



Hello friends,

My name is Saffy. I'm the spotted dog you can see here to the left. This is my little salty spot to tell you what I've been up to around the Sunshine Coast and share some of my very own 'Saffilosophy'.

I simply adore the beach. The soft warm sand between my toes, the smell of the salty breeze as it tries to lift me up by my ears. On really windy days I wonder if I may be taken and dropped off somewhere far away. (Best to wear a hat on these days and tuck my ears in tightly.) Two of my all time favourite things are surfing and surf patrol. My friends and I look after the beach and ocean as well as everyone on it and in it. Most of the time you will find me on the beach, however I also enjoy wildlife watching and hiking in the bush.



### Green Spot ....

Litter on the beach is horrible as well as being very dangerous to all our friends who live on the beach and in the ocean. So be a litter crusader and take any litter you see lying around to the rubbish bin, especially plastic bags and fishing line.

And now let me introduce my friends ...

### Jasper

Jasper loves racing the seagulls. He can run the length of Peregian Beach without stopping. Sometimes he runs so far that he forgets where he is and has to get help finding his way home.

### Milton

A champion sand castle builder. They are works of art!

Bessie loves Vegemite and avocado sandwiches and has more colourful sun hats than any dog I've ever known.

### Sam

### Flash

Named after the superhero. He's fast. What more can I say?

### Bessie



Sam adores collecting seaweed to make sushi but has a most unfortunate crab phobia.





# Spotting Wildlife

On my days off from surf patrol I love nothing more than a spot of wildlife watching. I have just visited Mary Cairncross Park, a scenic reserve of subtropical rainforest in Maleny on the Blackall Range. On my walk I was blissfully enjoying the sounds and sweet air of the rainforest and then I heard some scuttling, hopping noises, which gave me a little fright at first and then I saw it. A Red-legged Pademelon!



I checked my guide book and found that the Red-legged Pademelon is a rainforest wallaby. I had never seen a wallaby before, just kangaroos, which are much bigger. This Pademelon was about 50 cm tall. After asking the ranger I now know that this reserve is a refuge for this species. Pademelons are busy in the day and night but like all sensible creatures, nap in the afternoon. They also like to occasionally rest against a rock or tree with their tail tucked between their legs and head drooped. I read this on the web site which has lots more fascinating information about the Red-legged Pademelon and the other rainforest dwellers. I highly recommend a visit. Don't forget some walking shoes!

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## Kate's Spot



"Saffy was born on the Sunshine Coast and she adopted me (even though Saffy was the one in the refuge!) 11 years ago from Sippy Creek Animal Refuge, for whom I am eternally grateful. She has been my divine companion and muse every day since, inspiring many artworks and new characters.

My dearest Saffy passed away in March. With her spotted wings I can see her flying through the clouds and stars with the grace of the infinite angel she is. This is her space, as she had lots to say and she truly was happiest with salty paws."



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