

## SHORT NOTE

CHAPTER - A Triumph of Surgery

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### A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY

#### ABOUT THE CHARACTERS-

Dr. James Herriot- A very sincere veterinary surgeon who is concerned about Tricky

Mrs. Pumphrey- A rich lady who loves her pet dog Tricky a lot

Tricky- Pet dog of Mrs. Pumphrey

#### OVERVIEW-

The story 'A Triumph of Surgery' penned by James Herriot a veterinary surgeon by profession. This story is basically about the three main characters – Dr. Herriot, Mrs. Pumphrey and Tricky the pet dog Mrs. Pumphrey, who come in interaction of each other with the series of events. Tricky is deceased with obesity and over pampered by Mrs. Pumphrey. Where she was advised by Dr. Herriot not to feed Tricky with sweets and all fatty food items, as well as to make him exercise more. Mrs. Pumphrey did the opposite. The condition of Tricky got worsen and he was not able to recover. Finally Tricky was brought to Dr. Herriot's clinic where other dogs were also treated. Initially Tricky did not responded to the other dogs and the ambience, Dr. Herriot continued with his treatment by not providing Tricky any food item but water. On the second day a little sign of interest was shown by Tricky and thereafter he started showing the signs of improvements gradually. During his treatment period, Mrs. Pumphrey continued to be in touch with Dr. Herriot, kept on inquiring about Tricky's progress. Moreover she sent wine, brandy, eggs etc. for him. All these items were enjoyed by Dr. Herriot and his partners. When the doctor felt that the dog had completely recovered from his bad health condition, and started playing with other dogs in the clinic, he asked Mrs. Pumphrey to take him back. When she came to take him with her, she thanked Dr. Herriot and said that it was genuinely 'A triumph of surgery'.

#### FLOW OF THE STORY-

1. The doctor sees Mrs. Pumphrey and her pet dog Tricky in the street.
2. Tricky is looking like a sausage.
3. Doctor Herriot advises the lady to provide less food more exercise to the dog.
4. Mrs. Pumphrey replies in affirmation.
5. Doctor doubts on her intentions.

6. One day Mrs. Pumphrey calls the doctor while crying.
7. The condition of Tricky gets worsens.
8. The dog is not eating, vomits and lies down on the floor like a lifeless one.
9. Dr. Herriot takes Tricky to his clinic.
10. Tricky recovers by the treatment.
11. The treatment includes no food but water and no medicines.
12. When Tricky gets better he starts taking interest in his surroundings.
13. Mrs. Pumphrey comes to take back her pet from the clinic and thanks the doctor.

#### CONCLUSION-

So the fact remains that the whole treatment of Tricky was based on not to provide food on initial basis and then a little portion of food, without any medicines , helped Tricky to recover from his bad health condition and made him healthy. The over pampered pet was ill because of the over done on his diet and nutrition by Mrs. Pumphrey. He was loved by his master in a spoiling way which made him lazy as well.