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The Dogfather has one more child to marry off...but Darcy Kilcannon has no interest in her father's matchmaking shenanigans. The youngest Kilcannon is seeking one thing only, and it's not a husband. Darcy is ready to launch her own business in town, move into her own apartment, and become her own woman. But when she walks into the gorgeous brownstone that her father just "happened" to help her find, Darcy takes one look at the hot landlord and she knows the Dogfather has been up to his old tricks. Sure he's a hunk and a half, but his "no pets" policy is a huge turnoff to a dog groomer who won't dream of living without her beloved Kookie.

Joshua Ranier moved to Bitter Bark to get out of the shadow of his overbearing stepfamily and keep his shattered heart securely on ice. His only focus is his construction business, and the brownstone he's renting and renovating...until he meets the sexy, sassy blonde tenant sneaking a fuzzy white dog even though he's banned them because of construction dangers. Then Josh starts thinking about things he shouldn't. And it isn't when the rent's due.

But when a blind dog lands on Josh's doorstep, he needs Darcy's help. As they race to restore little Stella's vision and solve a mystery that's tearing his family apart, Josh and Darcy begin to see the light, too. It will take one double dog dare, two precious puppies, and the full power of the Kilcannon clan for this couple to find their happy ever after.

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From Reader Review Double Dog Dare for online ebook

Bette Hansen says

Is Daniel "the Dogfather" Kilcannon up to his matchmaking tricks again or has fate steered Darcy straight to Joshua Ranier? After watching her siblings fall one after the other Darcy is on to her father's ways. She has no problem with love and marriage. Just not for her. Not now at least. She wants to experience her new found independence and spread her wings. Joshua is new to Bitter Bark and fresh off a bad breakup. The last thing he wants is anything that smells like a relationship. Sometimes though they brain might say one thing but the heart wants another. These two dog loving people may just find exactly what they weren't looking for.

As with all her books, Roxanne St. Claire has delivered a story that is fun, emotional, well written with some very intriguing characters. Don't miss this one as the last of the Kilcannon clan finds their HEA. I highly recommend it.

Visionary says

Joshua "Josh" Ranier runs his own property renovation business. He moves to Bitter Bark to distance himself from his stepfamily and his ex-girlfriend. Josh vows to never trust in or fall in love with another woman. However, his pretty, new tenant forces Josh to rethink over his hastily-made pledge. When his ex-girlfriend saddles him with a blind dog, Josh swallows his pride and asks Darcy Kilcannon for help. Can Darcy help Josh learn to trust again? Or will he keep their relationship strictly friends with dogs? Will Stella regain her eyesight?

Darcy Kilcannon is the youngest of the Dogfather's six children. She intends to thwart her father's matchmaking and to become an independent person. Darcy plans to open a dog grooming business outside her family's canine facility. When she discovers a "no pets" rule at her new apartment, Darcy confronts her hunky landlord. She offers to help Josh with his blind dog, so she can live with her beloved dog. Will Josh threaten Darcy's independence? Can she help Josh overcome his deep-seeded issues with his stepfamily?

Josh is a stickler for rules. I adore how he's willing to bend or break those rules for Stella's health and safety. I admire Josh's refusal to lie to anyone, especially to the Dogfather. It shows that he is a man of integrity. But what I like the most about Josh is how he does not resent the Kilcannon's for their familial unity. Through the Kilcannons, Josh finally sees how a true family should behave and interact.

Darcy is Josh's opposite. She is a free spirit who marches to her own tune. I love Darcy and Molly's closeness, the ease in which Darcy can unburden all her woes to her sister without fear or recrimination. She may not agree or like Molly's advice sometimes, but she still listens to them. I adore Darcy's empathy for Stella and the other dogs undergoing the experimental treatment to cure their blindness. But, what I like the most about Darcy is how she tries to help Josh confront and accept his issues with his stepfamily.

DOUBLE DOG DARE is book six in Roxanne St. Claire's canine-contemporary series, THE DOGFATHER. I absolutely love that the author included a dachshund in the story. It plays a small part, but its appearance in the book made me squee in happiness.

DOUBLE DOG DARE is a heart-and-soul warming tale of finding familial acceptance. I am sad that this delightful series is nearly done, but happy that the author plans to write a spin-off with the Mahoney cousins.

I cannot wait for the Dogfather's book!

Review courtesy of Romance Junkies.

Michele says

See the full review at HarlequinJunkie.com - A HJ Top Pick!!

A lovely romance that began with two people definitely *not* looking for love—who also started things off in a very rocky way—Double Dog Dare had me laughing, sighing happily and shedding some tears before it was all said and done.

