep her calm while we both figure out the best way to treat her and get her out.
- Dr. KC:** Good idea. Take a cold pack with you. *(opening doctor's bag and pulling out ice pack)*
- Peanut:** *(taking ice pack and scurrying through one end of tunnel)* I'm here now, Posy.
- Posy:** Ow!
- Dr. KC:** *(speaking gently from outside the tunnel)* Posy, which leg is it?
- Posy:** This...this...one. *(pausing)* No, I mean this one. Ow, ow, ow! *(wriggling uncomfortably)*
- Peanut:** *(gently)* If you can hold still, Posy, this ice pack will help. *(addressing Dr. KC)* Dr., I think we're going to have to figure out a way to get Posy out of here so we can figure out exactly what's wrong with her leg.
- Dr. KC:** *(scratching her head then looking like she's come up with a great idea)* I have an idea. *(digging into her doctor's bag, pulling out a pair of scissors & moving closer to the tunnel)*
- Peanut:** *(excitedly)* She's taken out her special scissors! It's "Operation Posy!"
- Posy:** *(anxiously)* Aooo!
- Peanut:** Don't worry, Posy. I didn't mean an operation on YOU! Her special tough-cut scissors are for helping her get to her patients.
- Dr. KC:** *(snipping scissors a few times then pulling back blanket as if she were really cutting it to get into tunnel; finally reaching Posy & Peanut)* We'll make you feel better very soon, Posy. *(gently examining Posy's front leg)* Your leg doesn't look swollen. *(feeling the surface of the leg)* And it doesn't feel lumpy or hot, either. Can you wiggle your toes, Posy? *(Posy wiggling toes; Dr. KC smiling)* That's very good. I'm just going to listen to your breathing and check

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your eyes, too. (*removing stethoscope and flashlight from doctor's bag*). Hmm. I'm a little puzzled, Posy. (*pausing*) Does it hurt anywhere else?

Posy: (*howling & rubbing stomach*) Aooo! Here!

Peanut: (*suddenly getting an idea*) Posy! Have you swallowed or chewed up anything you shouldn't have?

Posy: (*looking at the ground sheepishly, then looking at Peanut & Dr. KC & answering slowly*) I don't really have a sore leg... And I'm sorry for not telling the truth...but I didn't want to get into trouble. (*holding up a copy of Dr. KittyCat #1: Posy the Puppy & speaking to audience*) To find out the whole story AND what happens next, look for *Dr. KittyCat #1: Posy the Puppy* at your Scholastic Book Fair.