

## Caring for Dogs and Puppies



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**Author / Source:**  
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**Genre:**  
Non-fiction — reference text

**Cross-curricular links:**

- Science (dog breeds)
- D&T (designing a toy)

### Introduction

This family-friendly guide was written to advise parents and children on how to care for dogs and puppies. Its clear layout and simple language create an informative text that is very accessible for young readers. This extract focuses on how owners can find a suitable dog for their needs. Before reading the text, ask if any pupils have a dog and get them to tell the class about it, e.g. its name, what it looks like and its personality.

### Answers

1. E.g. By putting it in a separate, darker-coloured box. The font is also a different colour to the main text and is in italics.
2. E.g. You will have a good idea what character traits a pure-bred puppy will develop. This is a good thing because it helps you to choose a dog that suits your personality.
3. E.g. individual; one of a kind; different
4. c. It improves your relationship with your dog.
5. E.g. To give advice to people who are thinking of buying a dog, so they make the best choice. I think the charity wants to make sure that dogs get the best start in their new home.
6. Any appropriate answer. E.g. A puppy, because I would enjoy working hard to train it and look after it. OR E.g. An adult dog, because it would be easier to manage and my parents wouldn't let me have a dog that wasn't housetrained.

