



## Dog Days

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Brady, the main character in *Dog Days*, has just moved to a new town where the only person he knows is Gramps. To top it off, he isn't too happy about having to leave his friends behind. His mom thinks it will be a great opportunity for him to get to know his grandfather better. Brady will be spending a lot of time with Gramps and Gramps' dog, Grit. The problem is, Brady has always been afraid of dogs and really doesn't care for them.

During his summer break, Brady spends his days at Gramps' to help him out. He meets Abra, the next-door neighbour, and they quickly become friends. One day, as Brady and Abra walk by the pet store, they read an ad inviting everyone to sign up their dog in a dog show. To impress the other kids and to try making new friends, Brady decides to sign up Gramps' dog as his own. Now he must face his biggest fear by training the dog in time for the show.

Brady does his best to get over his fear of dogs by attempting to teach Grit a few tricks. After all, he was once a Frisbee-catching champion. Grit is getting old, so no matter what Brady tries, Grit does not want to be trained. A few days before the show, Brady is getting very worried. He is desperate for help, so he asks Gramps for his assistance. They come up with a plan, but will it work?