



Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson 7

Today's lesson is about the Voting Age: When I was a puppy, I wanted to do things that older dogs could do. First, I had to learn to walk, to obey orders, and to keep up with whoever was walking me. Young people have the same dilemma. Many want to know when they will be able to vote for President.

Sticky Situation: Dogs and people often have a problem when others think they are too young to play with them. I remember watching a group of 3rd and 4th graders playing softball. I was with a 2nd grader who happened to be a very good athlete. He wanted to play with the “big” boys and they said no! If I could have talked, I would have helped him. What would you have done? Why?

Activity: In 1971 the 26th Amendment changed the age a citizen can vote for President from 21 to 18. The young people had argued that they could be drafted to fight in a war from 18 on up, but they could not vote for President. Would you like to see the current age of 18 stay the same, be lowered, or be raised? Now think of at least three good reasons for your answer. Maybe you might even like to write a letter with your opinion to one of your local officials. That is one way you have your voice heard!

Civic Resources: Check out the YouTube Video below on the 26th Amendment below:
<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=26th+amendment#id=2&vid=3f1df932bf63f29649da2e11f3a4d7fd&action=click>