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**This is a NOVELLA of approximately 24,000 words = 70 odd pages.**

*It's the first day of Ninna's job in the local animal shelter...and a dog is talking to her. Not just any dog...a fat, old, smart-alecky Basset Hound who says his name is Mosey.*

She can't quit, she needs this job. And then there's the yummy vet who turns out to live across the street from her. He has a house big enough to hold a few animals - including the mouthy Mosey. With all this going on, she doesn't have time to worry about the rash of break-ins and the sense of being watched. She's too busy worrying that she's nuts.

When Ninna agrees to dog sit for the cute vet from work, she sees it as a trial at being a pet owner and a way to build on her budding relationship with the vet. For Mosey, this weekend means time to get to know each other.

*For the stalker who's tracking Ninna's movements, it means...opportunity.*

## It's a Dog's Life Details

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## From Reader Review It's a Dog's Life for online ebook

### Michele says

Cute book & I loved the ending. :)

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### Jasmyn says

I am a big fan of Dale Mayer's Psychic Visions series, and while this one is definitely something different, her amazing writing style still brings the story to life. Ninna is a big of a mess. She's an unusual one that has had a problem with hearing things. When she starts her new job at the animal clinic she thinks this is going to be a fresh start - until the voices begin again.

This is an incredibly sweet romance. Ninna and Stuart are brought together by a very unusual force - a Basset Hound named Mosey. He's a rather particular creature that is quite excited to find out that Ninna can hear him and communicate with him. He sets off to give her life advice and try to convince her she isn't really crazy. In fact, when a stalker comes calling, he and his friends are an important part in saving the day - in a very humorous fashion.

The addition of the stalker adds a nice little dash of danger to the story and keeps it from being overly sweet. Mosey and the other animals add a nice dose of humor and fun as well. This book was so much fun to read. The only downside was that I wanted it to keep going!

- See more at: <http://www.bittenbyromance.com/2014/1...>

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### Jonel Boyko says

What an interesting concept for this novella. I think that I would absolutely love it if it were me. It would be so cool to be able to speak with animals, especially the loved ones who are no longer with us.

This was a quite well written and captivating novella. Mayer leads her readers to the conclusion through some interesting ups and downs rather than pulling and pushing them there. The characters were also quite well developed considering the story's length. You got to know the 3 main characters quite well. However, at the end, I was left hanging on the status of the building relationship.

As a whole, this was a very cute and touching novella. It really gave me a lot to think about and more than a little enjoyment on the way. It was a definite escape from reality as we know it, to reality as it could be.

Please note that I received this novel free of charge from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### Stacy Sabala says

Book Review- It's a Dog's Life by Dale Mayer

Ninna Bradford is starting a new job at The Lost for Options Animal Center. She is nervous about working

with the animals as she has never has a pet in her life. She hesitates and has help from vet Stuart MacIntosh to start her first day. The center is crazy and Ninna is tempted to leave but she needs the job. As she waits to begin she is surprised to hear a strange voice speaking to her. She panics. She has been on medication and seen doctors for this same problem. She fears she is having a relapse.

As it turns out it is a basset hound named Mosey that is reading her mind and speaking to her. She tries to ignore him but he is impossible to forget. She waits to hear from her doctor and takes one day at a time. Her job makes her nervous and so does being home. There have been several break-ins in the neighborhood. She is surprised to learn that Stuart is her neighbor. She is interested in the handsome vet but she fears he will think her crazy since she can hear Mosey in her head. However she works very hard not to react when Mosey talks to her.

When Stuart asks her to house and pet sit while he is gone for the weekend, she agrees to do so. She wants to see if she should get a dog. After seeing a shadow outside her window, Ninna is starting to lean in that direction.

Eventually Ninna discovers she is being stalked and is happy to be staying at Stuart's house. When the stalker makes his move, Mosey helps protect Ninna. Stuart is shocked at what has transpired when the truth comes out.

This was an interesting book. I am a dog person and a basset hound owner. So this story was fun to read. The author definitely wrote an accurate picture of the breed. I was chuckling out loud. I felt sorry for Ninna because she thought she was going crazy. I would probably react the same way if I started hearing voices in my head. She was a little unsure of herself which I wished wasn't the case. I like a strong female character. I think she found a great guy in Stuart and I think he was instantly interested. So it was fun to see him flirt with her a bit. It was a cute story. I give it a 3.5 out of 5.

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## Angel Graham says

A Dog's Life by Dale Mayer which was a laugh out loud book. A woman who has never owned a pet starts her first day working as a secretary for a vet. The first day jitters, coupled with a hectic zoo like atmosphere at the vet's leads Ninna to believe she is losing her mind.

You see, Ninna hears voices. Okay, more like just one voice. The voice of a dog, named Mosey. Mosey is a plump canine of the Bassett Hound breed. A bit rotund, a bit snarky, but dog love 'em, he is so much fun.

Ninna has spent countless hours and dollars with mental health professionals and pharmaceuticals to stop these voices she has been hearing much of her life. It has been sometime since she last heard the voices and she cannot believe it is happening again.

While all of this is happening, we discover that there have been a number of burglaries in Ninna's neighborhood. What Ninna is unaware of is that this thief has a special interest in her. He's been watching her through her curtains and is becoming increasingly agitated as he realizes he has changed his routine which has kept him from capture for so long.

