

## Henry Wrinkles lends an ear to kids' reading

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He's not just man's best friend. Henry Wrinkles has a love for children and assists kids in the classroom.

Henry's assistant, Susan Boyd, said the friendly dog came from PAWS. Boyd started using him as a humane educator and then had him meet with groups of kids to see his reaction.

At a Girl Scout meeting he would come to the door and escort each girl into the meeting," Boyd said.

After this occasion she decided to approach Greene County Tech first-grade teacher Pam Lackey about letting him visit her classroom. His final appearance for this school year was last Wednesday at Lackey's class but he'll be back next year. "Henry has been very rewarding to students because he is willing to listen as they read," Lackey said. "He won't criticize. They think of him as their special friend."



First-grader Chase Squint loves having Henry Wrinkles in class. "He's a goodboy," Squint said. "He lays down whenever we read to him."

This year, he visited Lackey's class several times and also went to the Paragould special education class.

Boyd said Henry gets his own desk in class when he visits. Lackey said Henry seems to be a special pal to those who are having a bad day or going through personal difficulties.