

Farmer Bob and the Red Fox



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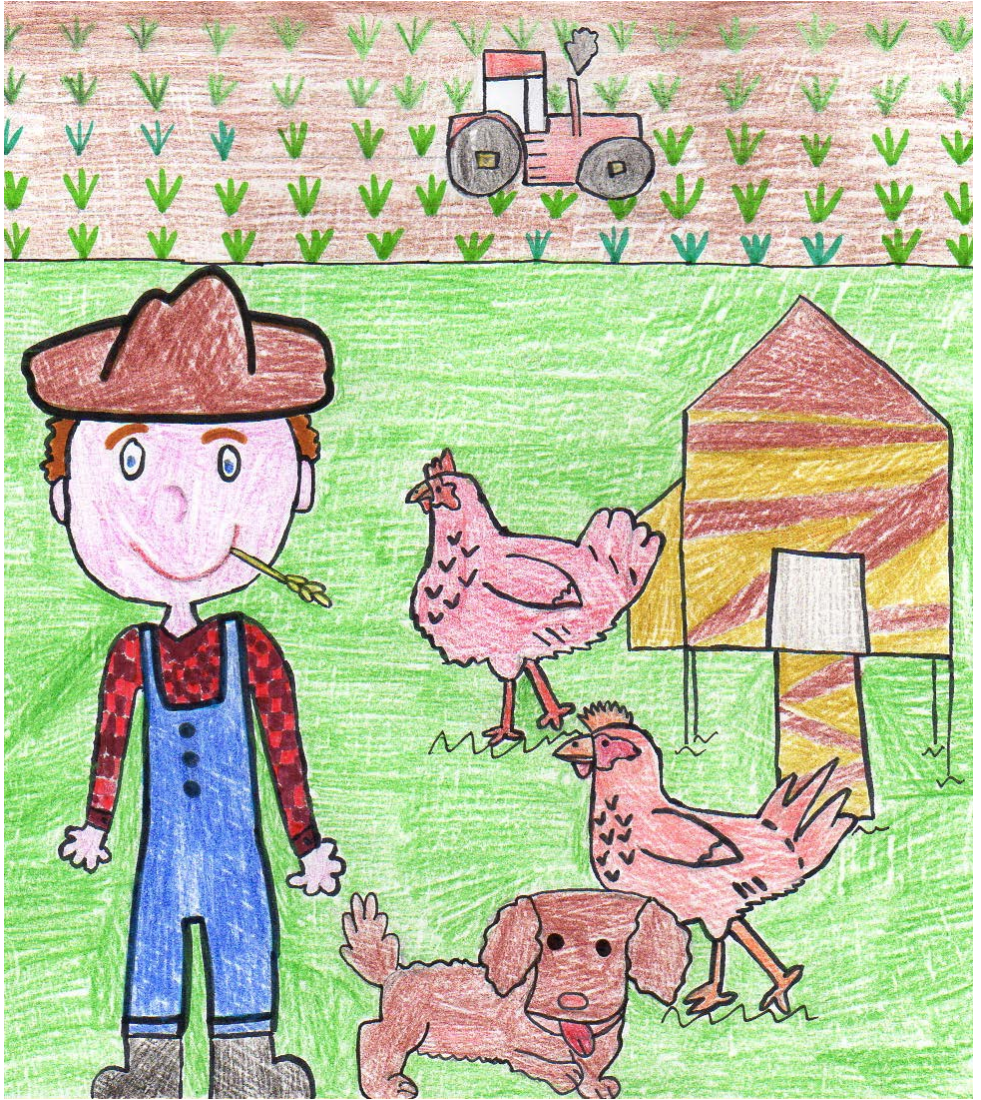
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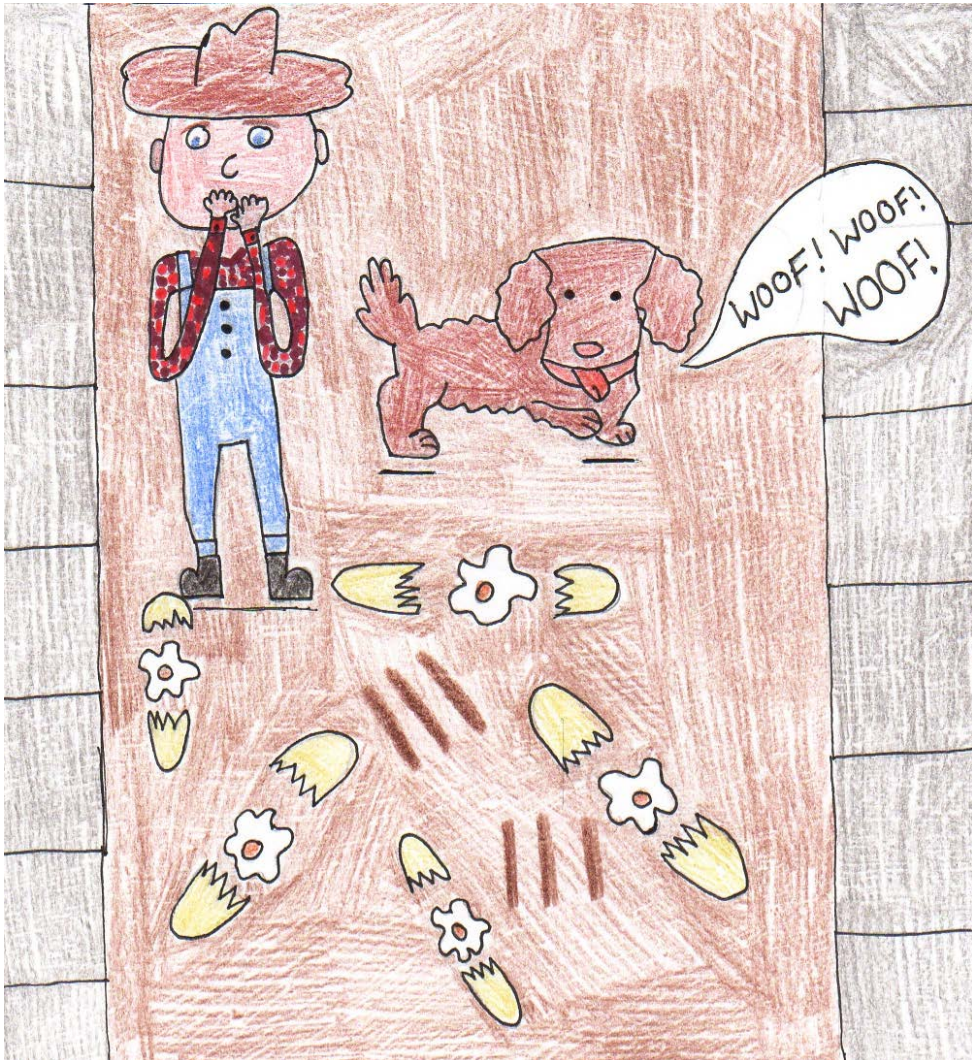