Oh, those Kilcannons! What a wonderful bunch of people they have all turned out to be. And youngest sibling Darcy was definitely just as caring, determined, and smart as the rest of the family. I loved finally getting to really know her and to watch as she struck out on her own path, albeit still in Bitter Bark, but getting her own place and setting up an independent business from Waterford Farm. [Read More](#)

Terri says

Ms. St. Claire has officially gone to the dogs...in a way that will melt your heart. The only thing as good as her human characters is her canine characters! This is about the last child of the Dogfather, who is notorious for his skill with dogs as well as his skill at finding love matches for his children. Only Darcy has no intention of going down without a fight. She's moving out, starting her own business and becoming as independent as she can. Then she meets Hot Landlord and she starts to wonder if independence is everything she thought it would be.

St. Claire finds just the right balance in Darcy and Josh. Neither wants a relationship, yet when they join together to fight for a life changing experimental procedure for a blind dog, they gracefully give in to their hearts. It might not be what they had planned, but somethings just can't be fought!

This is another delightful Dogfather book that warms the heart and soul. It's not all warmth and heartstrings, though. Double Dog Dare has a dysfunctional family, mystery and drama enough to keep you turning those pages. And dogs. You can't go wrong with the dogs!

Liza says

I honestly believe The Dogfather series just gets better and better with each book. Just when I think the last book is my favorite, Roxanne St. Claire puts out another book in the series. Double Dog Dare is such an amazing story and I absolutely couldn't put it down once I started reading it. Daniel "The Dogfather" Kilcannon is 5 for 6 in finding matches for his children with only the youngest Darcy still single.

Darcy Kilcannon has always been a bit more of a free spirit than her siblings. Part of that is probably because she is the baby of the family, but I really just felt it was just part of what made her Darcy. She is finally ready to move out on her own and start her own business. Darcy has such a take-charge personality, I just knew whatever she set her mind to accomplish, would happen. I don't know what it was about Darcy, but I just

loved every single moment I spent with her on the page in Double Dog Dare.

Joshua Ranier has moved to Bitter Bark following bad breakup with his girlfriend after catching her with his stepbrother. Josh is a more of a by the book type of guy than free spirited Darcy and I knew from the moment they met, they were absolutely perfect for each other. Of course the fact that Darcy wants her dog Kookie to live with her in a "no pets" home could have been a huge issue. Luckily, Josh's ex shows up needing him to watch her dog Stella while she leaves town for a bit with Gideon, Josh's stepbrother. The fact that Stella is now blind and afraid of everything and everyone means Josh needs not only Darcy's help but her family's help as well.

I loved everything about the pacing of Josh and Darcy's relationship. They were "friends with dogs" who became so much more. The fact they were thrown together to get help for Stella only made me love them even more. I just connected to them as a couple so quickly. They had great chemistry and worked tirelessly to get the help Stella needed to possibly regain her sight. I loved the simmering chemistry between them. As Josh just got out of a serious relationship, I wouldn't have bought them jumping right into bed together. I liked they honestly were friends first before taking that big step to make their relationship more.

I love how the Kilcannons accepted Josh pretty much from the moment they met him. As he didn't have the greatest family life thanks to his stepsiblings, it was so nice to see him accepted from the beginning. I also loved that Darcy never gave up on Josh trying to make a connection with his stepfather and have a real family himself. My heart broke for Josh that he never really felt apart of his family after his dad died and him mom remarried. Josh never got along with his stepfather Malcolm Bucking, even know how much he loved his mom. I have to say I was happy that thanks to Darcy, Josh didn't close the door on his family, even with all that happened with the family.

I absolutely loved Double Dog Dare so much! Roxanne St. Claire has been an auto-buy author for me from the moment I read my first book by her, and I've never missed a book since. Double Dog Dare is such a beautiful story filled with love, family and precious dogs. I highly recommend not only this book but the entire series to all contemporary romance fans.

Rating: 5 Stars (A+)

Review copy provided by publisher

Julia David says

I am so glad this isn't the last story in this series. Each book makes me fall more in love with the Kilcannon family. Darcy is the youngest and she sees all her siblings getting their happy ever after and all she can think of is her own freedom. She wants to live on her own and doesn't want anyone to tie her down. Her dad isn't really ready to let her go, but he knows she has to stand on her own two feet. She moves into a building that says she can't have her dog. Must be a grumpy old landlord. Josh is far from a grumpy old landlord. He is a big, sexy man and she is going to have a hard time staying away from him. Josh loves dogs, but there is going to be some construction going on and he can't have a pet running around because they might get hurt. He is a by the rules kind of person. Darcy isn't. When Josh's ex shows up with her little, blind dog and needs Josh to take care of her for a while, he can't turn little Stella away. And then he has to allow Darcy to have her dog. Josh was very hurt by his ex and he doesn't want to get tangled up with anyone ever, but he sure has a hard time resisting Darcy. She just might change his mind about a lot of things.

