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CLANCY'S CLICHÉS

Sometimes I just feel ordinary, but somehow I do extraordinary things without even knowing it. The birds helped enlighten me on the importance of being myself and realizing that my strengths and inner gifts really are special and have an effect.

My other yard is a playground for the birds. Red birds, blue birds, yellow birds, spotted birds, black-capped birds, striped birds, fast birds, lazy birds, big birds and tiny birds. Birds, birds, birds! Folks say, "Oh, it's just one of those common birds." From my perspective, they each are a special part of a huge symphony of song, movement, and joyful commotion. Their free spirit to fly around and do what it is they do best is something to chew on. Of course, they're fascinated by water. Even hummingbirds flit and fly around my nose when the sprinkler is on nearby. After I realize it's not a big buzzing bee, it makes me chuckle! Watching my fine-feather friends in the birdbath, they exude sheer joy in splashing around and shaking off any excess. (Oh, that we could all shake off the excesses in our daily lives!) All these little actions together make up the grand ballet in the yard - making something so simple and ordinary very extraordinary! No, nothing is just common in life.

So as this ordinary pooch lies here feeling very simple and sleepy, cozying in for the pending cooler *tail-gate* months, it's a joy knowing that as folks pet me, watch me sleep, and have gentle nuzzle with me, that somehow, someday, extraordinary things are happening. Now go out there and do extraordinary things without even knowing it by just being ordinary.

Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!



- Clancy



JOKES:

Why did the scarecrow win a medal? **He was outstanding in his field.**

Why did Humpty-Dumpty have a great fall? **Because he had a miserable hot and humid summer!**

What do you get when you drop a Pumpkin? **Squash.**

Why is Superman's costume so tight? **Because he wears a size "S".**

Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school? **The crossing gourd.**

Why did the skeleton cross the road? **To get to the body shop.**