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Ch-1

A Triumph of Surgery

Find out

I → Why is Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki?

Ans → Tricki has become hugely fat. He has lost interest in everything. He seems to be lost his strength. So, she is worried about Tricki.

2 → What does she do to help him? Is she wise in this?

Ans → She starts giving him more food to eat. She thinks that he is suffering from malnutrition. But she is not wise in doing this.

3 → Who is the 'I' in this story?

Ans → 'I' in this story refers to the author 'James Herriot'.

I → Is the narrator as rich as Tricki's mistress?

Ans → No, the narrator is not as rich as Tricki's mistress. He is a vet.

2 → How does he treat the dog?

Ans → He treats the dog very unwisely. He knows the real reason of the dog's illness. So, he does not give any medicine to the dog. He just gives him water to drink for three days.



Dogs.

3> Why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?

Ans→ Mrs. Pumphrey sends eggs and brandy and wine for the dog. But the narrator gives nothing to the dog. Instead he himself uses them. So, he is tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest.

4> Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?

Ans→ Mrs. Pumphrey is an innocent lady. She loves her dog too much. She cannot understand that her love has made the dog ill. So, when the dog gets recovered at the surgery, she calls it a ~~triumph~~ of surgery.

Think About It

Q1> What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of commonsense?

Ans→ The narrator, Mr. Herriot is a veterinary surgeon. He is very intelligent person. He is very tactful as well as full of commonsense. He at once understands the problem of ~~dog~~ Tricki when he meets Tricki in the street. He suggests Mrs. Pumphrey, the mistress of Tricki, to cut down the rich diet of Tricki. He also suggests

for plenty of exercises. Again, when the narrator gets the call from Mrs. Pumphrey, he does not waste a minute. He at once takes Tricki to the surgery where he gives no medicinal treatment. He just gives Tricki only water for two days. He also makes Tricki play and jump with the other dogs at the surgery. In the end ~~of~~ he cures the serious illness of Tricki. Thus it is quite clear that he is tactful person as well as full of common sense.

Q - 2 → Do you think Tricki was happy to go home? What do you think ~~it~~ will happen now?

Ans → Of course, Tricki was happy to go home. When he saw his mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey after a fortnight. He took off the narrator's arms in a tremendous leap and sailed into Mrs. Pumphrey's lap. She had to defend herself as he swarmed over her, licking her face and barking. He was missing her very much. Now, he was healthy and must be thinking about his rich diet and other luxuries, he received at home.

I think ~~that~~ Mrs. Pumphrey will realize her folly of pampering. She will not give too much to eat to Tricki. She will also give him sufficient exercises and Tricki may ~~not~~ fall ill again.



Q-3 → Do you think this is a real-life episode, or mere fiction? Or is it a mixture of both?

Ans → I think this is a mixture of both a real-life episode and a fiction. The over feeding of dog and giving so much attention seem real. But providing different beds and bowls for different occasions to a dog seem a fiction.

In ~~fact~~ ~~the part~~ Again sending dozens of eggs, wine, and brandy for dog also seem a fiction. In fact the part of the narrator seems real while the part of Mrs. Pumphrey seems mere a fiction. So, it can be said that it a mixture of both.

Talk about it

Q-1 → This episode describe the silly behaviour of a rich women who is foolishly indulgent, perhaps because she is lonely. Do you think such people are merely silly, or can their actions cause harm to others?

Ans → This episode describes the silly behaviour of rich women who is foolishly indulgent, perhaps because she is lonely. Such people are ~~silly~~ but their actions cause harm to others. These kind of people are completely innocent. They are good at heart. They take decisions on the basis of their heart instead of their mind. They often do the things without

using their mind. They ~~will do things~~ may result in hurting others. Sometime they get hurt themselves. In fact they are so ignorant that they cannot understand what they are doing. In this episode Mrs. Pumphrey is such a kind of lady. She overfeeds Tricki and he becomes ill only due to her unnecessary care. She avoids this exercise and ultimately she hurts the dog and herself too.

Q-2 → Do you think there are parents like Mrs. Pumphrey?

Ans → Of course, there are parents like Mrs. Pumphrey. They take too much care of their children. They never let their children play outside and overfeeds them when they seem weak. It results in making their children ill. They become hugely fat and often often suffer from many diseases. Then they consult the doctors as Mrs. Pumphrey does. Children of such parents also suffer from many diseases. They become coward. They lose confidence. In fact pampering is a crime for a child.

Q-3 → What would you have done if you were (i) a member of the staff in Mrs. Pumphrey's household. (ii) a neighbour? What would your life have been like, in general?

Ans → (i) If I were a member of the staff in Mrs. Pumphrey's household, I certainly would

have tried to make her understand that pampering is bad. I would advise her not to show excessive love towards Tricki. If I were her neighbour, I would again have advised her not to spoil the dog by pampering him. These actions of hers certainly would cause harm to others also.

In general, my life would have been simple if I certainly might have convinced Mrs. Pumphrey that pampering is not good.

Ques

Q-5> Why did Dr. James Herriot say that he was tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest? Give a reasoned answer.

Ans> Dr. James Herriot was not only a competent veterinary surgeon but also a clever man of the world. No Doubt, Tricki was in a highly miserable state when he was brought to Dr. Herriot's surgery. The Doctor gave no treatment to the dog. ~~The greatful mistress~~ He didn't give ~~the~~ food but a plenty of water for a few days. Tricki's recovery was rather rapid. Soon, he was transformed into a flexible and ~~had~~ hard-muscled dog. The greatful mistress obliged Dr. Herriot and his friends. His partners and he himself had two egg each for breakfast. Lunch became a ceremonial occasion. The greatful and fabulously

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rich mistress of Tricki, treated him warmly with liberal servings of wine and brandy.

Dr. James Herriot was enjoying the best of the both the worlds. He had no hesitation in accepting Mrs. Pumphrey's tempting service. Naturally, it was a temptation for him to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest. These were days of deep content. Fresh eggs in the morning, wine at noon and finishing luxuriously around the fire with brandy. Who could't like such a pleasant situation?

After all, Dr. Herriot was a clever and worldly wise man.

Q-4) What would you have done if you were in the narrator's place?

Ans) If I were in the narrator's place I would have done the same as the narrator had done to cure Tricki. Since Mrs. Pumphrey was very ignorant and was not realising the seriousness of matter, only this step was left to take Tricki out of the house. One must be very tactful and full of common sense while handling such a situation. The narrator knew that Tricki ~~needed~~ nothing else except ^{plenty} of exercises. Again the writer successfully came out of the temptation of keeping Tricki as a permanent guest. So, what the narration had done was absolutely

correct and I would have done the same.

The expected _____ anything.

- Q-1 → Why was Mrs. Pumphrey ^{was} distraught?
- Q-2 → How did tricki spent his time?
- Q-3 → Write the ^{synonyms} of 'distraught'.

~~Ans→1→ Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught because the expected call came within a few days.~~

Ans-2 → He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting.

Ans-3 → Sad

Ans→1→ Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught because his ~~dog~~ dog Tricki didn't eat nothing. Even, he ~~refused~~ refused ~~to~~ his favourite dishes and besides, he had bouts of vomiting.

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