



Notes from Patches and Friends



**Welcome to “Notes from Patches
and Friends” — My Very First
Newsletter!**

I'm so excited to welcome you to my very first author newsletter! Whether you're a parent, teacher, or simply someone who loves stories that make the world a kinder place, I'm thrilled you're here.

After 45 wonderful years as a teacher, I've traded my classroom chalk for a writer's pen — but I've never stopped teaching! Now, I share my love for learning and storytelling through my books about animals that help people, where fact meets fiction and hearts meet hope.

Meet My First Book — [*A Purpose for Patches*](#)

My first book follows the journey of a lovable pup, named Patches, who dreams of becoming a guide dog for a blind boy. Along the way, young readers learn about color words, city safety signs, and the importance of kindness and perseverance. Watching children light up during my author visits as they discover these lessons has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

Coming Soon — *A Purpose for Patches: Activities, Coloring & Learning*

I'm putting the finishing touches on an activity and coloring book that pairs perfectly with my first story — a hands-on way for children to interact with the world of my characters while learning, imagining, and creating.

What's Next?

Book #2 is on its way, *Patches Explores Pagosa Springs: A Guide Dog's Mountain Adventure*.

I can't wait to share what's in store! Each story I write blends a bit of truth with a touch of magic — inspiring young readers to see how animals and humans can make each other's lives brighter.

Let's Stay Connected - In these newsletters, I'll share:

- *Behind-the-scenes peeks at my upcoming stories
- *Fun literacy and safety tips for kids
- *Printable coloring pages and classroom activities.
- *Updates on school visits and events

Thank you for joining me on this exciting journey. Together, we'll explore stories that teach, inspire, and warm the heart — one paw print at a time.

With love and a wag of Patches' tail,
Gail L. Oxford
Children's Author & Former Teacher

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Get in Touch

Patches and I would love to hear from you—maybe you have a question for Patches, a special message to share, or even a drawing of Patches in your favorite place!



And guess what? Patches and I are always dreaming about our next adventure. Where do you think we should go? Share your ideas, and maybe your adventure will be the one we take next!

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