

Class 10

English

Footprint without feet

A Triumph of Surgery

Answer the following questions

1. What was the name of Mrs Pumphrey's dog?

Ans-Tricki.

2. Who was Mrs Pumphrey worried about?

Ans-Her dog Tricki.

3. Where did Mr Herriot take Tricki?

Ans- To his clinic.

4. What did the doctor give Tricki at his clinic?

Ans- No food for two days.

5. What was Tricki's real disease?

Ans- vomiting due to over-feeding.

6. What makes you know that Mrs Humphrey was a rich lady?

Ans. Mrs Humphrey was a wealthy lady as she had many servants and maids also had a pet. She used to feed her pet with a lot of dishes, sweets and snacks. Moreover, she had a separate room and wardrobe for her pet. All these things show that she was a rich lady.

7. Why did Mrs Humphrey call the doctor?

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Why did Mrs Humphrey take Tricky to the doctor?

Ans. Tricky was not eating anything for the past few days. He had refused even dishes and had bouts of vomiting. Moreover, he was spending his time lying on a rug; panting-He was not going for walks. All these symptoms forced Mrs Humphrey to visit the doctor.

8. How does Dr Herriot treat Tricky?

Ans. Dr Herriot cut down Trick's food and made him exercise. For the first three days jibs not give him food but only water. He did not give any medicinal treatment but made him all day with the dogs. He discovered the joys of being bowled over, tramped on and sq He enjoyed a lot along with his recovery.

9. Why was Dr Herriot confident that Tricky will be in hospital soon?

Ans. Tricky was tottering slowly in the house. He was not eating anything, not even his favourite dishes and besides, he had bouts of vomiting. Dr Herriot was sure that if his food was not cut down and more exercise was not given to him, he would be really ill soon.

10. What was the main cause of `Trick's ill-health`?

Ans. Tricky was overfed by Mrs Humphrey. He became hugely fat and inactive. He was pampered with a lot of cream cakes, chocolates and Hotlinks. This was the main cause of his illness.

11. Why was Tricky sent to the hospital?

Ans. Tricky had become sluggish as he had grown so fast that it became difficult for him to walk. He started panting all the time, kept on vomiting and stopped eating. He seemed very ill so he was hospitalized.

12. Why did Mrs Pumphrey make a frantic call to Mr Herriot?

Ans. Mrs Pumphrey made a frantic call to Mr Herriot because Tricki was seriously ill. He ate no food. He refused even his favourite dishes. He had bouts of vomiting. He liked to do nothing.

13. Describe the small dog Tricki.

Ans. Tricki was a small dog of a rich lady Mrs Pumphrey. She loved him too much. Because of overfeeding, he looked like a bloated sausage. He had become hugely fat. He had bloodshot and rheumy eyes.

14. What was the real disease that Tricki was suffering from?

Ans. Actually, Tricki had not any physical disease. He had a vomiting problem because of over-feeding. He was lazy because he did not have any physical exercise.

15. How was Tricki treated at the surgery?

Ans. Dr Herriot gave no medical treatment to Tricki. He realised that the only problem of Tricki was his greed for food. For two days, he kept an eye on him. He gave him no food but plenty of water. He made up a bed for him in a warm loose box next to where other dogs slept.

16. What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs Pumphrey? [CBSE 2015]

Ans- James Herriot's encounter with Mrs Pumphrey and Tricki made him expect a call for help. He was sure that the extra diet and no physical activity would soon put Tricki's health in danger. And just as anticipated, Mrs Pumphrey called the vet a few days afterwards.

17. What 'extra' did Mrs Pumphrey start to give Tricki and why?

Ans- Mrs Pumphrey thought that Tricki was suffering from malnutrition, as he was weak and listless. So, she started to give him extra snacks like cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and Horlicks after dinner to make him stronger. She also continued his cream cakes and chocolates.

18. What made Mrs Pumphrey call the vet?

Ans-Tricki's condition made Mr Pumphrey call the vet for help. Tricki had become fat and lazy. He just used to lie on his rug and pant. He also refused to eat food, even his favourite dishes. His bouts of vomiting added to Mrs Pumphrey's worry. That is why, she called James Herriot.

19. How can you say that it was hard for Mrs Pumphrey to part with her doting pet?

Ans-Mrs Pumphrey treated Tricki as her own child. She loved him very much. It was very difficult for her to see Tricki in such a situation. She was distraught when she had to make the decision to hospitalise Tricki, for her love for him knew no bounds. It was a terrible and tearful moment for her but she agreed to Herriot's suggestion for the betterment of her pet.

20. What kind of treatment was given to Tricki? Did it help in his recovery?

Ans-Tricki was given a non-medicinal treatment. His diet regimen was altered depending upon his body's response to it. He was kept on liquid diet for the first two days and then his diet was gradually increased. Yes, this treatment did help Tricki as it built up energy in him. He had transformed to an energetic, hard-muscled dog in just a fortnight.

21. Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?

Ans- No, Tricki was not suffering from any ailment. It was his greed for food and the love of his mistress that spoilt his health to such an extent. He was being overfed everyday and that made him obese and lethargic. That is why his health showed rapid improvement when his diet was controlled.

22. Why was Mr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest?

Ans. Mrs. Pumphrey used to send lots of things like eggs, wine, brandy etc., for Tricki. But nothing was given to Tricki. All the things were consumed by the doctor and the other members of the hospital. Hence, Mr. Herriot was tempted to keep Tricky as his permanent guest.

Long Answer (Value Based) Type Questions [8 Marks each]

1. Excess of everything is bad. Comment in the wake of Mrs Pumphrey's love for Tricki.

Answer: Mrs Pumphrey was a rich woman who loved her dog very much. She loved to live a comfortable and lavish life and also wanted her dog to spend a similar one. She had maintained a wardrobe full of fancy fur coats, dresses, beds etc for Tricki. Apart from this, she used to overfeed Tricki out of her love and concern. She used to serve him cod-liver oil and malt between the main meals and Horlicks after dinner to give him strength. She never realised that Tricki was a greedy dog and this would spoil his health. She could not even refuse to answer Tricki drooling for cream cakes and chocolates. Her overfeeding worsened Tricki's condition. This made the dog lazy, inactive and obese. He used to lie on his rug and pant all day long. Mrs Pumphrey fed him excessively, spoiling Tricki's health to such an extent that he had to be hospitalised. Even in the hospital she continued to convey Tricki her love through eggs, wine and brandy. Her fondness and care for Tricki proved that excess of everything made him fall sick.

2. Do you think parents like Mrs Pumphrey exist? If yes, is it a good thing to pamper children? Why or why not? [CBSE 2012]

Answer: Yes, parents like Mrs Pumphrey definitely exist. These people spoil their children by ptaking sure all their demands are met. They spoil their children in the name of love and care. They not only feed them junk but also spoil their social habits. This kind of a behaviour is very harmful for children. Such overprotective parental behaviour hinders their growth as adults. In fact it sows the seeds of greed and dependency in them They become stubborn and do not learn to value anything. For them, hard work is a myth as they get everything easily. Over pampered children often fail to face the hardships of life later, as for them life has been a cakewalk. Pampering children in moderation is healthy, but excess of it is harmful. It is not just bad for humans but also for animals, as we see in the story ‘A triumph of Surgery’.