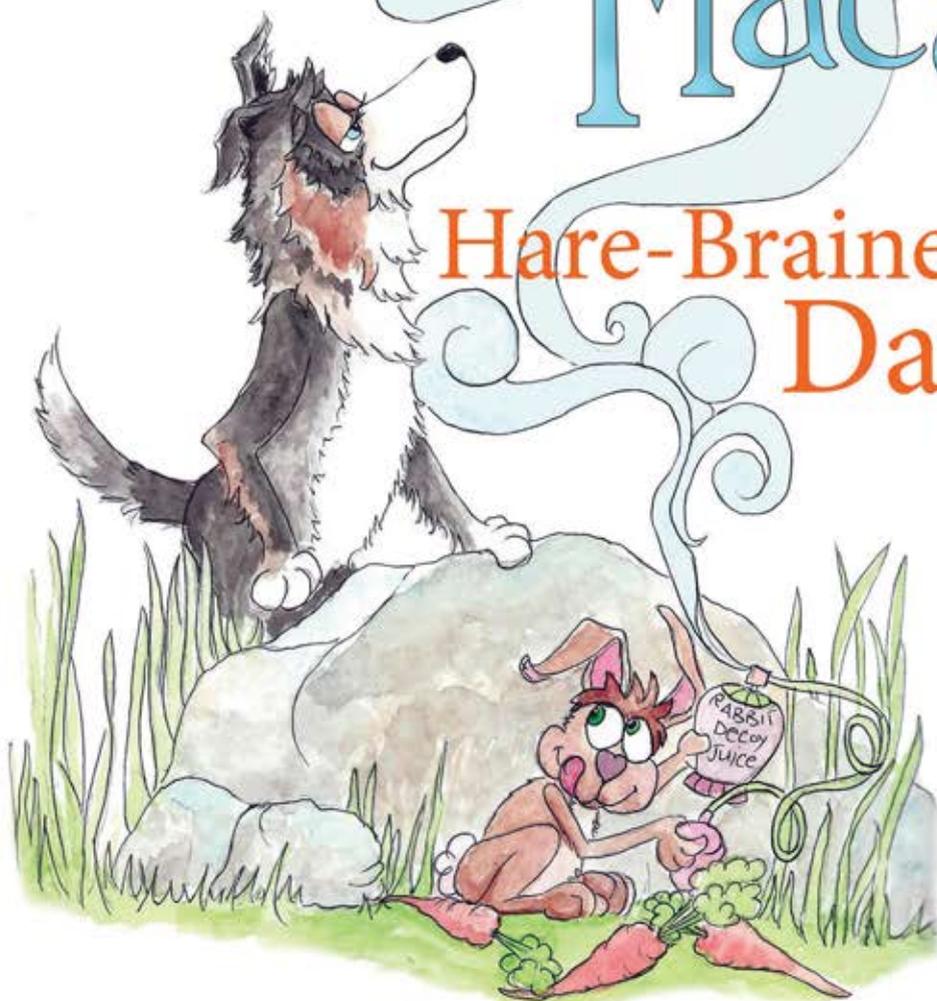


# Maggie Mae's

Hare-Brained  
Day



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This story is dedicated to my husband for his love and support.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve Him through my writing.

My granddaughters Jocelyn and Jaidon Turney have been a real inspiration especially with the RedshoesDeb Series stories and envisioning the illustrations.

I would like to thank Traci Osborn the illustrator who has brought our visions of Maggie to life.

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Hi, I'm Maggie Mae. I'm an Australian Shepherd and live on a ranch in Kansas with my sister, Holly, and a bunch of other animals. On the ranch we have very important jobs. Lucky for us our jobs are fun, too!



My very favorite job is catching frisbees. I like that even better than trying to catch birds. But, I help take care of the cattle and horses, too.

Finally, the ranch house came into view. There was my sister, Holly, sitting on the back steps.



She came running down those steps and tried to herd me to the door.

*She is a bossy Aussie!*



# Awesome Aussie Information!

Did you know that Australian Shepherds can have different colored eyes? Some Aussies have brown eyes, some blue, some even amber. Other Aussies even have one eye that is blue and one brown, or even mixed colors all in one eye.

If you look close, you can see that Maggie Mae has a blue eye on the right and a blue and brown eye on the left. Pretty cool, hah!

Holly's left eye is brown with a tiny speck of blue. Her right eye has two shades of blue and brown! Eyes that are two colors are called bicolor or "split eyes." If you take your Aussie to dog shows it is okay for her to have any combination of color, so long as the eyes are healthy!

I bet you saw Maggie Mae's tail in her tale about the hare. But did you notice that Holly doesn't have a tail?

Some Aussie's are born with a naturally bobbed tail. That means it is very tiny, or short, like the tail on a bob-cat. Other Aussies have their tail docked when they are born, so that it doesn't grow.

In the United States and Canada, Australian Shepherds are expected to have a bobbed or docked tail for professional shows. Any tail length is acceptable in dog shows in Europe. In the United States some Aussies with full tails, like Maggie Mae's, have won recognition.



*Maggie Mae was glad to hear that!*

# Other Books by Deb Jackson

Australian Shepherds like Holly and Maggie are big stars in the RedShoesDeb Series. Look for more great Aussie adventures coming in 2015 and 2016!

*Maggie Mae's Hare Brained Day*

*The Life and Times of Sheila the Cow Dog*

*Magpie Meets the Pheasant*

*Holly The Bossy Aussie*

*Holly the Hugger*

*Maggie Bit Off More than She Could Chew*

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Did you know that their ranch friends are stars too? Visit the [RedShoesDebSeries.blogspot.com](http://RedShoesDebSeries.blogspot.com) for other stories like *Creamy Goes to Heaven*.





You wouldn't believe how hard a jack rabbit can kick! Maggie Mae finds out the hard way. She chases that trespassing hare into his rabbit hole and gets thumped on the head, just for doing her job! Now with a sore nose and throbbing brain, she heads home through the pasture to her sister, Holly, for help. When they put their heads together they come up with a surprising lesson!

*Two wrongs, don't make a right!*

Deb Erickson Jackson has been a nurse and oral story teller, having the gift of gab, like her mom. Her stories are inspired with the help of her granddaughters, Jocelyn and Jaidon Turney. *Maggie Mae's Hare-Brained Day* is Deb's second published book. Pictured with Deb, are Holly and Maggie Mae, stars in the RedshoesDeb Series. Deb's stories feature Australian Shepherds and their ranch friends who share their exciting lives and the lessons they learn. Animals are used in an allegorical fashion to teach kids how to enjoy a value filled life.



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