THE FLYING DOGTOR

EPISODE 5

TITLE

CUTS from Ep. 4: Crafty Redback Fire Homestead Children

Calling at radio Broken wire Fire Fireworks

Explosion DISSOLVE to telestrip

THE FIRE DOG

THEME

The sneaky snake, Crafty Carpet helped by his unpleasant friend Old Man Redback, started a bush fire near Granny Goanna's homestead in order to drive her and the bush children out. As the flames leapt in towards the homestead, the children tried to call the Flying Dogtor, but flames had damaged their radio. Then the fire reached their store of fireworks and -

WHOOM: Hen

How badly, they needed their faithful friend (singing) The Flying Dogtor

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<u>Telestrip</u>: Landscape passing

Dogtor in plane Rocket (<u>on glass</u>) Whizzes past Camera jiggled

Landscape Smoke rising from clearing <u>CUT to cutout</u> Dogtor, clouds passing, Turn down. <u>CUT to still</u>: Clearing and homestead <u>ZOOM in</u>

DISSOLVE to still

(Dogtor's plane on white base) Camera and tilts and zooms out to produce effect of plane turning up and racing out.

DISSOLVE to Telestrip: Children Polly Plane out window

Dogtor in plane, clouds

Homestead

CUT to fire advancing

THEME

The Flying Dogtor was flying high and peacefully to Stonytown ... To tell the truth, he had turned his trusty plane on to the automatic pilot and he was enjoying a little snooze ... When suddenly a fireworks sky-rocket whizzed past his head (whiz) and ---Whoom! (explosion)

-- an explosion rocked the sky. The Dogtor looked behind him and saw black smoke curling up from a clearing ... It was Granny Goanna's homestead! The Dogtor turned his plane round and raced back. He turned his nose down into a swoop over the clearing - and saw to his horror that the grass was blazing in a ring around the house ...

While Granny and the bush children were trapped inside! There was not way for them to escape, and no place for the Dogtor to land.

Fire crackles

The Dogtor levelled off, then turned the plane's nose up.

And further up.

He pressed his foot on the floor and into the sky he shot!

Engine roar

The bush children had seen the Dogtor coming, and they cheered. But now Polly Possum, leaning out the window, saw to her dismay his plane disappearing up, up until he was just a speck among the clouds. And the children wailed in disappointment.

Engine hum

When the Dogtor was well above the clouds, and the clearing around Granny Goanna's homestead looked no bigger than a postage stamp among the trees below, he levelled off again.

Fire crackles

Steamy Swamp

Crafty Redbacks

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Old Man Redback

Fire House, interior

Fire entering Plane Degtor

produces bag labelled "CSIRO RAIN KIT"

DISSOLVE to still: front view of Dogtor in plane, holding out bag. ZOOM in and tilt follow scatter from bag. Fade All the time the ring of fire was creeping closer to the homestead ... Keeping a safe distance, hundreds of yards away, its advance was being followed with horrible pleasure by Crafty Carson Carpetbag and his nasty friends, the Redback family including the willain who had actually started the fire: Old Man Redback, the meanest of them all.

Mad laughter, fading

Inside the house, some of the bush children were in despair. The flames were now on the veranda and licking in the window. Plane hum

The Flying Dogtor was rummaging in the boot of his plane. At last he found in his emergency kit what he was looking for. It was a bag of the best and latest Scientific & Industrial Research Seed for Rainmaking. If the Dogtor could make rain quickly enough he migh be able to put the fire out. He steered his plane over the top of the clearing, tipped the bag over the clouds below, shut his eyes ... and hoped for the best ... Plane hum