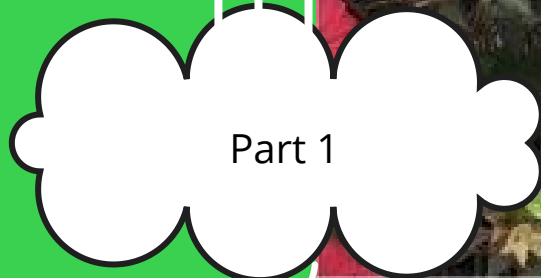


ROCKET AROUND... *Washington DC!*



Part 1



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Hello human travelers!

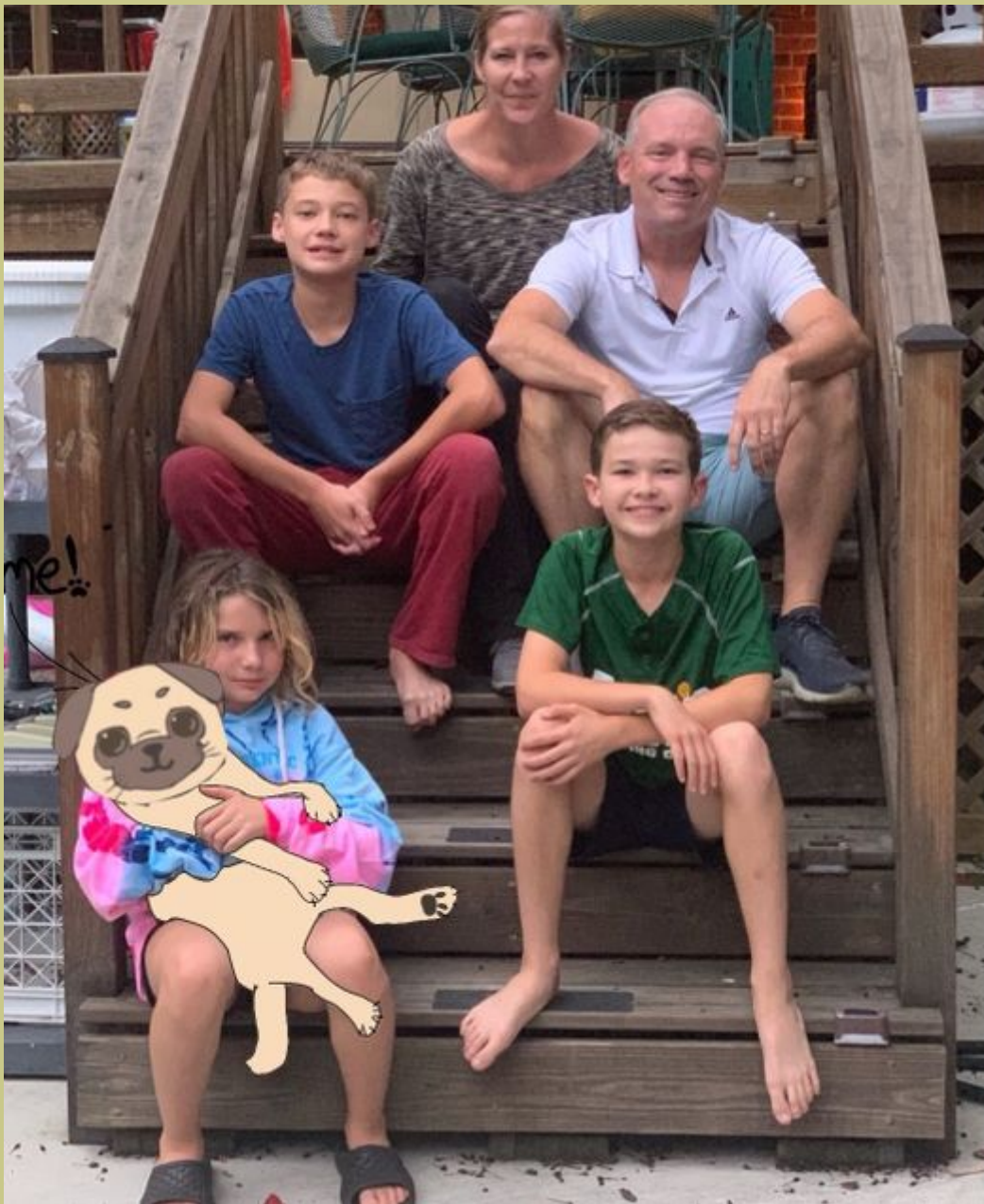
My name is Rocket the travel pug.