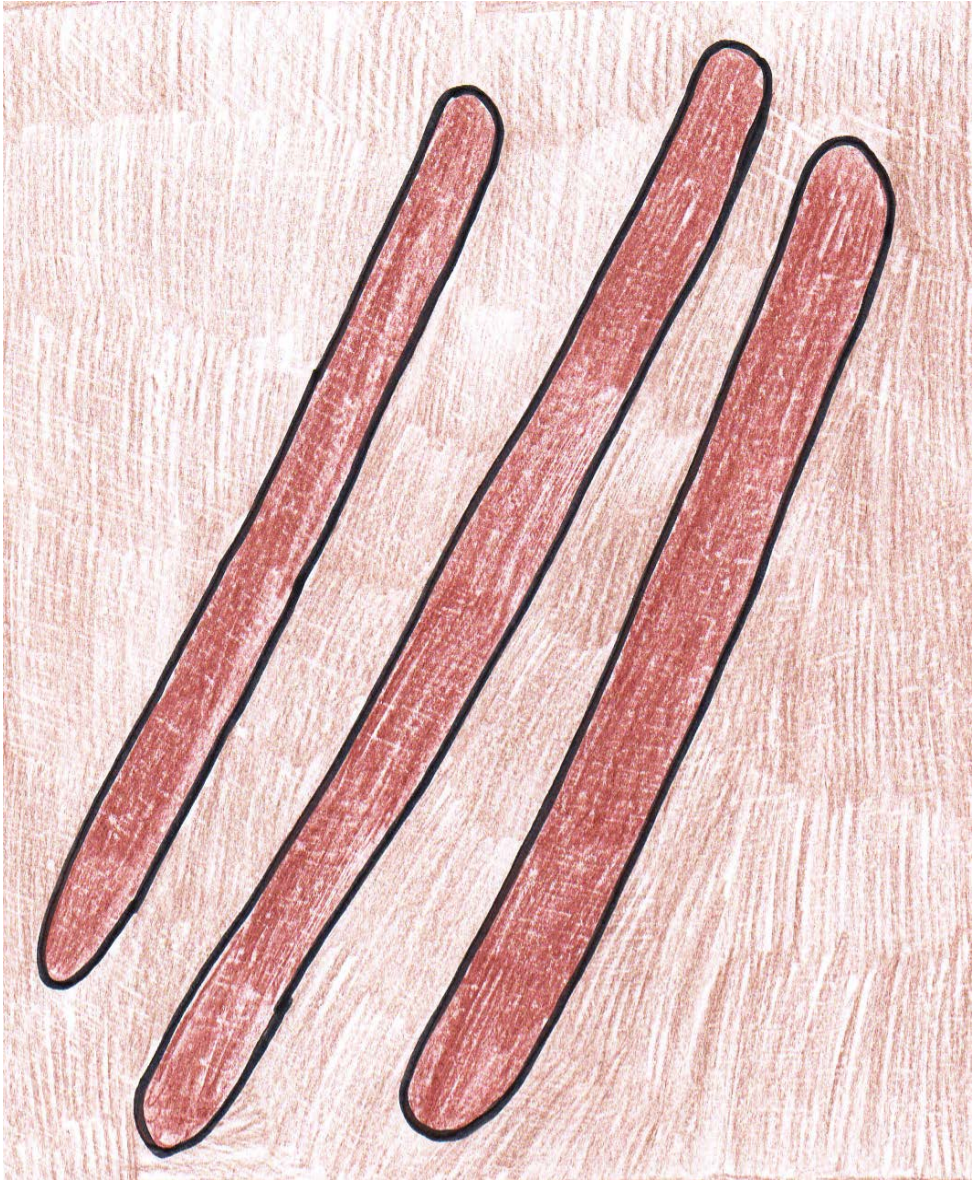
Just on the outskirts of the town of Forbes in NSW, there lives a jolly farmer named Farmer Bob. Farmer Bob's best friend is his dog called Boof.



