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Dickin Medal colouring activity

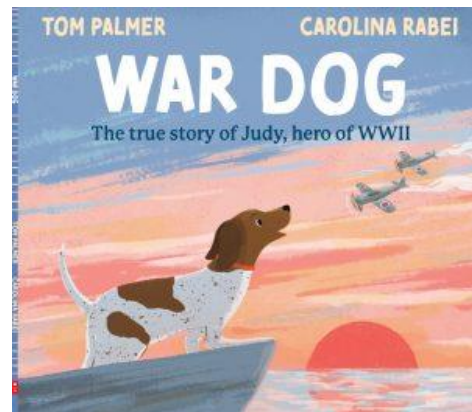
War Dog – The True Story of Judy, hero of WW2

The true story of one dog's incredible bravery in WWII.

Judy is a dog who lives on a ship called HMS Grasshopper.

Set in the Second World War in the South–East Asian theatre of the Pacific War.

After the fall of Singapore, Judy and her crew become prisoners of war.



Judy was the only dog to be recognised as a prisoner of war. Judy was awarded the Dickin Medal in 1946 by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA).



The medal is known as the animals' Victoria Cross - the highest and most prestigious decoration of the British decorations system.

It is awarded to animals that have displayed "conspicuous gallantry or devotion to duty while serving or associated with any branch of the Armed Forces or Civil Defence Units".

Judy was awarded the Dickin medal, "For magnificent courage and endurance in Japanese prison camps, which helped to maintain morale among her fellow prisoners, and also for saving many lives through her intelligence and watchfulness."

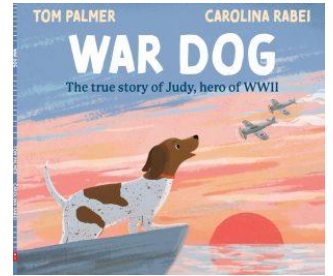
The Dickin Medal has been awarded 74 times to animals including pigeons, dogs, horses and a ship's cat, plus a single honorary award made in 2014 to all the animals who served in the First World War.

Judy's medal is now held by Imperial War Museum

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The Dickin Medal



This is a Dickin medal for you to colour in.

The ribbon has three stripes – coloured from left to right - green, dark brown and light blue.

The roundel is stamped with PDSA—an abbreviation of People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals.

The text on the medal reads “for gallantry” (in calligraphy) and “we also serve” (in capitals).

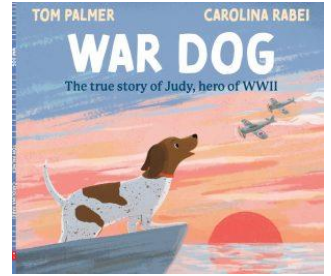
The edging is laurel leaves which have been used since Ancient Greece as a ring or crown to symbolise victory.

Decorate around the page with a border of your choice, maybe dogs, pigeons, horses and cats!

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Create your own Medal



And here's your medal template for you to devise for an animal that you think deserves it. Choose your own ribbon colours and think about what each colour symbolises. Create an organisation name to award the medal and add its name as an abbreviation of letters. Think of a short reason why you have chosen them and add these words to your medal. And what symbols would you choose to decorate your roundel around the edge - you could use a plant, a symbol or even an emoji. Decorate around the page with a border of your choice.

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