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FINFORCE BEDTIME STORIES · DOGS RACING

Meet the Team

A FinForce Dogs Racing story for children and grown-ups, ages 5 to 10

FINFORCE DOGS RACING · BOOK 6



With all eight dogs from the FinForce Dog House

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

A TEAM STORY

for

With love from the FinForce team



Meet the racers

Frankie
The oldest, and he loves food. Fluffy light-brown fur and a white chest. He drives a dark grey Porsche GTS, always says "Righto boys," and never says no to a snack.

Paddington
The youngest, but the biggest dog of the team, and he loves to play. Red-gold curls and a white nose. He drives a red Ferrari 488, and is always ready for a bounce or a trick.

Winston
The middle dog, and the smallest, with a very big heart. Black and curly, kind, and always ready to help. He drives a bright yellow Lamborghini Huracán.

Archie
A black-and-white Cavoodle. He drives a sleek grey electric Audi RS e-tron GT.

Freddie
An orangey-brown Cavoodle. He drives a smooth white electric Porsche Taycan Turbo.

Barney, Bracky and Bossy
Three super-speedy black Cavoodles who run the pit crew, with a toolbox, a charger cable and a flag.

The dogs visit Dad's office, meet his team, and figure out what each person does. A simple story for children, with a short grown-up box on the lesson pages. Do the voices!

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One bright morning, all eight dogs trotted up to Dad's office. The doors were tall, and the plants were shiny.
“Righto boys,” said Frankie, sniffing the air. “I smell biscuits. And paper. Mostly biscuits.”
Big Paddington bounced so hard his bandana slipped. “Is this where Dad works? It looks like a giant dog house for people!”
Little Winston wagged, kind and curious. “I want to find out what everyone does.”

A big job is easier when lots of people help.



Dad was waiting in the sunny meeting room, with a big smile and a simple notebook.
“Welcome, team,” he said. “I am a financial adviser. I help families make a plan for their money, a bit like a map for a long trip.”
Paddington tilted his head. “A map? For coins?”
“For the whole journey,” said Dad. “What you need, what you hope for, and how to look after it along the way.”

A plan is like a map for your money.

FOR GROWN-UPS

A financial adviser can help people consider their goals, their circumstances and their options, and may provide personal advice under an Australian financial services licence. In this story, Dad is a financial adviser. This book itself is general information only, not personal advice, and it is not about any particular product or plan.



At the front desk sat Trish, with a warm smile and a tidy stack of folders.
“Hello, you lot. Come in, you’re expected.”
“What do you do?” asked little Winston, standing on tiptoe.
“I look after the office, and I look after our clients,” said Trish.
“Appointments, papers, questions — I make sure nothing important goes missing, and that people feel welcome.”
Frankie nodded, as if a well-kept biscuit tin were a very serious matter.
“Someone has to keep the treats — I mean, the papers — in the right place.”

Looking after people starts with a kind hello, and careful notes.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Good administration supports good advice. That can include booking appointments, keeping records, chasing documents and being a warm first point of contact for clients. Careful paperwork is not the whole job, but it helps the team work safely and on time. This is general information only.



Trish let the dogs help with a very important job: putting papers into two piles.
"This pile is 'do now'," she said. "This pile is 'can wait'. When we know which is which, we don't get in a muddle."
Little Winston sorted carefully. Big Paddington tried to sort… and also tried to bounce. Frankie guarded the 'do now' pile, in case it was edible.
"A plan on paper is easier to follow," said Trish, "than a plan that lives only in your head."

Write it down, so you can follow it.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Lists, calendars and simple budgets help families and businesses keep track of what needs to happen and when. Writing things down is a basic money habit, not a product. Any figures you write in a real budget should be your own. This book does not tell you what to do; it is general information only.



In the next room they met Tereza, who everyone called Tez. She had a notebook and a kind, busy smile.
“I help the grown-ups who run businesses,” said Tez. “Companies need looking after too, just like families do.”
“Like a pit crew, but for shops and offices?” asked Barney, who knew about pit crews.
“A bit like that,” said Tez. “I make sure they have what they need, and that we don’t forget them.”

Businesses need looking after, too.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Business owners have their own planning needs, which can be different from a family's. In this story, Tez helps with corporate clients and with PRM, a related business that supports companies. She is not an accountant, and this book is not tax or accounting advice. It is general information only, not personal advice.



Basil sat at a tidy desk, with folders in a careful row. He looked up and waved.
“I help with the forms,” he said. “When someone wants cover, or when they need to make a claim, I look after the paperwork so it is clear and complete.”
Paddington whispered, “Forms look like a very long game with no ball.”
Basil smiled. “They can feel like that. But careful forms help the right help arrive at the right time.”

Careful paperwork helps a promise do its job.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Insurance applications and claims usually need accurate, complete paperwork and can take time. This story does not explain how to claim, and it is not a recommendation of any product. If you have a real application or claim, follow the insurer's process and get advice if you need it. This is general information only.



