

ICE CREAM FOR DOGS

All dog owners know that feeding their pets regular ice cream can make them ill, because many dogs can't digest dairy products. Moreover, just like in humans, eating large amounts of sugar causes dogs to become hyper and unfocused, and can also result in dental cavities, diabetes, and obesity. Now, thanks to Mauricio Montoya, some lucky dogs in Mexico City are finally able to enjoy ice cream without their owners worrying about any harmful side effects. Mauricio says he wanted to make a dessert for dogs because there are already treats like strips of jerky, bacon, and cookies for them on the market, but no desserts. Montoya spoke to many veterinarians before creating a recipe that was both safe and delicious. He called it Heladogs, because helado means ice cream in Spanish.

The doggy ice cream is made using organic, lactose-free, and sugar-free yogurt, honey, and fruit flavors. To make it even easier to digest, Montoya added Lactobacilli, which aids digestion in both humans and animals. While there is no verbal confirmation, judging from the wagging tails and eager licks, the pooches appear to be loving ice cream as much as humans do. The best part is that Heladogs is perfectly safe for people as well, allowing owners to share their dog's ice cream.

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- 1) What is the writer trying to do in this text?
 - A) To describe a new product.
 - B) To advise people how to look after dogs.
 - C) To explain the dangers of eating too much ice-cream.
 - D) To convince people to buy his ice-cream.

- 2) What does the writer say about eating a lot of sugar?
 - A) It gives you energy.
 - B) It can affect your behavior.
 - C) There isn't really a problem.
 - D) You need to drink a lot of water as well.

- 3) Why did the writer mention bacon?
 - A) Because it is more expensive than ice cream.
 - B) Because dogs shouldn't eat bacon.
 - C) Because bacon snacks for dogs already exist.
 - D) Because bacon makes dogs fat.

- 4) What does the writer say about how the dogs feel?
 - A) They weren't sure at first.
 - B) They didn't notice the difference.
 - C) It made them nervous.
 - D) They let their tails do the talking.

- 5) Which of the following could also be a title for this text?
 - A) DOGS GET A GOOD LICKING
 - B) KEEP THE DOG AWAY
 - C) THERE'S TROUBLE ON THE HORIZON
 - D) THAT DOG ATE MY ICE CREAM

If you are a comic book fan or just love free things, you are in luck because Saturday, May 6 is Free Comic Book Day. As the name indicates, it is the day when retailers across the globe will give out free comic books to anyone that walks into the store.

Celebrated on the first Saturday of May, the annual event, which began in 2002, is the brainchild of retailer Joe Field. The owner of Flying Colours Comics & Other Cool Stuff was inspired by the success of similar events like Free Cone Day and suggested the idea to retailers, publishers, and distributors.

He believed it would make people, both young and old visit their neighborhood store and revive interest in comic books. Over the past sixteen years, retailers have given away over 12 million comic books and the numbers are only growing.

Not every comic book in the store is free. However, with 50 specially published titles to choose from, there is something to suit every taste. Even if none of the free offerings catch your fancy, a visit to the store might still be worth the effort. That's because vendors usually discount all comic books and other merchandise on this fun day.

1) What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?

- A) To persuade people to buy comics.
- B) To explain that comics are too expensive.
- C) To tell people about an event.
- D) To explain how comics are made.

2) What does the writer say is expected to happen on May 6?

- A) People will get a gift through the post.
- B) People visiting shops will get a free gift.
- C) People will need to pay a little bit for the gift.
- D) People will get a gift if they buy something.

3) What is the motivation for this event?

- A) To get rid of unsold comics.
- B) To improve the image of the comic producing industry.
- C) To persuade parents to let their children read comics.
- D) To make people more interested in comics.

4) What additional benefits are available?

- A) Cheaper prices for other products.
- B) Cheaper membership for comic clubs.
- C) The option of reading comics not