One sunny morning, Farmer Bob woke to an almighty ruckus! He and Boof raced outside and down the back lawn to the chook yard. The chooks were running around madly, squawking and screeching at top volume!

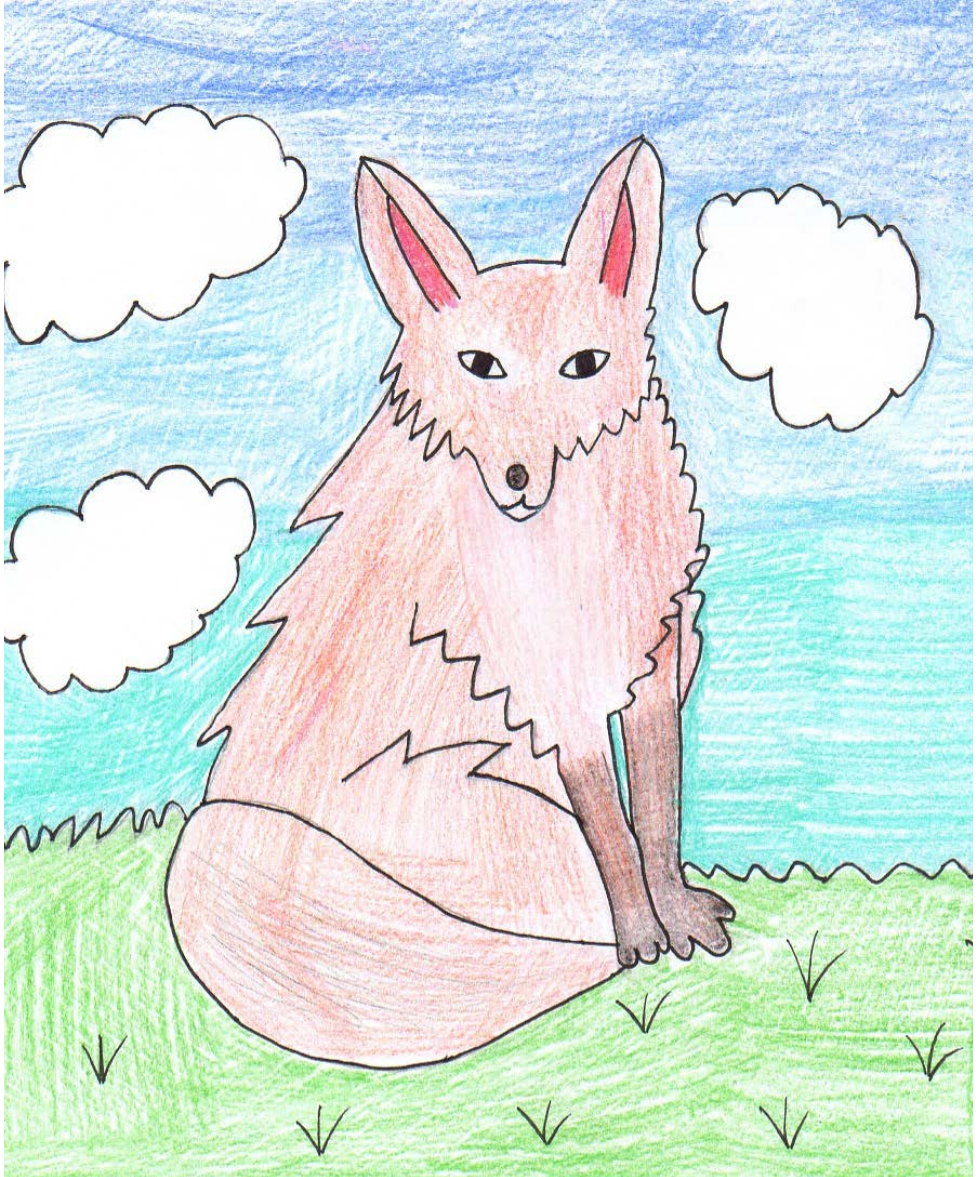
“Stop!” Farmer Bob yelled, but they wouldn’t listen to him so he and Boof ventured into the hen house. Farmer Bob gasped, Boof barked! There were broken eggs everywhere. It looked as though an animal had got in during the night and had done this.