I love to visit cool new places.

Adventure is one of my favorite things (behind humans and sleep).

You too? Great! Let's travel together!





Today my human family is going to the District of Columbia, also known as Washington DC – or just DC.

It's the capitol of the United States.

I love being at home with my fabulous human family -- Mom, Dad, Jeffrey, Jack, and Emma.

But I also LOVE seeing new places.

DC is not far from my house. I just know they are taking me with them!

They wouldn't leave ME behind, right??

They're zipping up their backpacks so we must be leaving.

And they are out the door!

Wait - what about me? They must not know they left me behind.

I'll try the back door...Hi-ya! I'm out!!

Now, where did they go?

Sniff, sniff - I smell them!

They hopped on the Metro train to go into the city. I will too!

I'm prrrrobably not supposed to be on here alone, so I'll just hide under this Metro seat.



The train stopped. Sniff, sniff - my humans got off here, at [Arlington National Cemetery](#). Since 1864, it's been a cemetery and today it has gravesites for more than 14,000 veterans. There's so much to see here, so it's great that there's a tram that goes all around the cemetery.

Let's go inside. OH NO - NO DOGS ALLOWED!

Sniff, sniff. Smells like my humans are heading this way.



What to See

The graves of American heroes who have served America, such as former Presidents William Howard Taft and John F. Kennedy.

It also has the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which has the remains of unknown soldiers from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, and a sculpture honoring servicewomen and dogs.

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What to See

The words from two of President Lincoln's most famous speeches -- the Gettysburg Address and his second inaugural address -- are inscribed on the walls in big letters.

Can you read them out loud?

The [Lincoln Memorial](#) – one of the most beautiful monuments in a city full of monuments!

More than seven million people visit here every year. It sits at one end of what's called the [National Mall](#) – a huge open area of memorials, museums, and even pools of water -- stretching to the U.S. Capitol.

Inside, it has a giant statue of Abraham (Abe) Lincoln, the 16th U.S. president who led America through the Civil War. Uh oh – I've lost my humans' scent. Time to move on!



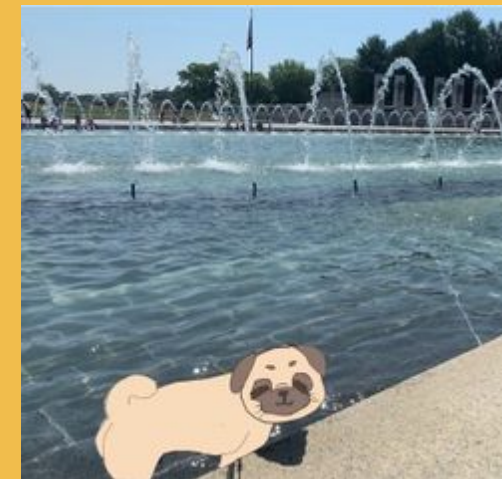
What to See

The columns stand for the role that all our states and the U.S. territories played in winning the war.

There are two engravings of "Kilroy was here" in the memorial. Kilroy is a doodle that soldiers use to draw on places. Can you find Kilroy on the memorial?

It's the [National World War II Memorial](#), honoring the 16 million people who served America during World War II (1939 – 1945).

It's amazing – 56 columns in a semi-circle around a beautiful fountain and pool (so refreshing). Yikes! I've lost my family's scent! They walked over here.