Andy had a little board with a simple picture: a house, a family, and a wide umbrella over both.
“I help people think about the what-ifs,” said Andy. “If something unexpected happens, how do we look after the people and the things we love?”
Little Winston’s ears lifted. “Like the spare wheel in the car.”
“Just like that,” said Andy. “We hope we don’t need it. If we do, we’re glad it’s there.”

Protection is for the things and people you love.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Thinking about risk and protection is about considering what could go wrong and whether you have a way to cope. Insurance can help with some of those what-ifs, but cover, cost and eligibility vary, and not every risk can be insured. Example only: some families review their cover when their lives change, such as when a child arrives or a loan is taken out. These are examples, not a recommendation of any product, and this is not personal advice.



Then they heard a gentle ring. Mia sat by the phones, with a headset and a bright, ready smile.
“Hello! I look after the phone system,” said Mia. “When someone calls the office, we make sure they are answered kindly, and that messages get to the right person.”
Frankie considered this. “So you are the starting flag.”
“I like that,” said Mia. “And I have a clever helper, too.”

A kind answer is a very good place to start.

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A soft teal light glowed on a little round screen. A friendly face made of light smiled out.
“Hi, I’m Chloe,” said the glow, in a warm, careful voice. “I’m not a person. I’m a helper made of clever ideas. I can answer calls, send messages and remember lists, so the team can do the people things.”
Big Paddington nosed the screen, very gently. “Can you play?”
“I can remind you when it’s playtime,” said Chloe. “The playing is still your job.”

Clever helpers are useful. Kind people still lead the way.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Digital tools and AI assistants can help an office with calls, messages, reminders and routine tasks. They should not give personal financial advice, and a person should still check important work. In this story, Chloe is an AI assistant, and Mia looks after the phone system that helps her work. This is general information only.



The dogs stood back and looked at everyone at once: Dad, Trish, Tez, Basil, Andy, Mia and the soft glow of Chloe.
“You’re a pit crew!” barked Bossy, lifting his plain green flag.
Little Winston nodded. “Dad makes the plan. Trish keeps the office kind and tidy. Tez looks after the businesses. Basil looks after the forms. Andy thinks about the what-ifs. Mia and Chloe answer the calls.”
“Righto,” said Frankie. “No one does it all alone.”

A good team makes a hard job feel possible.

FOR GROWN-UPS

In a financial advice practice, the adviser is supported by a team. Administration, insurance support, client service and communications all matter. Clients should still know who is responsible for advice. This book is general information only, not personal advice.



Mia let little Winston practise a hello. “Good morning, you’ve called Dad’s office. How can we help?”
Trish wrote the message down. Basil found the right folder (it was not a biscuit folder, Frankie checked).
Andy asked, “Are they safe and looked after?” Tez added, “And is their business all right too?”
Dad smiled. “Now we can make a proper plan.”
Paddington bounced. “We figured it out!”

Each job fits into the next, like tools in a box.



It was time for a snack, which was Frankie's favourite kind of meeting.
There were apples, water, and a small plate of biscuits. Frankie shared. Even Paddington sat still, for almost a whole minute.
"Today we learned that money plans need people," said Winston.
"And biscuits," said Frankie, fairly. "But mostly people."



The team came to the door to wave them off. Chloe's little light blinked a cheerful goodbye.
"Thank you for showing us," said Winston.
"Come again," said Trish. "You were very good helpers."
Dad ruffled Paddington's ears. "And you were very good listeners — most of the time."

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That afternoon they lay on the grass by the Dog House, talking it all through.

“Dad is the map-maker,” said Paddington, rolling over for a game, then stopping to think.

“And the team are the ones who help the map work,” said little Winston.

“Righto boys,” said Frankie, offering the last biscuit crumb. “That is a very good thing to know.”

A plan is stronger when a team helps it along.

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That evening the office was quiet, and the Dog House was full of yawns. "I like Trish's tidy piles," said Winston. "I like Andy's umbrella," said Paddington. "I like the biscuits," said Frankie, already half asleep. "And I like that everyone had a job," said Archie, "and that it all fitted together." "Righto," whispered Frankie. "Best team in the world."

The End

LITTLE CHATS IN THE MORNING

What does each person in Dad's office do to help? · Why does a plan need paperwork as well as ideas? · How can a clever helper, like Chloe, support a team without doing the whole job?

Story idea by Aslan, age 9



With love from the FinForce team

A story about the people who help at Dad's office — told simply for children, with a short grown-up layer on the lesson pages. Thank you for being part of our year.

Story idea by Aslan, age 9. For grown-ups: this story introduces general ideas such as what a financial adviser does, careful paperwork and records, thinking about protection, teamwork in an advice office, and how helpful tools can support a team. It is not about any product or plan, and it is not personal advice. Any figures mentioned are examples only, not a quote and not a recommendation.

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