

b. Describe some common characteristics of the dogs that make up each of the seven major dog groups.

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c. Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group),

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OR give a short history of one breed.

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2. Point out on a dog (or on a sketch) at least 10 parts. Give the correct name of each one.

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3. Do the following:

a. Explain the importance of house-training, obedience training, and socialization training for your dog.

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| Socialization training | |
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b. Explain what "responsible pet ownership" means.

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c. Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet.

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4. For two months, keep and care for your dog.* Maintain a log of your activities during this period that includes these items: feeding schedule, types of food used, amount fed, exercise periods, training schedule, a weekly body weight record, grooming and bathing schedules, veterinary care, if necessary, and costs. Also include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.

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(Sample Blank Logs are located at the end of the workbook)

5. Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need.

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Show with your dog any three of these commands:

- "Come," "Sit," "Down," "Heel," "Stay," "Take it," "Get it," "Drop it."

6. Do the following:

a. Discuss the proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

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b. Discuss the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

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c. Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.

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d. Discuss the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.

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e. Discuss with your counselor any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you live that need to be considered for your dog.

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f. Discuss with your counselor the considerations and advantages of spaying or neutering your dog..

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7. Do the following:

a. Explain precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.

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b. Show how to put on an emergency muzzle

c. Explain how to treat wounds.

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Explain first aid for a dog bite.

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d. Show how to put on a simple dressing and bandage to the foot, body, or head of your dog.

e. Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.

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f. List the things needed in every dog owner's first-aid kit.

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When working on merit badges, Scouts and Scouters should be aware of some vital information in the current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* (BSA publication 33088). Important excerpts from that publication can be downloaded from <http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/GTA-Excerpts-meritbadges.pdf>.

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SAMPLE DOG CARE LOG Month 1

Starting Date: ___/___/___ Ending Date: ___/___/___

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SAMPLE DOG CARE LOG Month 2

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