



b. Describe some common characteristics of the dogs that make up each of the seven major dog groups.

	Group	Breed(s)	Characteristics
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c. Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group),

	Breed	Group	Characteristics
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b. Explain what "responsible pet ownership" means.


c. Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet.


4. For two months, keep and care for your dog.\* Maintain a log of your activities during this period that includes these items: feeding schedule, types of food used, amount fed, exercise periods, training schedule, a weekly body weight record, grooming and bathing schedules, veterinary care, if necessary, and costs. Also include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.


*(Sample Blank Logs are located at the end of the workbook)*

5. Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need.


Show with your dog any three of these commands:

- "Come,"  "Sit,"  "Down,"  "Heel,"  "Stay,"  "Take it,"  "Get it,"  "Drop it."

6. Do the following:

a. Discuss the proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.


b. Discuss the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

Fleas	
Ticks	
Heartworms	

Intestinal  
parasites  
(worms)


c. Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.


d. Discuss the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.


e. Discuss with your counselor any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you live that need to be considered for your dog.


f. Discuss with your counselor the considerations and advantages of spaying or neutering your dog..


7. Do the following:

a. Explain precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.


b.  Show how to put on an emergency muzzle

c. Explain how to treat wounds.


Explain first aid for a dog bite.


d.  Show how to put on a simple dressing and bandage to the  foot,  body, or  head of your dog.

e. Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.


f. List the things needed in every dog owner's first-aid kit.




- g. Tell the dangers of home treatment of a serious ailment.


- h. Briefly discuss the cause and method of spread, the signs and symptoms and the methods of prevention of rabies, parvovirus, distemper, and heartworms in dogs.

Rabies:

Cause:


Method of spread,


Signs and symptoms


Methods of prevention


Parvovirus:

Cause:


Method of spread,


Signs and symptoms


Methods of prevention


Distemper:

Cause:


Method of spread,


Signs and symptoms


Methods of prevention






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You can download a complete copy of the *Guide to Advancement* from <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>.

**SAMPLE DOG CARE LOG Month 1**

Starting Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      Ending Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Date	Feeding Schedule	Food Types	Food Amount	Exercise Periods	Training Schedule	Body Weight	Grooming	Bathing	Veterinary Care	Costs
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SAMPLE DOG CARE LOG Month 2

Starting Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Ending Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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