

“Krypto the Superdog”

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MISSION

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GENERAL EDUCATIONAL GOAL AND RATIONALE:

“Krypto the Superdog” is intended to acquaint youngsters with the meaning of heroism and to inspire them to act proactively, righteously, and heroically in their own lives. On the surface, Krypto appears to be a normal, loyal, and fun-loving mutt. He is a playful companion to his young master, Kevin; and an integral member of a distinctive community of neighborhood pets. In this way, Krypto's character and everyday life mirrors that of his original master, Superman's, Clark Kent alter-ego. But just as with Superman, beneath Krypto's “mild mannered” appearance lies an array of amazing powers, drive and heart. Superman taught a past generation the importance of using one's abilities effectively for just causes. Krypto does the same for today's young viewers by acting as an engaging model for ethical actions, pro-social behaviors and heroic deeds.

By incorporating this important learning goal in a context of fun and laughter, “Krypto the Superdog” also gives kids a chance to hone and develop their burgeoning sense of humor. In his ground-breaking studies, respected developmental psychologist, Anthony J. Chapman, found evidence that humor can be encouraged and taught through modeling. There is indication too that a sense of humor fulfills meaningful purposes for young children – helping them to cope with difficult and challenging situations, to understand language and to develop social skills.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

To teach viewers the value and importance of heroism, involving empathy for the plight of others, initiative, independence and courage.

To assist viewers to learn to act effectively and judiciously in a range of situations – being prepared for eventualities, setting priorities, employing clear thinking and rational judgment, and taking tasks through to completion.

To aid viewers to develop positive personal and prosocial qualities, including self-esteem, perseverance, cooperation and leadership.

To spark and broaden viewers' maturing sense of humor in order to aid intellectual development, enhance resilience, and help them to see the fun of new learning.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

The target audience for "Krypto the Superdog" is made up of four to six year-old boys and girls across a broad spectrum of racial, ethnic, and socio-economic categories. The level of educational content is varied so as to be meaningful to children throughout the age range -- challenging younger viewers and reinforcing learning for older ones.

EDUCATIONAL FORMAT:

The general educational goal and discrete educational objectives are fully integrated with the story-lines, characters and settings dealt with in "Krypto the Superdog." By focusing on the exploits, adventures and relationships of a super special dog, the series provides the young viewing audience with a fascinating, non-threatening and relatable arena from which to observe and learn from the actions of others. Learning is engaging, natural, and part of the overall fun of the series.

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EDUCATIONAL SYNOPSES
Approved E/I Episodes for Kids' WB!
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1A / B "KRYPTO'S SCRIPTO" Part 1 & Part 2

FRIENDSHIP

Krypto teaches a valuable lesson in friendship. As Krypto models the way in which he makes Kevin a new best friend while keeping his long-standing relationship with Superman, he teaches viewers the importance of making new friends while maintaining old and lasting relationships.

2A "SUPERFLEA"

CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

Krypto teaches a lesson in the value of creative problem-solving. As Krypto ultimately finds a way to get rid of the pesky flea that has been plaguing him, he teaches viewers that easy and obvious solutions may not be enough. In difficult cases, one must exercise creativity, thoughtfulness and persistence to find novel solutions.

2B "A BUG'S STRIFE"

VALUE OF ALL LIVING THINGS

Krypto highlights the importance and value of all living creatures, as he comes to the aid of a lowly caterpillar, and follows his metamorphosis into a beautiful butterfly.

3A "MEET THE DOG STARS"

NOT JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

Krypto points up the importance of not jumping to conclusions, and investigating a situation before acting on it. Krypto initially sides with the kitty, Snooky Wookums, in her conflict with the Dog Star Patrol – thinking that Snooky Wookums is a helpless victim. As Krypto investigates the situation, however, he finds that the Dog Star Patrol are helping to keep the universe safe, and Snooky is a sneaky trouble-making cat.

3B "THE STREAKY STORY"

RESPONSIBILITY – USING POWER RESPONSIBLY

Krypto and Streaky teach viewers a lesson in responsibility – highlighting the importance of using power responsibly. Viewers see the problems and complications that occur when Streaky gets carried away with his new superpowers and does not exercise them responsibly.

4A "DIAPER MADNESS"

RESPONSIBILITY – WITH POSSESSIONS OF OTHERS

Kevin learns and teaches viewers a lesson in the importance of being responsible with the possessions of others. Krypto has to save the day as Kevin's use of the lab's teleportation device leads to ongoing problems and complications.

