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No Rest For Sparky

If you think you have a hectic schedule this month, how about Sparky?

Author and Connecticut resident Rick Arruzza, who introduced us to Sparky, his family's loveable Dalmatian-looking pit bull pointer mix in *Sparky's Walk* (Three Spots Productions, 2003), says that was just the first of Sparky's many adventures.

Now, Arruzza has introduced his next book in the series, **No Rest For Sparky** (Three Spots Productions, 2004). Here, Sparky attempts to get some sleep, but it's a hard thing to do – especially because she lives in a "zoo" of a house. Laugh at Sparky's antics as you color in the black-and-white illustrated pages.



A short while ago, Sparky had almost run out of stories. He was to be put to sleep at a New York City pound, but a kind kennel worker and Adopt-A-Dog came to the rescue.

Sparky found a home with the Arruzzas and, as a thank-you gesture, Arruzza donates a dollar from the sale of each Sparky book to the animal rescue agency.

You can find both Sparky books (\$7.95) at local bookstores, www.amazon.com or online at www.sparkyswalk.com. To adopt your own puppy, contact Adopt-A-Dog, 23 Cox Road, Armonk, 273-1492, www.adoptadog.org.

– Jean Sheff