



Upper KS1/Lower KS2 (SATS style) Reading Comprehension Booklet 11



Name.....

Useful words

Golden Retriever

pedigree

reluctantly

A Friend for Amy



Amy was jealous. Her cousin Annabelle was getting a new puppy and she wouldn't shut up about it. Auntie Julie had promised Annabelle a Golden Retriever puppy. It was going to be a pedigree one which meant it was very posh and expensive. It was going to cost over £500! Amy asked her Mum and Dad if they could get one too. "I'm sorry, Annabelle," said Mum, "We haven't got that much money, but I'll see what I can do."

Questions

1 What kind of dog was Annabelle going to get?

Tick one.

Corgi

Poodle

Golden Retriever

Golden Labrador

2 Why was Amy jealous of Annabelle?

Amy was sad. Whenever she went to see her cousin, all Annabelle could do was go on about how wonderful and expensive her new dog was going to be. The puppy would have to be weaned (stop needing to be fed by its mother's milk) before it could leave its mum - that would take another 6 weeks.

3

Why did Annabelle have to wait another 6 weeks for her puppy?

4

What did Annabelle talk about all the time?

Tick one.

her holidays

her new puppy

her birthday presents

her new coat

Later that week Amy noticed her parents were up to something. A man in a uniform came to look round the house and garden and asked lots of questions. Amy was sent to play in her room so she couldn't hear what was going on. Then, when the phone rang, Mum went into the garden to speak so Amy couldn't hear.

5

Why did Mum take the phone outside?

6

Who came to visit Amy's house?

Then, one Monday after school, Dad said they had to go to the supermarket. Amy hated shopping and got into the car reluctantly. After a few minutes, she noticed they weren't going to the usual supermarket, "Where are we going?" asked Amy. "We've just got to pick something up from the other side of town." said Mum from the front seat.

7 Where did Dad say they were going?

Tick **one**.

the supermarket

somewhere on the other side of town

the park

the cinema

8 Where do you think Amy was sitting in the car?

Eventually the car pulled into a car park. The first thing Amy noticed was the sound of lots of dogs barking. "Where are we?" asked Amy. "We've come to the R.S.P.C.A. We've got you a beautiful little puppy." replied Mum. Amy was so excited, "But you said we didn't have enough money." said Amy. "We don't have enough for a fancy one like your cousin's but when you see him I think you will think he is a bit special."

9 Where had they gone?

Tick **one**.

P.D.S.A.

R.S.P.C.A.

Y.M.C.A.

S.P.C.R.A.

10What could Amy hear when the car pulled into the car park?

When Amy saw the little puppy it was love at first sight. The puppy ran over to her and as she bent down to pat him, he jumped up at her face and started licking her and wagged his tail excitedly. "What's he called?" asked Amy. "It's up to you, he hasn't got a name yet." said the man in the uniform who has visited them at home.

"He's so cute! I'll call him Toby."

11What did the puppy do when it first saw Amy?

12

Where had Amy seen the man in the uniform before?

Tick one.

on TV

when he visited her house

at school

at school

When they got home Dad went to the shed in the garden and got out the stuff he had hidden for Toby. There were 2 dog bowls, a collar and lead and a packet of plastic bags to pick the dog's poo up.

"Now this is serious Amy," said Dad, "Toby will need to be looked after. He will need to be fed, given water, taken for walks and always have his poo picked up and put in a bin." continued Dad as he handed the bags to Amy.

"I'll look after him, I promise." said Amy, "And I can't wait to tell Annabelle!"

13

Where had Dad kept the stuff for Toby?

14

Why did Dad give Amy the bags?

Tick **one**.

to keep his food in

to put his poo in

to keep his lead in

to put the shopping in

15

What 4 jobs did Amy have to do to look after Toby?

Useful words

microchip

vaccinations

Edinburgh

Greyfriars Cemetery



The R.S.P.C.A

The R.S.P.C.A. is a charity which helps to prevent cruelty to animals and rescues animals which are in danger. R.S.P.C.A. stands for 'The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. All the work they do is funded by charity.

Every day they find homes for 130 rescued animals. It can cost up to £200 to adopt a dog but they come with a microchip and all its vaccinations to keep it healthy. It will also have had an operation that means it won't be able to have any puppies itself.

16 What does the **A** in R.S.P.C.A. stand for?

Tick one.

association

alsatian

animals

cruelty

17 From where does the R.S.P.C.A. get its money?

18 About how many animals do the R.S.P.C.A. rescue in **two** days?

About Dogs



Working Dogs

Dogs don't just make great pets. Many do very important work to help humans.

Sheep Dogs

Many farmers have dogs which help farmers round up their animals like sheep and cattle. They respond to the farmers' whistles. They are often a breed called Collies.

Sniffer Dogs

Dogs have a fantastic sense of smell and this can be used to help us. If ever you travel through an airport you may have seen dogs walking round sniffing people's luggage. They are trained to look for drugs, money and explosives.

Guide Dogs

Sometimes you may have seen visually-impaired people (people whose sight is poor) walking around town with a guide dog to help them get around. They help them cross roads, into shops and on to buses and trains. These dogs are very clever and highly trained.

19

How do farmers communicate with their sheep dogs?

Tick **one**.

shouting

singing

whistling

talking

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On farms, which animals are dogs used to control?

21

Who might use a guide dog?

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What might dogs at airports be looking for?

Sizes of Dogs

The smallest dog ever recorded was a Yorkshire Terrier. When it was fully grown it was only 6.3 cm tall at the shoulder and was only 9.5 cm from the tip of its nose to the end of his body.

The largest dog ever recorded was an English Mastiff from its nose to the end of its tail it was two and a half metres long! The tallest dog ever recorded was a Great Dane it was 106 cm tall at the shoulder.

23

What was the smallest dog ever recorded?

24

How long was the largest dog ever recorded?

Tick one.

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ cm $2\frac{1}{2}$ kilometres $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres $2\frac{1}{2}$ litres**Greyfriars Bobbie**

Dogs can be very loyal and loving to their owners. In Edinburgh in the 1860s there was a night-watchman called John Gray. Sadly, he died and was buried in Greyfriars Cemetery. Bobbie, his dog, missed his owner so much he spent the next 14 years by the graveside guarding his master. The dog died in 1872

25

In which city did Greyfriars Bobbie live?

Tick one.

Edinburgh

London

Belfast

Cardiff

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What did Greyfriars Bobbie do for 14 years?