Dog and sofa

Dog and sofa is a book for dog lovers of all ages,
emotions and the mourning process after
the death of a pet or a family member.
Those who have dogs or have owned dogs
recognise experiences and memories.

The book can be used for discussions
in groups about friendship, pets and responsibility.

Discussion:
What thoughts do you get from the book?
What would you do,
if you were the main character in the book?
How should we take care of pets?
Who carries the responsibility for pets?
What do pets mean to humans?
How do pets help humans? Give examples.
How can we understand what animals want to tell us?

Tasks: Write a story about one of the pictures in the book.
Write a story about an adventure together with a dog.

Dog and sofa: reading comprehension

Gone: The spot on the wall
1. is created by grease and humidity
2. comes from butter on a sandwich
3. contains dog hair
4. was made by the vacuum cleaner
5. is made by the basket of the dog

We remember the dog best
1. as a puppy
2. as an adult
3. how it was always happy, when we came home
4. how it wanted us to scratch it behind the ears
5. and all kinds of merry memories

A puppy would
1. fill our lives again
2. invent crazy things we can laugh at
3. fill the kitchen and living-room with rubbish
4. not require our presence
5. hardly stop us from grieving about the dog

Friends: The dog
1. chases rabbits
2. looks for mice
3. chases squirrels
4. guards sheep and children
5. is everybody's best friend

A dog
1. accepts all just as they are
2. does not want to do what you want
3. does what it wants to
4. asks nothing
5. opens closed doors and gates

The family's dog
1. wants to be patted
2. asks to go for a walk

3. hugs everyone
4. likes the family
5. loves unknown people

Sofa: The sofa
1. is the place where the dog sleeps
2. is forbidden for the dog
3. makes a wonderful hiding place
4. gets marks from paws and tail
5. has a cover with one colour

On the sofa sits
1. the family and watches TV
2. guests who get hair on their clothes
3. the cat
4. the children with the dog
5. nobody except Dad

Table and sofa
1. become a play house
2. have blankets as walls
3. give the children a feeling of security
4. are made into a cave for the dog
5. help the dog to hide

Newspaper: The newspaper
1. arrives to us for reading
2. we use for paint protection
3. the dog plays with it
4. is an interesting toy
5. we put under the food bowl

The dog
1. brings the newspaper every morning
2. wants to bite books into small bits
3. reads the advertisements
4. eats the ink of newspapers
5. splashes water when it drinks

A book is
1. for the dog
2. for the main character to read

3. interesting to chew
4. full of paw marks
5. carried around the house under the chin

Photo: The dog
1. is reading a newspaper
2. gets glasses to improve reading
3. is being photographed
4. has photos on the piano
5. seldom sees photos with other dogs

Paws: We see marks of
1. muddy paws on the kitchen floor
2. dirty shoes on the floor
3. dirty feet going to the kitchen
4. scratches of the dog nails on the parquet
5. biscuits which leave crumbs

Fireworks
1. scare children and dogs
2. are beautiful to look at
3. happen every Christmas and Midsummer
4. are arranged at New Year
5. sound very loud

A wound in the paw
1. is from a thorny bush
2. is caused by glass pieces
3. must be well cleaned
4. can be infected
5. does not need a bandage

Fur: Dog hairs can be found
1. under the sofa
2. inside an egg
3. in a tea cup
4. in the dough
5. in the vacuum cleaner

Grandmother used to knit
1. socks from dog hair
2. mittens from sheep wool

3. colourful pullovers
4. warm caps everybody envied
5. Christmas gifts for all grandchildren

The candles in the Christmas tree
1. were previously made of wax
2. were earlier very dangerous
3. nowadays use electricity
4. are always safe from fires
5. never fall down with the tree

Language: The dog
1. sniffs and knows who has been here
2. hear better than cats
3. seldom receives information by the nose
4. hears high tones we do not hear
5. barks at sheep

Dogs
1. do not understand what we say
2. adapt a lot to humans
3. want to do what we say, if we allow
4. love guests who hug them
5. understand short words we say often

Small dogs
1. often bark because they are happy
2. bark at everything that stands still
3. bark to show they are courageous
4. sound like birds
5. sound like a seal

Opinions: The dog
1. has opinions about food
2. does not want to bathe
3. want the nails to be cut short
4. wishes us to clean the ears every week
5. wants to eat something good on the road

Our dog
1. disappears sometimes
2. never hides under the sofa
3. loves the scissors for the nails
4. likes the shampoo smell
5. eats its medicine nicely