Stuart is the good looking vet who lives across the street. He brings home animals who need a little extra TLC. This wonderful looking vet needs a dog sitter, and Ninna is trying to decide if she wants a dog or cat and so Stuart offers to allow her to stay at his home to care for the dogs. Nothing can go wrong...right?! Wrong...it does, and in a big way while Ninna is still listening to Mosey as he tells her he wants gravy. More gravy. "What, no gravy?" Sorry, channeling my inner cartoon character.

I won't tell you anymore because I do not want to give the story away. The ending will surprise you, in I

think, a good way.

This is the third book I have read of Ms. Mayer and I must say, it is my favorite. Dale writes wonderful suspense romance, but this romantic comedy just really has it all. I hope to read more RC's from Ms. Mayer in the future. She is fast becoming one of my favorite go to authors to read.

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### **Judy says**

It's a Dog's Life by Dale Mayer

Ninna Bradford finally landed a job after being out of work for way too long. It's working at a pet center where they have medical facilities, adoptions and dog training. She's never owned a pet, but surely she can learn about them. And the handsome young vet isn't hard to be around either. If only the big old basset hound would stop talking to her. She'd been through so much counseling to stop the voices and now when she finally has a good job, she seems to be going crazy.

A great story with a touch of mystery along with a bit of romance. Hard times have hit their town and someone is busy with breaking into the homes around her. And it seems he's taken to watching Ninna. Maybe she needs to find a dog of her own, one that doesn't talk to her and drive her crazy. Although, Mosey is starting to grow on her a bit.

\*\*Language

\*\*This book will be included in the Must Love Pets bundle

<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

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### **Clare says**

Silly story about a young woman who can communicate with a dog...yes, really.

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### **?Karlyn P? says**

2.5 stars. A light quirky mystery story, but completely mislabeled as a romance. Glad this was free. The heroine mentions she has the hots for her boss, and he might share her interest, but that is as far as the romance went. The story is a comedy romp without much laughs, centered around the heroine dog sitting while a stalker is out to get her. A talking dog saves the day. I will say the author gave this one a clever ending, I didn't see that coming.

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### **Sara says**

#### **Okay**

It was a decent book, but a few parts struck me as not thought out enough. Cute basic storyline. Was a bit disappointed in the ending.

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## Tara Chevestt says

This is one of the most delightful and funny books I've read in a long time. There were so many funny and sarcastic comments from Mosey, the basset hound...I almost highlight them all, but then realized I'd be sharing a quarter of the book with you. LOL

The story follows a timid heroine who is afraid she hears voices...dog's voices. Well, one particular dog's voice: Mosey's. When her new boss wants her to housesit and take care of his 6 dogs (plus Mosey) and two kittens for a weekend, she can't say no...not only because she seriously is trying to get over her discomfort with animals--she works in a vet's office now--but because the veterinarian, her boss, is HOT.

Sparks fly, sexy phone conversations happen, and Mosey drives Ninna nuts by chattering at her mentally all the time. To add to her anxiety, she's got a stalker and someone has been burgling her neighborhood. Can the dogs--namely, can Mosey--keep her safe?

Full review on Book Babe:

<http://wwwbookbabe.blogspot.com/2012/...>

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## Pamela says

Ninna started a new job at the animal shelter and a dog is talking to her??? An older, dumpy smart-aleck Basset Hound. She has had issues in the past hearing voices, but a dog? So unfolds a cute tale of Ninna and her hunky coworker/neighbor, Stuart, and her awakening that maybe, just maybe, she will be okay and learn to open up. Cute entertaining story.

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## Nancy says

I thoroughly enjoyed this short story. It was humorous which is such a plus. Paranormal is a departure for this reader but it was not overdone and I enjoyed Mosey by about the halfway point.

I was puzzled by the heroine's name: Ninna.

I pronounced it like Nina. But at the start I wondered if it should be ninny!

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## Jo says

*I read this book as part of the anthology Must Love Pets: A Romance Box Set.*

This book was light-hearted, funny, and cutsie featuring Stuart, Ninna, Mosey, and Jane. Stuart is the attractive vet at the animal shelter where Ninna has just gotten a job. Jane is Ninna's best friend. Mosey is chatty, full of attitude, and loves gravy (though he never does get any). He also has Ninna thinking she's losing her mind and thinking a session with her therapist is desperately needed. This book doesn't have much in the line of actual romance in it. There is some flirting and suggestive language, but no physical romance. The romance between Stuart and Ninna never really gets started over the course of the book, but all signs point to one happening in the future. It was as if the story here is a lead up to their beginning to actually date. I have a hard time saying this book had a HEA ending, per say, as the "ever after" part of that is in no

guaranteed. Regardless, the ending is very happy and looks toward a happy future for Stuart and Ninna. The book also ends without a cliffhanger.

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### **Karen says**

I thought this was a cute story. though it did have me confused quite a bit. Though after reading it I realized it was kinda like the movie sixth sense. Which i probably just spoiled the book for anybody else who might want to read it.

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### **Yodamom says**

Sweet romantic, filled with adorable animals, and animal people. Sexy hot Vet. with a heart of gold, who is single and nice. Suspense with a nasty gad guy, and ghosts ! What's not to love ? I found another author to follow/read in my Must Love Pets book set !

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