

ROVER AND HIS FRIENDS.



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Rover soon made himself quite at home with Bonnie and Minnie. When they went on the hills to pick berries, he would follow them; and one day, when a bull chased them, Rover sprang at him, and made him give up the chase.

On summer evenings, when the children used to take their suppers out of doors, they would share their oatmeal-cake with Rover. Bonnie taught him to sit upright on his hind-legs, and beg; and to hold a bit of bread on his nose, while Bonnie said, "Make ready, present, fire!" Then, when Bonnie said "Fire!" Rover would toss the bit of bread into the air, and catch it in his mouth as it fell.

But one day when they were playing with him by rolling a ball down hill, and making him run after it, all at once Rover caught sight of a man walking along the road at the foot of the hill. Then, instead of catching the ball, Rover crept along near some bushes, and ran away from the man, though the children called, "Rover, come back!"