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The storytelling magic of James Herriot has become a warm, joyful part of our children's lives. *The Market Square Dog* is his tale of a friendly stray dog who comes to beg in the Darrowby village square-and goes without a home until the local policeman saves the day.

## **The Market Square Dog Details**

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### Jamie Winslow says

There was a stray dog at the market one day going from booth to booth and begging for treats. The local vet tried to get near the dog and check him out because he had looked a little thin. The dog wouldn't let anyone too close before he would run off. The local vet had been talking to a police officer about the dog and they had both been watching the dog. A few days had past and the local vet and his wife were about to head out for a picnic when the police man came to their door and told them that the dog from the market had been found on the side of the road in bad shape. The police man had brought the dog in his car to the vet to see if he could help him. He had cuts and scrapes all over him, a broken leg, and a hurt eye. The doctor and his wife started surgery on the dog right away. After the surgery was complete they went outside to have their picnic they had planned on and waited for the dog to awake. When the dog woke up the vet had to take him back to the police station since he was a stray dog and he hoped someone would come claim him soon. Weeks passed and the vet visited the dog regularly. He seemed to be healing well and was very friendly and thankful to the vet. The vet hoped that the dog would find a good home to go to. One day when the vet arrived to visit the dog wasn't there. The police officer had said that the dog had been arrested and taken into custody for begging in the market. The officer told the vet that he could take him to where the dog was so they started walking. They came to nice cozy cottage and when the police man opened the door the vet saw the friendly dog laying in a bed and being spoiled by two little girls. The police man told the vet that he was kidding him and that he had decided to adopt the dog for his little girls since he was such a good companion. The vet was very pleased that the dog had finally found a good home.

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### Susan says

Charming warm-hearted story of a little dog, lost & forlorn who had a happy ending

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### Lesley says

Another heartwarming tale, with gorgeous illustrations.

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### Anthony says

On market day, the local vet, and a policeman notice a stray dog begging for food, and try to capture him with no success. The stray is later injured, and the vet patches him up, and the stray is transported to the kennels, but no one claims him. Then the unexpected happens to the stray dog.

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### Rosa Cline says

James Herriot is a wonderful author, writing from his experiences and his heart. From all he's seen and experienced as a vet in the country. In this book he tells of a stray dog that wanders into the market; friendly and takes the food offered to him but also shy. But a few days later he is found to have been in an accident so

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the vet and his wife cares for him hoping that he has a family... in the end he does find a family to love him.

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### **Cynthia says**

Yea, James Herriot!!!!

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### **Rosa Cline says**

3 star

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### **Bree says**

Notes:

Herriot books for kids are always a favorite  
rather long, best for age 5+  
beautiful illustrations  
dog gets hit by a car, not too graphically portrayed in book though

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### **Maria says**

ON market day when the farmers brought their good to sell on the little town . One farmers who was talking to his friend about his sick cow . But then he notice the dog who was bagging in the front of the stall . No one knew where the dog come from . Form the start story was a bit sad but ending was really happy .

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### **Denise Spicer says**

I actually read this in a collection of Herriot's stories but it had the same illustrator (Ruth Brown) and it is truly a charming and heartwarming tale with darling pictures to accompany the text. Great for ALL AGES!!!

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### **Patrice Sartor says**

3.5 stars.

A cute story about a stray dog that sits up and begs for scraps at a small town's market. The dog becomes injured, and the local vet tends to him...but will the stray ever be taken home from the kennel?

I liked the story, though I was surprised to see it was published in 1989, for it feels much older. Maybe that's on purpose. The artwork is detailed enough, though it really is just not my style.

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**Alycia says**

My 5 year old even noticed how beautiful the illustrations are in these books... So glad I'm able to share some of my favorite books with her!

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**Benjamin Plume says**

James Harriot was amazing as a children's author. The animal stories were some of my favorites.

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