

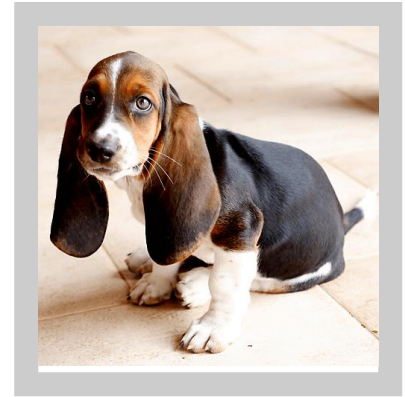
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## Adult or Puppy?

Many people who would like to have a dog as a pet get a puppy. There are many reasons why people get puppies. After all, puppies are cute, friendly, and playful. But even though puppies make good pets, there are good reasons why you should consider getting an adult dog instead.

When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to behave. You have to make sure that the puppy is housebroken so that it does not go to the bathroom inside the house. You have to teach the puppy not to jump up on your guests or chew on your shoes. You have to train the puppy to walk on a leash. This is a lot of work.



On the other hand, when you get an adult dog, there is a good chance that it will already know how to do all of the previously mentioned things. Many adult dogs have already been housebroken. Many adult dogs will not jump on or chew things that you do not want them to jump on or chew. Many adult dogs will be able to walk on a leash without pulling you to the other side of the street.

Puppies also have a lot of energy and want to play all of the time. This can be fun, but you might not want to play as much as your puppy does. Puppies will not always sleep through the night or let you relax as you watch television.

On the other hand, most adult dogs will wait on you to play. What is more, they will sleep when you are sleeping and are happy to watch television on the couch right beside you.

There is one last reason why you should get an adult dog instead of a puppy. When most people go to the pound to get a dog, they get a puppy. This means that many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes. So if you are looking to have a dog as a pet, you should think about getting an adult dog. They are good pets who need good homes.

1) Which of the following statements best describes the author's opinion of puppies?

- A. They are undesirable pets because they take too much work to own.
- B. They are cute and friendly but take a lot of work to own.
- C. They are not as cute as adult dogs but are still nice to own.
- D. They are not as playful as adult dogs but are still nice to own.

- 2) In paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT mentioned as something you have to teach a puppy?
- A. how to act around guests
  - B. where to go to the bathroom
  - C. how to walk on a leash
  - D. how to perform tricks
- 3) Based on information in the passage, which of the following statements is FALSE?
- A. Puppies have a lot of energy.
  - B. Puppies need a lot of attention.
  - C. Adult dogs do not like to play.
  - D. Adult dogs do not eat very much.
- 4) The author begins paragraphs 3 and 5 with the phrase, "On the other hand." This phrase is used to
- A. highlight an example
  - B. contrast previous information
  - C. contradict a later statement
  - D. support the upcoming paragraph
- 5) In the final paragraph, the author says, "...many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes." Based on what you have read in the passage, why is this most likely the case?
- A. People see adult dogs as unhappy and dangerous, while they see puppies as cute and friendly.
  - B. People understand that most adult dogs still need to a lot of training before they understand how to behave properly.
  - C. People think that puppies are cute and playful and do not always think about how much work it will take to train them.
  - D. People do not want to get a dog that does not have much time left to live.



## Answers and Explanations

1) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 1, the author says that "puppies are cute, friendly, and playful." In paragraph 2, the author talks about all of the things you have to do to care for a puppy. At the end of the paragraph the author says, "This is a lot of work." These ideas are presented in **(B)**, making it the correct choice.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) D

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 2, the passage says, "When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to behave. You have to make sure that the puppy is housebroken so that it does not go to the bathroom inside the house. You have to teach the puppy not to jump up on your guests or chew on your shoes. You have to train the puppy to walk on a leash. This is a lot of work." Here, the passage mentions that you must teach a puppy how to act around guests, where to go to the bathroom, and how to walk on a leash. The paragraph does not mention that you must teach a puppy how to perform tricks. Since we are looking for the exception, choice **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide evidence to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 5, the author says, "most adult dogs will wait on you to play." This is not meant to say that adult dogs do not like to play. The author says this simply to contrast adult dogs with puppies, as described in paragraph 4. This makes **(C)** false, and therefore the correct choice.

In paragraph 4, the author says, "Puppies also have a lot of energy and want to play all of the time." This means **(A)** is incorrect.

Also in paragraph 4, the author says, "Puppies will not always sleep through the night or let you relax as you watch television." Since puppies don't sleep through the night and don't let you relax, it can be understood that they need a lot of attention. So **(B)** is incorrect.

The passage does not provide information to support choice **(D)**. Therefore it is incorrect.

4) Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

To answer this question correctly, it helps to use context. In paragraphs 2 and 4, the author gives reasons why puppies are more work to teach than adult dogs. In paragraphs 3 and 5, the author gives reasons why adult dogs are easier to teach than puppies. Given that paragraphs 2 and 4 come previous to, or before, paragraphs 3 and 5, and that they supply contrary information, we can understand that this phrase is used to contrast previous information. Choice **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) C

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In paragraph 1, the author talks about how many people want to get a pet puppy because they "are cute, friendly, and playful." The author spends the rest of the passage describing how in reality, puppies take a lot of work before they learn to behave properly. Using this information, we can understand that the author believes people think that puppies are cute and playful and do not always think about how much work it will take to train them. This means **(C)** is correct.

The author does not talk about how people see adult dogs as unhappy and dangerous. This means choice **(A)** is incorrect.

**(B)** is incorrect because the author describes how adult dogs do not need much training. Rather, the author describes how puppies need a lot of training.

While it may be true that adult dogs do not have much time left to live, this is not a reason the author gives for why puppies are more likely to find good homes. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

6) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In paragraph 1, the author writes, "But even though puppies make good pets, there are good reasons why you should consider getting an adult dog instead." The author spends the rest of the passage telling us how much care a puppy needs. According to the author, it takes "a lot of work" to teach a puppy how to behave. Using this information, we can understand that someone who owns a puppy must be responsible. Choice **(D)** is correct.

Although in paragraph 2 the author says that "When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to behave," this does not necessarily mean that you have to be strict, or severe, with it. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.

The author lets us know that someone who owns a puppy must be responsible. This does not mean that someone must also be serious, however. You can be humorous or happy and still be responsible. **(B)** is incorrect.

Although you have to "do a lot of work" to teach a puppy how to behave properly, you do not necessarily have to be careful to do this. This makes **(C)** incorrect.