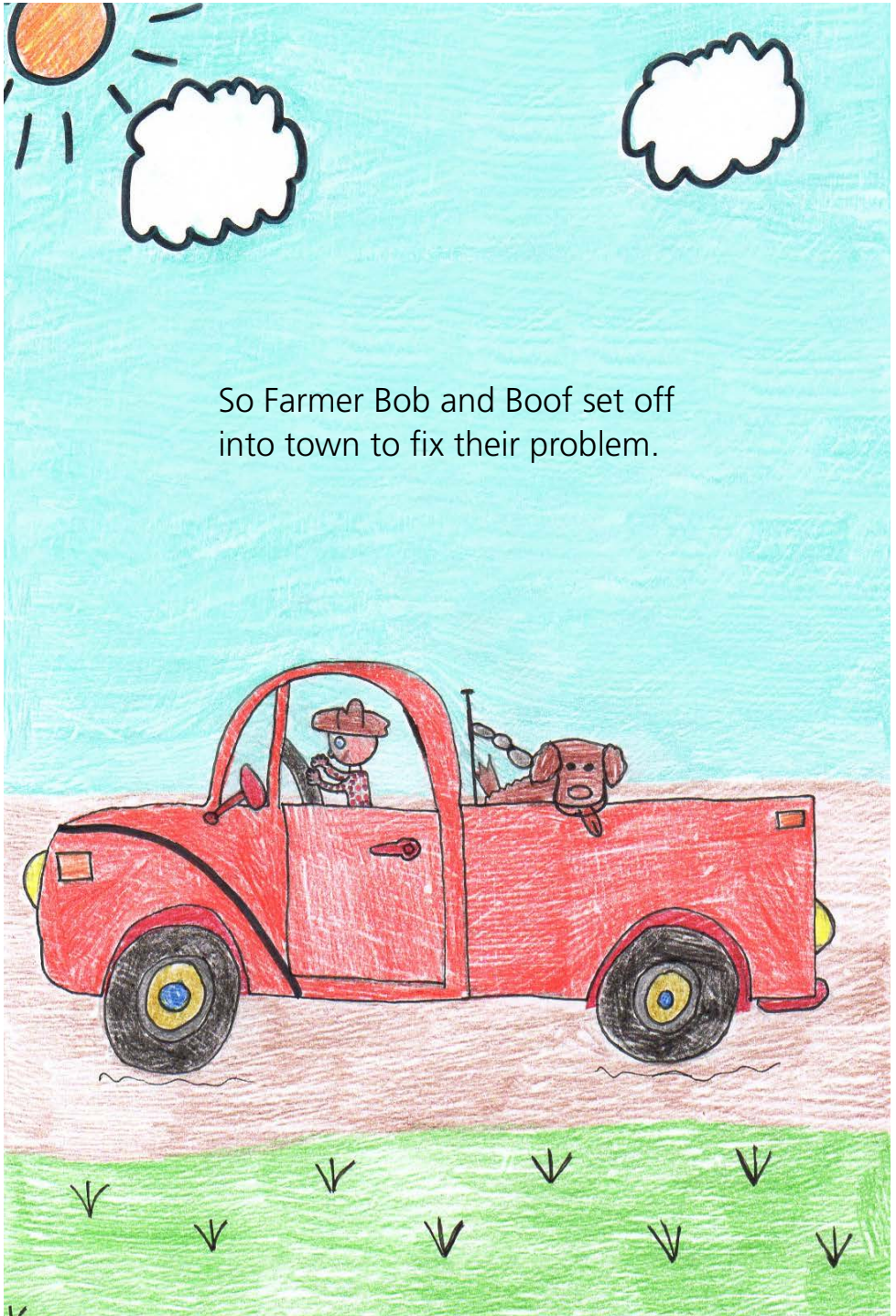




The animal had left claw marks etched into the wooden floor. Farmer Bob was positive it was a Red Fox.

European Red Foxes were introduced into Australia in the 1850s and they have now spread across 76% of the country. Red Foxes cause a lot of trouble and destruction to native wildlife and agriculture.

