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The time for castrating young boar pigs was very noisy. All the squealing and pushing by the young pigs as they tried to get away from the men who were catching them. And then the louder squealing when the testicles were being cut out.

Even though the squealing was terrible, the dog always stood by to eat the testicles as the men threw them away.

When the castrating was getting started, the boys stayed away because the loud squealing got on their nerves. But they knew the dog was in the hoghouse eating testicles, and this made them so curious that after a while they would go and watch.

The dog stood next to the pen waiting for a flying testicle that the men threw to him. He never missed. He made it look as easy as someone who is good at catching popcorn in his mouth.

Later when the castrating was over and the squealing had stopped, the boys tried to get the dog to catch dog biscuits the way he caught testicles. But the dog missed the dog biscuits most of the time.

Dinner music! shouted the oldest boy, and all the boys started squealing like pigs. The dog looked at them as if they were crazy, but he did start catching the dog biscuits. Certainly not because he was hungry, but probably just to go along with the boys' game.