

Go Home, Cheeky Animals!

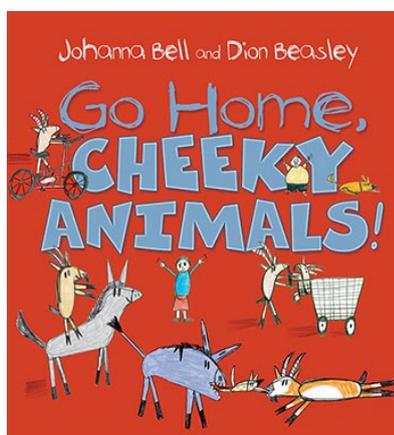
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At Canteen Creek where we live, there are cheeky dogs everywhere. But when the cheeky goats, donkeys, buffaloes and camels make mischief in the camp, the dogs just lie there - until those pesky animals really go too far. Then the cheeky camp dogs roar into action!



Themes:

- Life in Northern Australia
- Weather
- Changing Seasons
- Animals

Discussion Questions:

- This story is set in Canteen Creek. Have you ever heard of it? If so, where is it?
- As a class, find it on a map of Australia.
- There are many different weather events and seasons that are mentioned in the story. Can you recall all of them?
- What is your favourite season of the year? Why do you like it?
- How is the climate different in this part of Australia to others places, for example Melbourne, Sydney or Hobart?
- What does 'cheeky' mean? As a class, discuss examples of cheeky behaviour.
- Why do you think the Cheeky Dogs didn't do anything to move the other animals away?
- Can you recall what happened to Grandpa's pants?
- What sneaky thing did the horses do?
- Why do you think all the animals went crazy when the storm started?
- If you have a pet, how do they react when there is a storm?
- Why do you think the cheeky dogs decided to finally do something about all the other cheeky animals?

Activities:

- Following on for your class work of finding Canteen Creek on a map, look up some more information about it. Present to your class a poster with some interesting facts, photos and drawings.
- The beginning and end papers of the book show a map. Draw a similar map of where you live, showing some of the important places. You may even like to scatter some pictures of 'cheeky animals' throughout your drawing.
- Make a list and draw a picture of all the animals that came. Try to do it in the order that they arrived.