Denise says

The Dogfather Magic continues for the youngest in the Kilcannon Clan!

Darcy Kilcannon is the vivacious, free-spirited, beautiful, blonde, blue-eyed baby of the family who is tired of being coddled, sheltered and dependent on her family now that she is turning the BIG 3-0! Even though she dearly loves every single one of her four overprotective, older big brothers and loving older sister, along with her wise and charming Gramma Finnie, her adorable nieces and nephew, and most of all, her precious and devoted Dad, The Dogfather himself, she has goals and dreams of finally being independent! She's ready to strike out and live on her own terms. More importantly, she doesn't need or want a "man" to tell her what, when or how to live her life! She yearns to have the freedom to make her own choices, achieve her dreams, feed her entrepreneurial spirit and open her own business. However, she isn't prepared for the pulse-pounding, heart-stopping, wall of muscles she meets when moving into her new apartment that she dubs "HL for Hot Landlord", Joshua Ranier.

"He dropped to the floor, turned, and for a split second, they both stood in what felt like stunned silence. Oh God. This was her landlord? This hot, hunky human built for a joyride was her landlord?"

Josh Ranier, (aka - Hot Landlord), has just come out of one very messy, nasty breakup and is only looking to finish renovating his latest project on a brownstone where he's also currently residing. He has promised himself he will have nothing more to do with any women and puts his heart firmly on ice! However, he and his heart aren't quite prepared for the tiny but tenacious new tenant who is all kinds of gorgeous and breathes beauty, light and happiness into everything and everyone around her. He's never seen or met anyone quite like Darcy Kilcannon her close-knit, loving family in his entire life. Didn't even know women like her existed and is completely blown away when faced with a crisis and Darcy swoops in to help him and his ex-girlfriend's dog, Stella, who has suddenly lost her sight.

"...something told him Darcy Kilcannon was a force of nature who would do whatever she wanted and he'd be the one blown away."

This is one of my favorites in the Dogfather series as Josh & Darcy race against time to try and help Josh's beloved pooch, Stella, while also solving a mystery with Josh's family.

For Animal Lovers:

"Every dog on the covers of the Dogfather books is a rescue dog from the Alaqua Animal Refuge in the author's home state of Florida, where the covers were photographed. A portion of proceeds from every book in the series is donated to this amazing shelter. So you don't just get a great book, you help a deserving animal find a forever home!"

*I was honored to be given an Advanced Reader's Copy by the author.

Lisa says

Darcy Kilcannon is the last single child of the family. So far she's avoided any matchmaking by her dad affectionately called the Dogfather be her family. He's known for his supposed matchmaking skills, but Darcy has sworn that she is not ready to settle down. As the youngest she's never really been taken seriously and she's determined to strike out on her own and set up her new dog grooming business with no help from her family. Josh on the other hand has not had the same kind of family life as Darcy. His family might be rich but it doesn't mean they are loving. When he catches his step brother in bed with his almost fiance

he's put off relationships for good. Darcy moves into the apartment building he's renovating and when they clash over his no dogs allowed policy they end up uniting in helping another dog whose blind and needs help. I have enjoyed this series right along and each time a new book has come out i thought it might be my favorite but i think that honor belongs to Darcy and Josh. They just clicked even when they clashed at the beginning. Both had set ideas on relationships and independence and didn't think they needed someone to share their lives with on a permanent basis. I'm loving the Kilcannon family. They aren't perfect but they are definitely there for each other. Looking forward to the Christmas novella and the Dogfather's book coming soon.

Madison Warner Fairbanks says

Double Dog Dare by Roxanne St Claire

A sweet contemporary romance that will leave you in tears of happiness.

7th in the Dogfather series. Darcy, the youngest, wants to live on her own again, but the hot landlord in her new home makes the "alone" not as important.

Heartwarming and lovely. And all the good things you want to happen in a romance. Yes, a few bumps along the way that make the ending so much richer.

Truly a deep sigh of contentment. Ah...love.

A Kilcannon family dinner conversation. Darcy doesn't know that romance is right around the corner.

"Anyway, he's not done with us," Shane said, pointing at Darcy. "Tick tock, li'l sis."

The clock was ticking all right, but not for that. "Sometimes it's like no one in this family thinks about anything but love. There are other ways to find happiness, you know."

"Name one," Garrett cracked, making the many newlyweds or nearlyweds lift their glasses in a toast of solidarity and agreement.

