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One for the kids Big dogs make for big fun !!



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I roll my eyes for the umpteenth time

At them staring and pointing as together they chime,

I bet he takes some brushing with all that fur

Look Mummy, look. That manâs got a bear!

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Here come the questions I think with a groan,

Does he bite, is he friendly, will he dribble on my coat?

Heâs a big lad, what on earth does he eat?

As the posse of admirers hurtle across the street.

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I tell them he loves livestock, toddlers and cats,

And faces drop further as he eyes their canine rat.

A belly full of him will make his happy tail wag

And sometimes if heâs a good boy I let him chew on the Jag!

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Is he a St Bernard? Look at the size of his feet!

Itâs gonna take me all day to get down this street.

I bet heâs really hot, does he sleep on your bed?

His kennel must be huge, does he live in the shed?

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Is he a Siberian Husky, a Bernese or Great Dane?

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Heâ s a Leonberger isnâ t he? He looks just the same
As my friends Pyrenean Mountain Dog whose name I think was Lucy,
Heâ s none of those I say with a sigh, heâ s my big brown sappy Newfie!

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My resentment retreats as they shower him with love,
He stands and they gasp, then he shakes and they laugh
At the tendrils as they fly and confirm all mummyâ s fears,
Then they sense that he is safe and then rub his silky ears.

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His lolling tongue hangs lazily over his full and foaming jowls,
He shakes again and stretches out a long and yawning growl.
Heâ s had his fill of adulation from this admiring jealous crowd
And glances to me for guidance, itâ s a look that makes me proud.

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