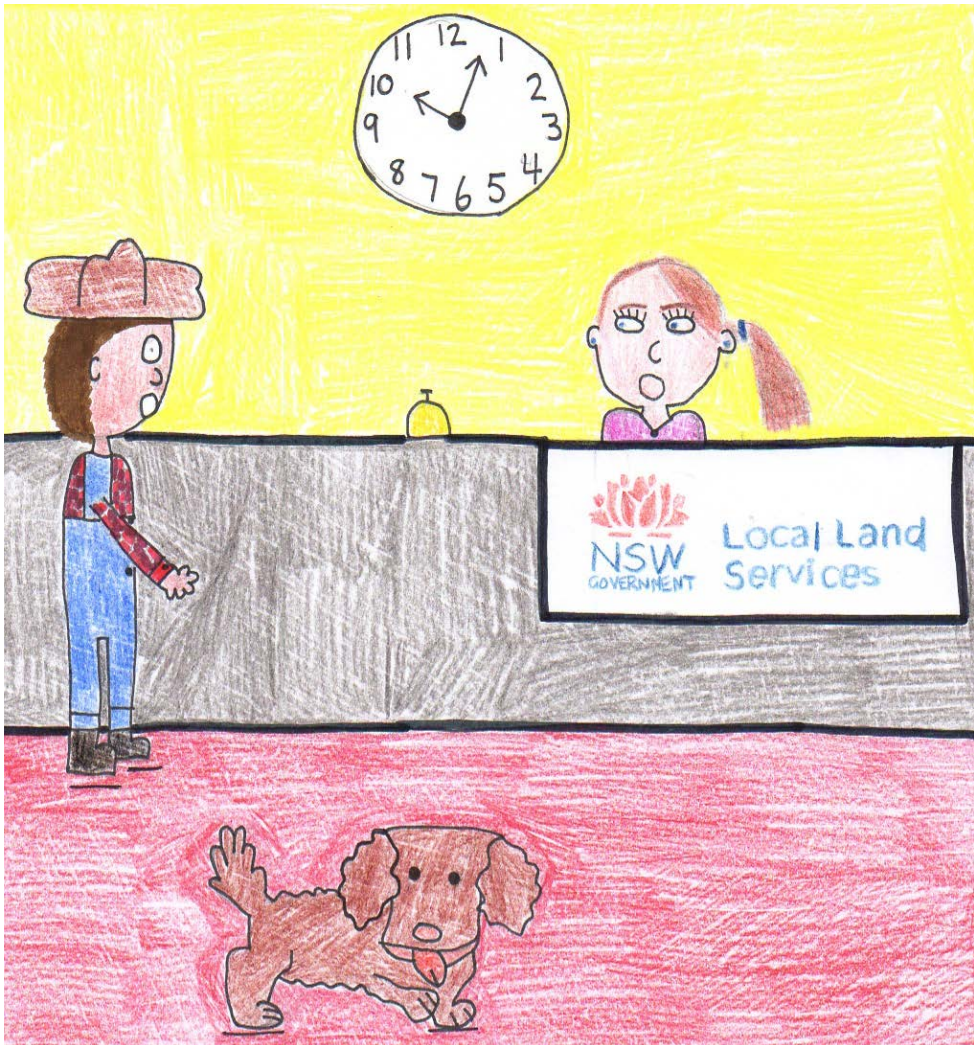




So Farmer Bob and Boof set off into town to fix their problem.

When they reached town, Farmer Bob and Boof went to the Central West Local Land Services