

EVALUACIÓN PARA EL ACCESO A LAS ENSEÑANZAS
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INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y CALIFICACIÓN

Después de leer atentamente los textos y las cuestiones siguientes, el alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones propuestas y responder en INGLÉS a las cuestiones de la opción elegida.

CALIFICACIÓN: Las cuestiones 1ª, 2ª y 4ª se valorarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3ª sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5ª sobre 3 puntos.

TIEMPO: 90 minutos.

Therapy Dogs

Dogs have been providing love and reassurance to their owners for centuries. For as long as dogs have been domesticated, there has been evidence of their natural healing abilities over the physically and emotionally convalescent. These exceptional animals bring comfort and happiness to people with a wide range of disabilities and emotional needs, including those in nursing homes, rehab facilities, special needs schools and more.

The first therapeutic use of dogs can be traced back to ancient Greece, when dogs were employed to lick the wounds of injured human patients. In the 1700s, Quakers brought dogs to some of the earliest treatment centres for the mentally unstable, allowing patients to raise and tend to pets in order to rebuild their social skills. Since then, several studies have been carried out proving that interaction with dogs increases levels of neurotransmitters associated with happiness and bonding, while reducing chemicals associated with distress.

Though therapy dogs are used for a variety of different purposes and in different settings, all must possess certain traits. Any breed of dogs can be used for therapeutic purposes, so long as he or she has the right temperament. For the safety of the dog and patient, all therapy animals must be very patient and respond to commands regardless of any distracting environmental stimuli. These dogs must never jump or paw at humans, as this can cause fearful reactions in vulnerable patients. They should be groomed regularly, and have annual check-ups at the vet to ensure a clean bill of health. In all these activities, these animals provide unconditional acceptance to those they visit.

QUESTIONS

1.- Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Good results with therapy dogs can only be appreciated in a very specific kind of disorder.
- b) Dogs were used to cure certain problems in humans for the first time in the 18th century.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2.- In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) What was the Quakers' contribution to the use of therapy dogs?
- b) Explain the results of the latest research on how therapy dogs help human beings.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3.- Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) joy (paragraph 1)
- b) conducted (paragraph 2)
- c) characteristics (paragraph 3)
- d) guarantee (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

4.- Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- a) They _____ (take) the dog to the kennel because it had been abandoned by its owner a long time _____.
- b) Last year, it _____ (prove) that patients made progress in activities _____ therapy dogs were used.
- c) If we _____ (know) about all these new therapies with dogs, we _____ (avoid) much suffering in the past.
- d) Complete the following sentence to report what was said.

The vet asked me: "When was your pet vaccinated for the last time?"

The vet asked me _____.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5.- Write about 100 to 150 words on the following topic.

How would you describe a responsible pet-owner? Justify your answer.

(Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)