4B "FELINE FATALE"

PROACTIVE ACTION

Krypto teaches Streaky and viewers the importance of proactively dealing with issues before they get out of hand. Streaky lets the troublemaking cat, Delilah, get him in trouble until he ultimately sees that Krypto is right and that he needs to stand up for himself.

5A "DOG-GONE KEVIN"

SELF-ACCEPTANCE

When Krypto and Kevin reverse identities for the day of Andrea's birthday party, they learn and highlight the importance of accepting and appreciating oneself for who they are.

5B "THE DARK HOUND STRIKES"

TEAMWORK

Krypto teaches a valuable lesson in teamwork, as he models the way in which he joins forces with Bat Hound to vanquish the evil hyenas.

7A "BAT HOUND FOR A DAY"

SELF RELIANCE

Krypto points up the importance of depending on oneself and one's inner strength when he loses his super powers and needs to use his innate intelligence and cunning to save Bat Hound.

7B "DOG BOT"

FRIENDSHIP

Krypto and Kevin show that friends can and should be shared, as they convince Dog Bot that Krypto can be friends with Kevin and with him too.

8A "OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS"

VALUE OF AGE AND EXPERIENCE

As Smoky, the old firedog, saves Krypto, he teaches a lesson in the value of age and experience.

8B "TALK TO THE ANIMALS"

RESPONSIBILITY – WITH POSSESSIONS OF OTHERS

Barney, the zookeeper, learns and teaches a lesson in the importance of being responsible with the possessions of others, when he causes all sorts of problems by using Kevin's intergalactic communicator to talk to the zoo animals.

9A "MY UNCLE, THE SUPERHERO"

BE YOURSELF

Streaky learns and teaches a lesson in the problems and complications that come

about when one tries to be something they are not, when he shows-off for his nephew, Squeak.

9B "TOP DOG"

BE YOURSELF

When Top Dog tries to be a superhero, like Krypto, instead of being himself, he teaches a lesson in the importance of accepting oneself for who they truly are.

11A "DOGBOT TO THE RESCUE"

RESPONSIBILITY – NOT SHIRK RESPONSIBILITIES

Krypto teaches Streaky and viewers the importance of handling responsibilities on one's own, rather than trying to pawn them off on others. Nothing goes well when Streaky surreptitiously gets the Dog Bot to stand-in for Krypto, so that Krypto can have fun instead of doing his work.

11B "BAD BAILEY"

PROBLEMS AND COMPLICATIONS OF LYING

Krypto and Kevin teach a lesson in the problems and complications that come about as a result of telling lies. Once Krypto and Kevin show the Moms that cousin Bailey is a liar, no one will believe anything Bailey says – even when it is the truth.

14A "BAD HAIR DAY"

BE YOURSELF

Ignatius learns and teaches a lesson in the importance of staying true to oneself. Ignatius encounters multiple problems and complications when he uses a stolen Krypto-hair to grow a full head of hair during molting season, in an ill-fated attempt to be something other than himself.

14B "THE CAT AND THE BAT"

EMPLOY UNIQUE TALENTS

Streaky points up the value and importance of using one's unique talents to attain goals. Bat Hound initially thinks that Streaky isn't capable of helping him foil Isis and the hyenas' plot to destroy the fishing industry. But Streaky proves Bat Hound wrong and saves the day by using his unique hearing and hypnotizing talents.

16A "NOW YOU SEE THEM"

SELF-CONTROL

Streaky learns and teaches a lesson in the value of self-control. Streaky initially likes his new-found power of invisibility – when he is able to control it. But when he loses control of this power, scaring his fan club and not being able to take part in activities, he comes to learn the importance of self-control.

16B "BONES OF CONTENTION"

CONTROL OF TEMPER/MOODS

The Dog Star Patrol learns and teaches a lesson in the importance of controlling one's temper and moods. The evil Snooky Wookums, under Mechani-Cat's orders, uses magic bones to render Krypto and the Dog Star Patrol cranky, nasty, and totally ineffectual. It is only when the Patrol works together to control their temper

and moodiness that they are able to be successful.

17A "SUPER DOG? WHO'S SUPER DOG?"

TRUST NATURAL INSTINCTS

Krypto points up the importance of trusting one's natural instincts. Even though Krypto has lost his memory as a result of exposure to red kryptonite, he can't forget his natural instincts to do good, and won't go along with Mutzie and the bad Downtown Dogs' evil plans.

17B "THE GOOD LIFE"

VALUE OF WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

Tail Terrier learns and teaches an important lesson in the value of work, accomplishment and being useful. When Tail Terrier initially comes to Metropolis and sees the way in which Earth pets are pampered, he wants this easy life for himself. But he soon misses his working life and happily rejoins the Dog Stars.

