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*A Dog’s Life* by Ann M. Martin

Pages ix-26
**Worksheet B**

Please highlight or make note of any interesting or confusing passages you notice in your reading. If there is anything you would like to make note of for discussion there is space provided at the bottom. The following questions will be used as a guideline for discussion in our next meeting.

1. *A Dog’s Life* is the “autobiography” of a stray dog. Have you ever encountered a stray animal?

**Yes No**

What type of animal was it?

**Dog Cat Fox Skunk Bats Other**

What did you do about it?

**Trap and Release Killed it Kept it as a Pet**

**Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. What do you think of all the different animals (dogs, cats, mice, etc.) living together in the old garden shed? Is it realistic? Why or why not? Have you seen animals coexist like that before? If so, when?

This is not realistic at all This is very realistic

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

1. Read the incident on page 13-14 that begins with “One day, one of the shed cats…” until “…while the cat collected her babies.” Is this something that would typically happen in the animal world? What does it say about the Mother dog’s nature?

This is not realistic at all This is very realistic

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1. Why do you think the author named the fox “Mine?” How do you think she might have decided on her name? Feel free to answer based on your own knowledge of foxes or to make up a story or reason.

**Foxes are notoriously self-interested.**

**The author probably had a bad experience with a fox.**

**Other**

1. Why does the Mother dog disappear? Where do you think she went or what do you think happened to her?

**The mother dog is dead. The mother dog was done raising puppies.**

**The mother dog ran away because she didn’t want to get shot.**

1. Read the quote on page 18 beginning with “Behind the shed…” and ending with “…I was lost.” At any point in your life (either growing up or otherwise) did you have anyone who was as important to you as Bone is to Squirrel? Who was it?

**Sibling Caregiver Friend Role Model Other:**

Notes/Comments: