

Read the text and answer the questions.

Child's Best Friend

Having a dog helps a child learn how to act responsibly. As a dog owner, the child must take care of the animal's daily needs. The dog must be fed and exercised every day. A dog is completely dependent on its owner for all its needs, including the need for good health and a safe environment. Therefore, being responsible for a dog also means taking care of the dog so that it stays healthy. Furthermore, the owner must take responsibility for the safety of the dog and the safety of the people it comes into contact with. If the child forgets any of these duties and responsibilities, or ignores any of the dog's needs, the dog will suffer. This teaches the child that his responsibility to the dog is more important than his desire to play with his toys, talk on the phone, or watch TV. This is true not only for the care of a dog, but also for the care of oneself, another person, or one's job. Learning how to take responsibility for the health and welfare of a dog leads to learning how to take responsibility for oneself.

Another lesson that a child can learn from having a dog is how to be empathetic. Empathy is the ability to put oneself in another person's, or in this case another creature's, situation and imagine that person's or creature's feelings or problems. A dog cannot express itself with speech, so its owner must learn how to interpret its behaviour. The child must learn to understand what the dog's behaviour means. Is the dog frightened, aggressive, or sick? The child needs to understand what is going on in the dog's mind. Understanding a situation from the dog's perspective helps the child understand why the dog is behaving in a certain way and what the dog needs. The result of learning to read a dog's behaviour is that the child develops empathy. By learning how to empathize with a dog, the child also learns how to empathize with other people. This leads to the child becoming a more considerate and caring person.

Being considerate and caring are important characteristics in a good friend. One of the most significant benefits of owning a dog is the example of true friendship that a dog provides. A dog gives unconditional love to its owner. A dog will not stop loving its owner because of a little anger, indifference, or neglect. The dog will wait patiently for its owner to pat its head and say a few kind words. This acceptance of the negative qualities and appreciation for the positive qualities of its owner provide a wonderful model of how to be a good friend. A child soon realizes that his dog will always listen to him, will always be ready to play with him, will always protect him, and will always forgive him. A child who has learned to be even half as good a friend to others as his dog is to him will have learned one of the most valuable lessons in life.

These are some of the most important lessons a child will ever learn. The benefits of owning a dog will last the child's entire lifetime. The understanding and appreciation of responsibility, empathy, and friendship that a child develops from the experience of having a dog will help him or her grow into a reliable, caring, and mature adult.

Write X in the suitable answer or write the answer in the box

A child learns how to be responsible for a dog by _____. 10 p.

- A. playing with the dog and keeping him busy
- B. feeding the dog weekly
- C. taking care of the dog's daily needs
- D. becoming dependent on the dog

2. Complete the sentence 20 p.

Learning how to care for a dog can help children learn

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3. Children can learn how to _____. 10 p.

- A. only care about themselves, and not others
- B. get rid of the dog they don't want to take care of it
- C. understand the dog's needs
- D. be irresponsible

4. A. Read and write Yes/No

It is important to understand your dog's behavior! _____

Copy the sentence/s that proves your answer

_____ 20 p.

5. Which of the following is a positive result of learning how to interpret a dog's behaviour? 10 p.

- A. becoming selfish
- B. becoming empathetic
- C. becoming arrogant
- D. being thoughtless

6. Which of the following have a positive effect on a child's development? 10 p.

- A. feeling responsible
- B. feeling empathy
- C. building friendships
- D. all of the above

7. According to the article what is the most important lesson about friendship that a dog can teach a child and how does he do that? 20 p.