20A "PUPPY PROBLEMS"

WISE USE OF POWERS

Krypto and the Dog Star Patrol highlight the importance of understanding and wisely using one's innate powers. Even though Mechani-Cat turns the Dog Stars into seemingly helpless puppies, the Dog Stars still manage to realize their powers and save the day.

20B "SWITCHING SIDES"

LOGICAL PROBLEM SOLVING

Krypto models ongoing logical thinking and problem-solving capabilities in order to discover who is behind the Lexcorp equipment theft and to escape from Mechani-Cat's stand-still ray.

21A "LEAF OF ABSENCE"

IMPORTANCE OF THINKING FOR ONESELF

Krypto and Kevin, along with the trees of Metropolis, highlight the importance of thinking for oneself. The evil Dog Wood is stealing all the trees by giving them the ability to walk and talk, and then putting them under his control. It is only when the trees ultimately begin to think for themselves, that they are able to free themselves from Dog Wood's control and return to their roots.

21B "BIG SISTER"

KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Kevin learns and teaches a lesson in the importance of kindness and generosity. Kevin's initial lack of kindness and generosity to his little sister, Melanie, leads to problems and complications, all of which could have been averted had he simply shared the ball with her.

22A "BAT HOUND MEETS THE DOG STARS"

ACCEPT OTHERS

The Dog Stars learn and teach a lesson in the importance of accepting and valuing others for who they are. Even though the Dog Stars initially belittle Bat

Hound because of his apparent lack of super powers, they learn to respect him when he demonstrates his abilities as a detective.

22B "A DOG'S LIFE"

BE YOURSELF

Jimmy the Rat learns and teaches a lesson in the importance of accepting oneself for who they are, and not trying to be something you are not. Jimmy initially thinks that dogs have it better than lowly rats, and disguises himself as a Chihuahua. But when he joins the Downtown Dogs, his masquerade leads to multiple problems and complications. Jimmy happily goes back to being Jimmy the Rat.

23A "STRAY FOR A DAY"

RESPONSIBILITY – NOT GIVE-IN TO TEMPTATION

Streaky and Princess, the Queen of Catalia's cat, learn and teach a lesson in the importance of acting responsibly – rather than giving in to temptation. When Princess is coaxed by Streaky to act irresponsibly and abandon her duty to guard the boat, they unwittingly give evil Katie McCat and Isis an opportunity to steal the Queen's boat and jewels.

23B "RUFFLED FEATHERS"

NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF JEALOUSY

Krypto learns and teaches a lesson in the negative implications of being jealous of the abilities of others, and concomitantly not taking pride in one's own abilities. Even though Kevin is impressed by Bat Hound, he values Krypto's abilities and friendship even more.

24A "BAT HOUND AND THE ROBIN"

ACCEPT AND WELCOME HELP

Bat Hound underscores the importance of accepting and welcoming help – even when it comes from an unlikely source. Bat Hound is initially irritated by Robbie the Robin's tagging along, until Robbie saves Bat Hound from the Joker's hyenas.

24B "FURRY FISH"

NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF STEREOTYPING

Dooley learns not to make judgments based on erroneous stereotypes after Streaky saves him from the whale. Streaky's being a cat doesn't necessarily make him bad – even to a dolphin.

25A / B "STORYBOOK HOLIDAY" Part 1 & Part 2

ACCEPTANCE OF OTHERS

Kevin learns and teaches a lesson in the importance of accepting others – especially those who love and care about you. Kevin initially finds fault with his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and thinks it would be much better to be away from them in far off Storybook Land. But when Kevin is trapped in Storybook Land with all the dangers of giants, witches and other scary things, he comes to value his family.

28A "MECHANI-BOT"

TEAMWORK – JOINING FORCES

Krypto and the Dog Star Patrol demonstrate the value of teamwork and joining forces to accomplish a goal. When Mechani-Bot becomes even more evil than Mechani-Cat and tries to take over the world, Mechani-Cat joins forces with the Dog Star Patrol to win out.

28B "STRETCH-O-MUTT TO THE RESCUE"

LOOK BEYOND SURFACE IMPRESSIONS

Buddy, the guard dog, teaches a lesson in the importance of looking beyond surface impressions to find the truth. The tough Star Labs guard dogs initially discount their colleague, Buddy. But when Buddy discovers the location of the robot thief and takes back the robot, he shows the lab dogs that he is every bit as tough and capable as they are.

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