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"Dogs"

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

There are wild dogs and ***pet*** dogs. Pet dogs are helpers and friends to people. There were no pet dogs 15,000 years ago. Men and women learned how to work with dogs. Dogs helped humans travel from Asia to North America 10,000 years ago by ***pulling*** sleds in the snow. People say dogs are "man's best friend." They help with farming. They help with hunting. They help with fishing. They can pull things for people. They can help find things.

There are many colors of dogs. There are white dogs, gray dogs, black dogs, and brown dogs. A dog's ***fur*** can be short or long. Dogs have curly hair or ***straight*** fur. There are very small dogs. They are only 6-8 inches tall. There are very big dogs. They are about 3 feet tall.

Some dogs can see well. Some dogs do not see very well. All dogs can hear well. They can hear sounds that people cannot hear. They can hear high sounds and low sounds. They can hear sound very far away. All dogs can smell very well. They can smell 40 times better than ***humans***!

Dogs live 5 to 13 years, but some dogs live much longer. One dog lived to be 24 years old!

Questions:

1) Dogs helped people go to America by…

  A. pulling sleds in the snow.
  B. helping with farming.
  C. helping find things.
  D. None of the above

2) How tall are the smallest dogs?

  A. 3 inches
  B. 5 inches
  C. 6 inches
  D. 13 inches.

3) How tall are the biggest dogs?

  A. 1 foot
  B. 2 feet
  C. 3 feet
  D. 5 feet

4) What can all dogs do well?

  A. see
  B. hear
  C. smell
  D. Both B and C are correct

5) How old was the oldest dog?

  A. 5 years old
  B. 10 years old
  C. 13 years old
  D. 24 years old

Vocabulary:

1) The best antonym for ***pet*** is…

  A. wild animal.
  B. domestic animal.
  C. large animal.
  D. friendly animal.

2) The opposite of ***pull*** is…

  A. receive.
  B. carry.
  C. push.
  D. help.

3) A dog's ***fur*** is the dog's…

  A. nose
  B. eyes
  C. hair
  D. ears

4) ***Straight*** hair is…

  A. curly.
  B. long.
  C. brown.
  D. not curly.

5) Another word for ***human*** is…

  A. dog.
  B. animal.
  C. sound.
  D. person.