A Day in the life of an animal “Dogs laugh but they laugh with their tails” – Max Eastmen I just had celebrated my 10th birthday the previous day and awoke to a bright, sunny morning. The air felt fresh and warm with the scents of flowers and various other scents suddenly taking a priority in my senses. Why was I feeling different? WOOF, WOOF , WOOF, … I started barking when I tried calling out to the breadman below my window. I had got my wish. I was , FIFI ,a Basset – hound for a day !!!! We, Basset – hounds, have strong scents and originate from France. I was currently living in this huge house in Goa with a loving family of four who adored and reared dogs as a hobby and business.

My trainer, Leo, called out my name and ushered me into the car where we drove out to the beach a few kilometres away. On the warm sand, he started training me to run and fetch ,testing my speed skills and analytical skills too. He taught me obedience and gave me a reward for each correct answer That was a juicy bone!!! Yummy. Next we dashed home to warm rice and chicken mince and he instructed me to finish the whole bowl and kept water near me too .How I lapped that up.

I shared my big kennel with two other dogs- Lilly and Lolla. We chatted amongst ourselves and gossiped about the new comers in the neighbourhood. Lunch time was again some healthy portions of rice and vegetables and with that complete, I was ready for my siesta time of an hour. In the evening when I awoke, I found to my surprise four new ducks in the shed near the kennels. We introduced ourselves and were happy to have more company to play with. We ran about chasing butterflies and jumping over the fences playing hide and seek. My trainer came in to give me a manicure and pedicure and a warm relaxed bath. My day and life couldn’t have been better… Dogs are really waited upon hand and foot by men. Just then I heard my mother calling me to get up for school and my lovely dream just got over. I would have loved to be a carefree animal and Strangely enough even had an insight on the name on my kennel” Fish and Fifi” WOOF , WOOF.