Darcy rolled her eyes so hard it was a wonder she didn't injure herself. "A person can be entirely happy on their own, you guys. A woman isn't incomplete without a man. A human isn't unfinished without a partner. Not every creature mates for life, I'll have you know."

Excerpt From Double Dog Dare by Roxanne St. Claire

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Diane Saul says

Daniel Kilcannon is the head of the family that runs Waterford Farms, a dog rescue/training facility in Bitter Bark, N. C. Daniel is known for arranging for his children to meet their true mate. The last man standing, or woman in this case, is Darcy Kilcannon, the baby of the family. Darcy is ready to move out on her own and start her own business. She moves into an apartment where part of the building is still under renovation. Josh Rainer is renovating the building. Josh has been burned badly by a previous girlfriend and has sworn off women until he meets Darcy.

I love this series and recommend all of them to anyone who enjoys a feel good romance. Each book could stand on its own but the series is so good why miss out, read them all!

Karen says

Double Dog Dare, by Roxanne St. Claire, is another heartwarming adventure of the Kilcannon family. Darcy, the youngest, is ready to spread her wings and move out of the family home. Josh Ranier wants to be independent from his family but for different reasons. Darcy and Josh meet when she moves into the brownstone he is renovating. The real story is the love they have for their dogs. Kookie, Darcy's dog, befriends Stella, Josh's ex-girlfriend's dog who unceremoniously dropped her off for him to take care of her. Stella is blind and Kookie becomes her defender and protector. The story has a whole lot of love to give for both humans and dogs alike. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and highly recommend it.

Pennie Morgan says

Oh my! The feels in this one are over the top and every page better than the one before. Darcy is the last of the Kilcannon clan and on her 30th birthday she has a surprise for her dad and the rest of the family...she is moving out and starting her own business in town. Independence is what she wants, not to be set up by the Dogfather. Nope, that is not in her future, she will not stand for it. Josh Ranier is renovating apartments and looking for a tenant and since there is still construction going on he has a no pets clause. Yeah, right. Where Darcy goes, so does Kookie. Well, one look at Josh and Darcy is sure the Dogfather has set her up but since Josh is recently out of a relationship and not looking for another, these two come to an understanding when his ex shows up with her dog who has gone blind needing help. Now, since Josh has a dog, he cannot keep Darcy from having one. These two work together so well as friends with dogs they soon don't realize when lines are crossed or don't care. Families such as the Kilcannon family have a way of pulling you in and Josh was ripe for the pulling but when he took Darcy home to his she managed to fit in there and helped to mend some rips there too. It is hard to believe we have come to the end of the Kilcannon kids and the Dogfather set them all up, or at least he did the most of them, he maintains he didn't this one and maybe Annie had something to do with it (I think so too).

I highly recommend this one and this could be read as a standalone, as all of this series could, but really why would you want to because each is so spectacularly told and each story is so special.

Received this ARC for review

Isha Coleman says

The Kilcannons are back to warm your heart and tickle your funny bone. Darcy finally gets her happily ever after and this time around it's a family affair. St. Claire combines cuteness and love to bring some serious sunshine into the universe. Double Dog Dare brings out the big guns with adorable furry friends, enchanting two legged characters and a ton of irresistible romance. Darcy and Joshua have their hands full when a matchmaking father sets his sights on them. It hurts to say goodbye to this boisterous group. From the first hello to the final goodbye, this family is a memorable clan.

Kristen says

Independent Darcy, determined to make it on her own. Josh, reeling from a bad break-up and determined

never to love again, get off to a rough start. Enter two lovable canines, one dealing with a severe disability, and Darcy and Josh are soon Friends with Dogs, working together for the sake of Kookie and Stella. There are some twists and turns, laughs, tears, family, and of course the Dogfather. Can love be far behind? Another winner in the Dogfather series. I highly recommend it!

Mona says

Double Dog Dare- book #7 in The DogFather Series...

Ms. St. Claire has done it again. Absolutely loved this book. What happens when two people and two dogs come together?

Darcy wants to be on her own. Not away from her family, but just needs her independence. She hopes her father sees it that way when she tells him what she wants to do.

Josh was done. He's sworn off lasting relationships with women. Well until Darcy Kilcannon walks into his life and into his townhome. What he didn't expect was how she got to him. He had rules, and wanted them followed. He loved dogs, but just right now they weren't allowed. Until his ex drops off Stella to him. Something wasn't quite right with the pup. Sweet Stella Belonging to Josh's ex comes to stay with him. Darcy's ticket to getting her hot landlord into letting Kookie her sweet dog staying in her new place.

See what happens. Is the DogFather at it again? Darcy sure thinks so and when Josh learns about it he assures Darcy he has not interest in any relationship.

Highly recommended..