and asked them for advice.

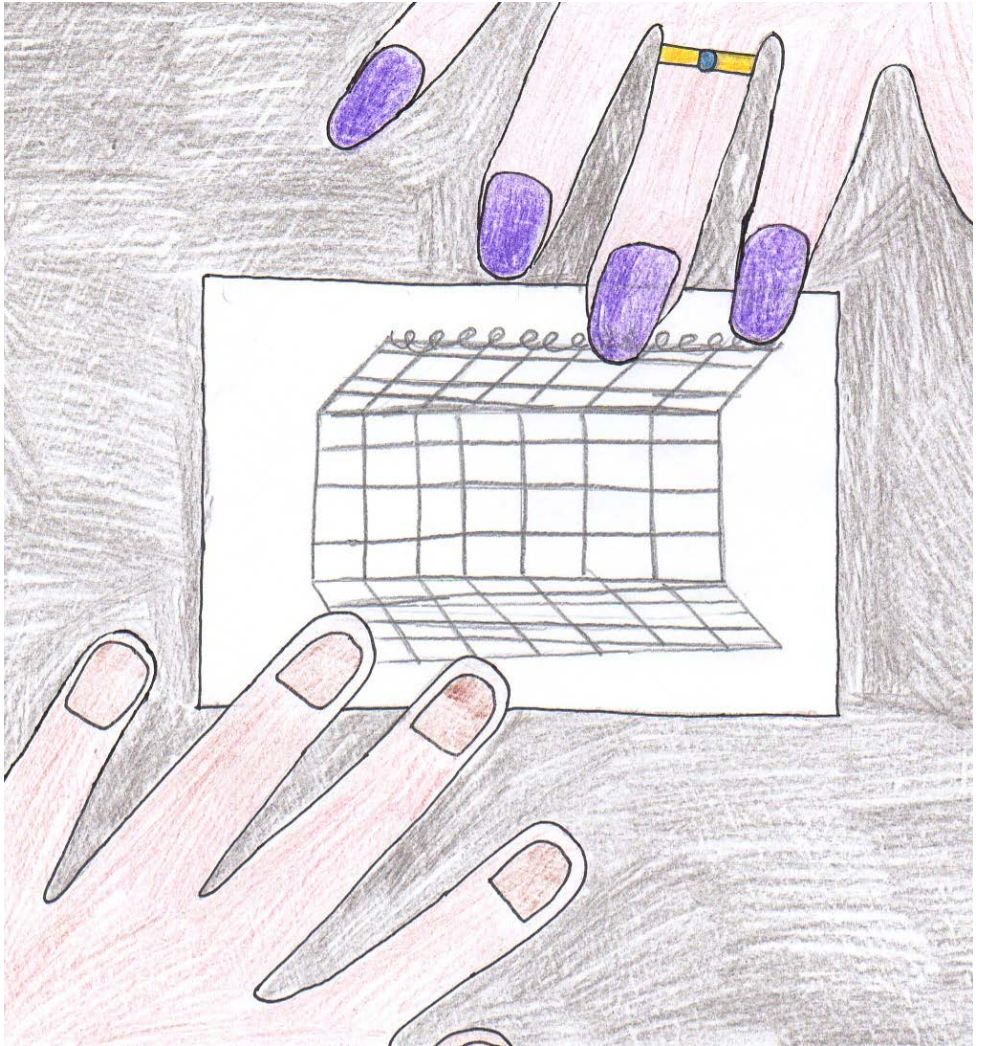
“You could try building a more protective fence or you could set some traps up,” suggested Wendy, the biosecurity officer.



