DAILY Warm-Up 13

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PIGS

Pigs are misunderstood. Some people think of them as lazy and stupid. Did you know that pigs are very smart? Pigs are smarter than most pets and wild animals. Experts claim that pigs are easier to train than dogs and cats. Would you want a pig for a pet?

Keeping a pet pig is fun, but it is work. Pigs like to go for walks like a dog. Would you like to walk a pig down your street? They can be trained to do tricks, and they like to be petted. They usually get along with other pets.

Pet pigs must be kept on a diet. They like to eat like hogs! An adult pet pot-bellied pig should not weigh more than 150 pounds. But many weigh up to 300 pounds due to overfeeding.

Do you sweat like a pig? Real pigs don't sweat. They cool their bodies by rolling in mud. Yet, pigs are some of the cleanest animals on the earth. Pigs can learn to use a litter box like a cat. They can be housetrained. Many live in houses and apartments. But they can get in the way.

Pigs have a keen sense of smell. They help find truffles in the forests. These mushroom-like plants sell for high prices. So the pigs are valued for their work.

In addition to ham, bacon, and pork, pigs provide us with many useful products. Pig hair is used to make hairbrushes and furniture. Drugs and medical procedures use pig parts to help sick people.

Pigs are found in every part of the world. They serve many useful purposes. Some pigs even dig holes for plant seeds to fall into and grow. Pigs may have been the world's first farmers!

STORY QUESTIONS

1. According to the text, pigs make good pets because . . .
   a. they like to watch television.
   b. you can ride a pig.
   c. they are smart and clean companions.
   d. they chase cats.

2. Pigs are found . . .
   a. throughout the entire world.
   b. throughout Europe.
   c. on tropical islands.
   d. in America and Australia.

3. Pet pot-bellied pigs should not weigh more than . . .
   a. 300 pounds.
   b. 150 pounds.
   c. 50 pounds.
   d. 500 pounds.

4. The author's purpose for writing this passage is . . .
   a. to entertain the reader with pig tales.
   b. to persuade the reader to buy pig products.
   c. to persuade the reader to get a pet pig.
   d. to inform the reader about the many qualities of pigs.

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