

# Bruce's Multimedia Story

## Reviews

...I have used it with several children and they loved Bruce particularly when he barked. The software facilitates non-threatening discussion and a full exploration of feelings about adjusting to change... Information PLUS have come up with two software programmes (Bruce's Multimedia Story and Billy Breaks the Rules) which will be a great asset to professionals wanting to harness the power of new technology (which children love) to create an innovative medium to engage with children and parents alike. Well done and lets have more! **Practical Parenting Newsletter: Issue No. 13**

...I have to say that this is probably the most useful bit of material I have ever come across in helping children to come to terms with the moves entailed within the care system and particularly with adoption. I wish it had been around when our first two children were younger...you really must try this one! **Adoption UK: November 1998**

If the response by both workers and young service users at Leicester Family Service Unit is anything to go by, Bruce's Multimedia Story should fly off the shelves in 1999. Simply put, it capitalises on children's natural interest in computer based activities and allays the fears of the most technophobic social worker... Bruce's Story on computer can be particularly helpful with children who find written material difficult and is sensitive to the needs of children and workers alike. Clicking on a number of bones hidden in the pictures throughout the story produces a popup speech bubble and a sound clip of Bruce. The child is invited to talk about any similar experiences they have had and how they felt. There is also the option to use a simple word processor. Especially designed for working with children who are having difficulty understanding changes in their lives, it is an imaginative way of helping open up communication and shared feelings about a child's history and identity. Despite losing important people in their lives, through the programme children can learn that change can be positive and that they can make new relationships. **Community Care - 28th Jan - 3rd Feb. 99**

...Bruce's story, because of its use of delightful animations, ease of installation and navigation, easy to read font and relaxing music represents a breakthrough for the helping professions. **Hy Resnick, Professor of Social Work, Washington State University, Seattle**