“Hmm?” thought Farmer Bob.

“Here, try this design for the fence,” Wendy said as she passed a sketched drawing to Farmer Bob.

“Great. Thank you, I’ll try it,” said Farmer Bob, pleased.





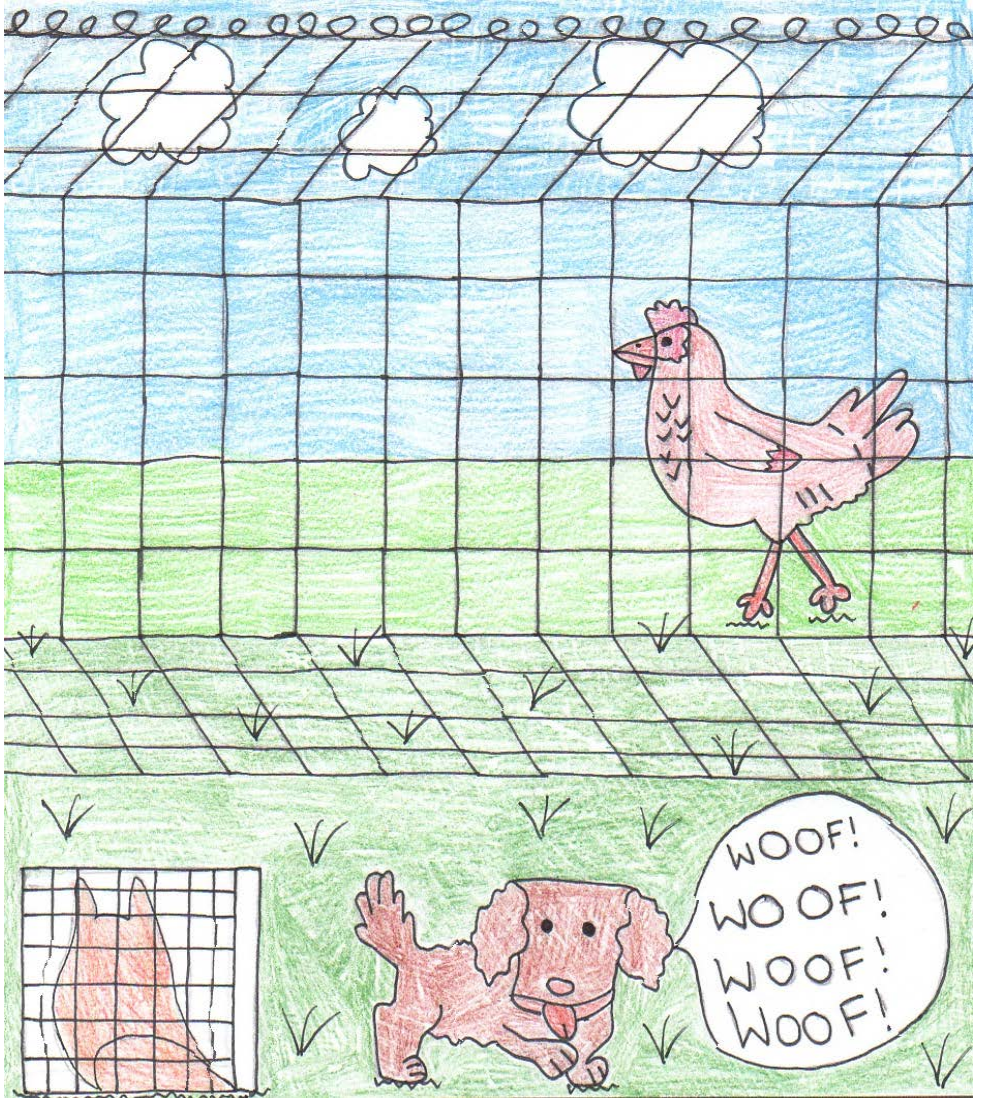
After that, Farmer Bob and Boof went to the shops. They bought chicken wire and wooden posts for the fence, an animal trap and a hunk of raw meat for the bait.