Dogs
1. must be bribed with a steak
2. eat nice food and medicine
3. must not lick plates
4. want your sandwich
5. want to eat the same food as you

Window: The rocking chair
1. used to belong to Grandmother
2. sounds when it rocks
3. is a favourite with the dog
4. never gets any dog hair
5. is broken

Flowers
1. grow on the balcony
2. smell badly for the dog
3. stand in a vase on a low table
4. are good to eat
5. are not poisonous

The telephone
1. rings and the dog runs
2. rings for me and the dog does not care
3. is high up on the shelf
4. lies on the table by the sofa
5. is the toy of the dog

Nature: A walk must be done
1. four times per day
2. so that the dog can feel smells
3. when the dog gets news about other dogs
4. because it gives the owner some exercise
5. in all kinds of weather

The dog
1. wants to meet other dogs and exchange news
2. seldom is interested in who has been here
3. wishes to make me acquainted with other owners
4. is discussed on social media
5. and the owner see who picks flowers

In the summer the dog
1. sweats a lot
2. swims in the lake
3. takes a rest in the shadow
4. cannot run freely in the forest
5. guards the children and the family

Travel: Dogs
1. are brought into shops
2. walk into cafés
3. are patted by everyone
4. are played with by children
5. love children

Before a trip
1. do not feed a dog
2. feed a dog with a big meal
3. let the dog pee
4. buy all food in advance
5. pack the food and water bowls of the dog

Previously only
1. small dogs could travel by bus
2. lap dogs could travel by bus
3. certain dogs could be brought into the bus
4. small dogs could be carried
5. humans could travel

Food: Dog noses
1. find lost persons
2. rescue people from under the snow
3. find persons after an earthquake
4. feel the smell of food
5. cannot distinguish the smell of different kinds of meat

The dog is
1. a flock animal
2. not part of the family
3. someone who wants your food
4. a grape eater
5. a vegetarian

The dog
1. loves to eat dough
2. likes chocolate
3. wants more bread
4. eats your food every day
5. opens the fridge

Place: Dogs
1. can herd the family like sheep
2. wants to collect the family in one place and stand still
3. seldom guards the family against unknown people
4. can find hidden objects
5. chases foxes

In society, dogs
1. work with the police
2. seldom work with the customs
3. train with soldiers
4. look for money
5. are not interested in human problems

The owner and the dog
1. can go to dog school
2. can learn a lot of things together
3. find mushrooms together
4. are trained to understand children
5. train to give a paw

Sound: A small dog
1. can be carried upstairs
2. seldom barks
3. eats less food
4. pulls the owner at the leash
5. fits into the pocket

A big dog
1. needs a lot of exercise
2. drops more hair than small dogs
3. eats big portions
4. barks often
5. does not move when you want it to

A robot dog
1. moves like a dog
2. is clean and nice
3. is not suitable for elderly
4. can talk
5. does crazy things

Puppy: A puppy can
1. bite bags to pieces
2. play on the sofa
3. run faster than the owner
4. be the cutest in the world
5. bark like a bird

Puppies
1. are taught to be clean on newspapers
2. stay outside until they are clean
3. can sleep on the sofa
4. can sleep in the bed
5. love rain

The puppy
1. is brought home by car
2. is put in a box and carried home on foot
3. sits in its box or sleeps
4. wants company and talk with the family
5. misses its sisters and brothers

Home: In the house
1. are wet paw traces
2. the dog makes marks on the floor
3. the dog brings in sand
4. spoons disappear from the table
5. the dog lies on the sofa

Dog and sofa: explain words

Explain and discuss these words and expressions

Gone: present, remind, discover, world, everyday life

Friends: oldest, ancestor, personality, interpret, allergy

Sofa: risk, avoid, heritage, curious, cute

Newspaper: well-behaved, ink, taste, brochure, fashion

Photo: eyeglasses, photograph, relatives, especially, actually

Paws: glue, parquet, fireworks, scare, bandage

Fur: wire, spin yarn, skilful, envious, survive

Language: information, logic, different, limit, adapt

Opinions: disgusting, trim, medicine, suddenly, bribe

Window: rocking chair, vacuum cleaner, poisonous, Prince Charming, whiskers

Nature: exercise, alone, social media, paddle, entangle

Travel: feel sick, clean up, get off, scold, walk on foot

Food: trail, earthquake, flock, equal, liquid

Place: society, illness, patience, empathy, responsibility

Sound: suitable, practical, robot, replace, invent

Puppy: bitch, company, driver, view, steering wheel

Home: ditch, wonderful, walk, merry, welcome