

## HOW HUMPF-SKUNK GOT HIS NAME

When H-S was a young boy, he didn't have a name. None of the names that people suggested for him seemed to fit him – he was even too big for his names. He was so big that no one wanted to call him any names that might make him angry. He was so big that he didn't look like any of his uncles or grandfathers or any presidents of the country or any movie stars – except a little like King Kong. As a boy, though, he wasn't very hairy, so that name wasn't used either.

One day, H-S was playing in the woods, pushing over trees to get some exercise. One big tree fell on some little black and white skunks. They got mad and sprayed H-S until he was soaked. H-S was so tall, that he couldn't smell the strong skunk smell around his feet and legs so that when he finished playing, he walked on home. He was sure that it was time to eat dinner again. When he sat down at the table with the family, everyone got up and ran from the room except his poor little old aunt who had nearly lost her mind sewing blankets together for H-S when he was a baby. She also had a bad cold and had a stuffy nose. Even though she couldn't smell, she noticed that her eyes were watering pretty badly and the curl in her hair was drooping more and more. She called out to the others outside the house to ask them what they were doing outside when it was dinner time. They told her about the skunk smell and she asked humpf!! Skunk?? They said, "Yes, it is him." Ever since then the family referred to him as Humpf-Skunk even though they could have called him "old gym shoes" later on.