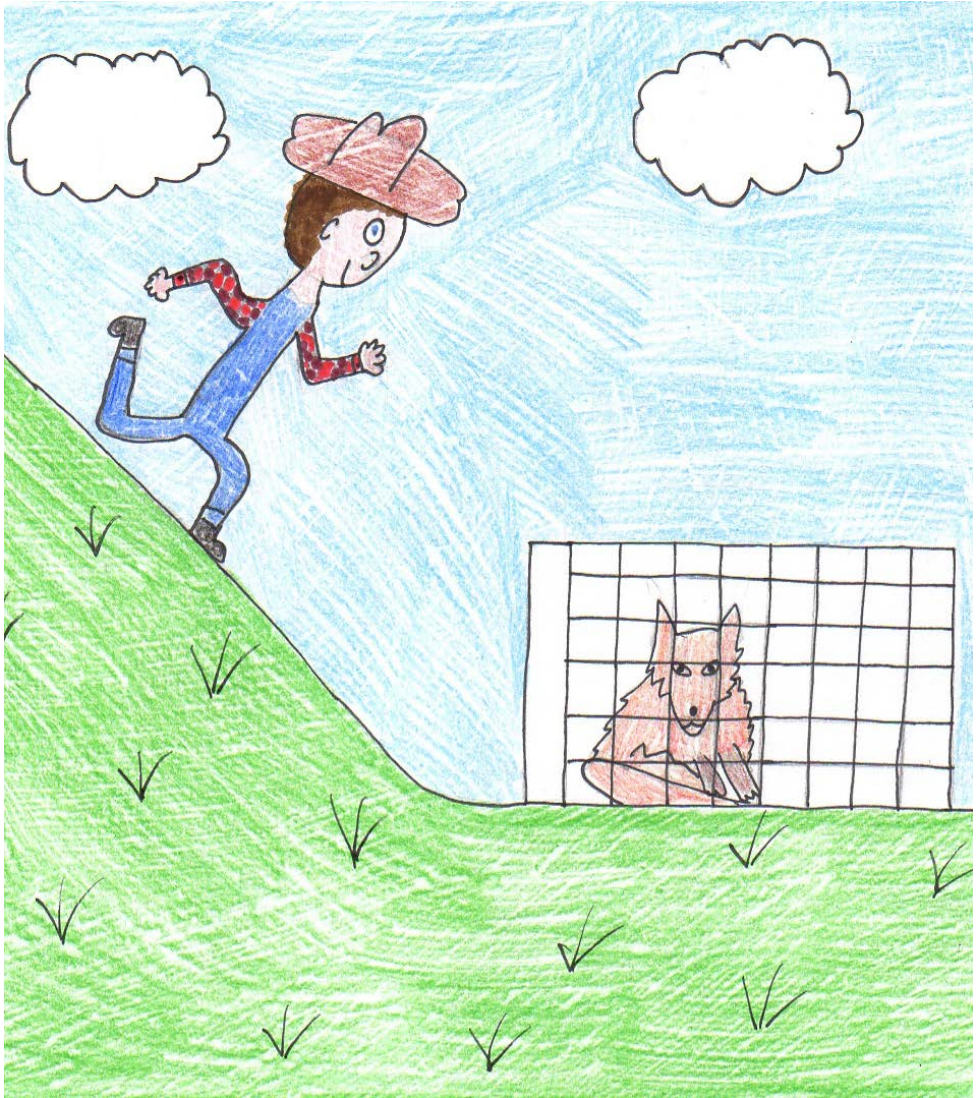
As soon as Boof and Farmer Bob got home they set to work. Farmer Bob built the fence from the sketch and set up the trap with the raw meat inside.



“Hopefully that keeps those pesky foxes out Boof,” Farmer Bob said, patting Boof’s head. Farmer Bob was happy with his work. He and Boof slept soundly that night knowing that the chooks would be safe.



The next morning, Farmer Bob woke to the sound of Boof barking. He was going crazy! He was running with delight around the chook yard.



Farmer Bob grabbed his hat and raced down the back lawn to the chook yard. Inside the trap was a Red Fox!



Farmer Bob whooped with excitement! He and Boof were so happy. They had saved their beloved chooks and caught that naughty fox.



Farmer Bob and Boof went over to their neighbours and showed them the Red Fox. He told them all about how he caught the fox and what they can do to prevent Red Foxes getting into their farms.



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