



Dog Care Merit

1. Breeds and physical characteristics

a. Name and describe some of the main differences between at least four of the major groups of dogs.

| Major Group | Characteristics |
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b. Pick eight different breeds of dogs and list some of the special characteristics that make each breed unique and different from other breeds.

| Major Group | Breed | Characteristics |
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| Major Group | Breed | Characteristics |
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c. Describe what characteristics of dogs are judged at the major dog shows.

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d. Correctly label at least twelve parts of a dog's body on a drawing.

Complete MWS 1 "Parts of a Dog" for this requirement.

2. History

a. Write a one-page essay on the history of your favorite breed of dog.

Do this on separate paper and insert it in your workbook.

b. Do one of the following:

i) Write a one-page essay about dogs' benefits and relationship to humans.

Do this on separate paper and insert it in your workbook.

ii) Write a one-page essay on why dogs are so popular as pets.

Do this on separate paper and insert it in your workbook.

3. Health Care

a. Describe at least six major things that are important to keep a dog healthy and active.

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b. Visit or call a local veterinarian's office and ask about what kinds of common ailments they see in dogs, how much it costs for an office visit, and how often regular checkups on dogs should be scheduled.

Take notes on separate paper and insert this in your workbook.

c. Describe the symptoms and treatment of at least three different diseases commonly found in dogs.

| Disease | Symptoms | Treatment |
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d. Describe at least four things important for the care of a puppy after it is brought home.

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e. Describe correct methods to remove ticks and fleas from a dog.

f. Describe how to approach and care for a wounded dog.

g. List some important items to include in your dog's first aid kit.

h. Describe how to prevent and properly treat a dog bite.



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4. Training and obedience

- a. Demonstrate three different commands with a dog.
- b. Describe a good method of training a dog to obey a command or perform a new trick.

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5. Measuring Commitment

- a. Provide complete care for a dog for one month. Write out and keep a daily schedule that includes feeding and watering times, exercise, grooming, and bathing. Have a parent or other adult sign your schedule when completed.

Check the boxes as you complete each task.

Dog Care Log

| | WEEK ONE | | | | | | | WEEK TWO | | | | | | | WEEK THREE | | | | | | | WEEK FOUR | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Water | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exercise | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Groomed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bathed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- b. Determine how much it costs to feed a medium-size dog for one year.

Cost of bag of dog food: _____

Amount of food per day: _____

Number of servings per bag: _____

Cost of food per day: _____

Amount of food per year: _____

Cost of food per year: _____

c. Find out and list your local town's laws or regulations for dogs.

d. Visit or call a local animal shelter and ask why people give up dogs for adoption and how people can adopt a shelter dog.

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