I think they came over to the [Washington Monument](#), honoring America's first president, George Washington. It sits at the center of the Mall.

Man is that TALL! It reminds me of one of my other favorite things – a really big stick.

If only I could get my mouth around it. Wait – what am I doing? I need to find my humans. Sniff, sniff - smells like history.

What to See

Sometimes the elevator inside is open and you can go to the top.

Do you see anything on the National Mall taller than the Washington Monument?



What to See

There are endless activities.

Finding my superpower, practicing baseball hitting and pitching, air basketball, model car racing, a wall to measure how high you can touch while jumping, a craft studio, a giant video screen, and more.

They're here at the [National Children's Museum](#)! Oh brother – there's that sign again – NO DOGS ALLOWED! Time to get sneaky.

I'll climb up this pole, go across the roof, climb onto the ceiling, and go down the three-story slide – WOO HOO!

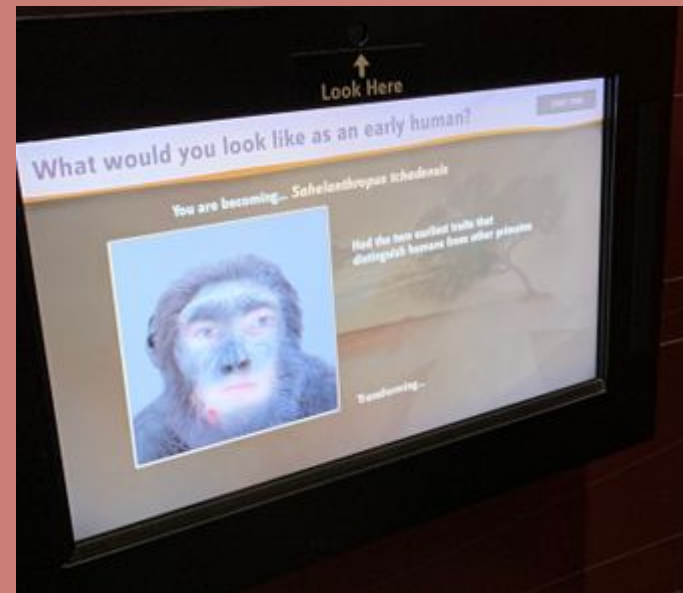
They have everything here -- climbing contraptions, a giant bubble-making machine, a science alley, virtual games, building blocks. Where do I start! Hold on - Sniff, sniff. I'm losing my humans' scent. Gotta go!



They went to the [National Museum of Natural History](#) – I love that place! So much in there about animals. We'll just head on in - NO DOGS ALLOWED? Are you kidding? If I were stuffed, they'd put me on display!

Time to get sneaky. If I stay low to the ground, I can back in through the exit as people are walking out. Whew! I almost got stepped on. The giant whale and mega-toothed shark display hanging from the ceiling are kind of freaking me out.

I love the dinosaur bones exhibit! How can I take one of those home to bury in my yard? I wonder if they're here in the Human Origins exhibit. Look -- it's a picture on the screen of what Jack would look like as an early human! They've got to be nearby!





What to See

The huge stuffed African elephant in the middle is really cool.

And the exhibits are amazing – oceans, mummies from ancient Egypt, mammals – like early and wild dogs (dingos), a butterfly pavilion, a live insect zoo, and gems, minerals, and rocks.

There's even a video game display where you can save the world from a dangerous virus.



Hurry - they're back on the bus! But I'm close behind. There it goes, past the [Jefferson Memorial](#), a beautiful dome structure in honor of Thomas Jefferson (1743 – 1826).

But there's no time to stop - the bus is heading past the [Martin Luther King Memorial](#), [Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial](#), the [Kennedy Center](#), and it's going toward [Memorial Bridge](#).

That must mean my human family is heading home! Uh oh – I need to get home fast. My humans will worry if I'm not there.



What to See

In Spring, the more than 3,700 cherry trees around the Jefferson Memorial and Tidal Basin are covered with beautiful white flowers that look like little snowballs.



