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Sight, touch, taste, sound, and smell; the five senses. Human beings rely on these senses to help them process the world around them and learn. As we grow, so do our senses. Sometimes, a child is born without one or more of their five senses. Children born blind cannot see and must learn braille. Children born mute cannot speak and must learn to use sign language. Children born deaf cannot hear. However, the situation is not hopeless. There are many ways to help these children live normal lives and even do great things!

Kun-Lian Chen was born deaf, so he had to use a hearing aid. Being different made him get targeted by bullies, and he struggled a lot. His mother however, always encouraged him and said to not let his hearing aid define him. In college, his life changed forever with the death of his father. The insurance company refused to pay out the claim because of the wording on the death certificate. So Kun-Lian worked towards getting a new bill passed that would make every hospital have their own insurance department. Later he opened his own insurance company to help the families of people with disabilities. What an amazing story!

## 2

Dogs really don't like being left behind by their owners, especially when they're left behind in hot cars. Most dogs will simply bark inside the empty vehicle until their owner returns, while others get a little more creative. Some dogs have learned to use the car horn and will push it, sometimes even singing along, until their owners return. There are even dogs that go the extra mile to exact revenge on their owners. These dogs are able to press down on the door lock and keep their owners from getting back into their own vehicles.

One dog in Florida however, did something that really takes the cake, he took his owner's car for a drive. The owner had parked the car in front of the house and left the engine running, since he wouldn't be taking very long. While he was inside the house though, his dog managed to knock the car into reverse. For the next hour, the car drove backward in circles. It knocked over a mailbox and some trash cans before the police were able to open the door and end the dog's little joyride.

### 3

When a person is looking for a pet, they will usually go to a pet store, animal rescue organization or shelter. Sometimes, animals choose us. In June of 2016, ultramarathon runner Dion Leonard was ready to race. He was about to run the Gobi March, part of the “4 Deserts” ultramarathon series. The 250-kilometer race has participants run across the Gobi Desert in Mongolia and the Tian Shan mountains in China. On the second day of the seven-day race, a stray dog showed up at the runners’ camp. It made friends with many runners there, but seemed to choose Dion to spend most of its time with.

The next day, the little Border terrier mix started following Dion. The dog stayed with him until he got to the Stage III camp and even slept with him. Dion named the little dog “Gobi” after the place where they had met. The two kept each other company and encouraged each other. In total, Gobi ran 124 kilometers of the race alongside him. After the race, Dion adopted Gobi and took her to live with him.

## 4

One husband in Kentucky, USA discovered recently why listening to his wife was so important. Valentine's Day was coming up, and Nina Harris told her husband that she wanted tulips for the occasion. Her husband, Allan Harris, had answered with "Yes, I know." When Valentine's Day arrived, Nina was very surprised when she received her morning coffee along with a bucket with "Love you" written on it and filled to the brim with turnips. When his wife informed him that she had wanted tulips and not turnips, Allan admitted that he hadn't been paying close attention to his wife's words during their conversation.

Allan was eager to make up for his mistake, and make his wife happy. He did not want to end up in the doghouse. So Allan bought his wife some candy, balloons, and also the tulips she had originally wanted. Nina forgave her husband of 13 years and said that he was very lucky that she liked root vegetables.