

NCERT Solutions:

Q1. Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki ?

Ans- Mrs. Pumphrey is worried about Tricki because he would eat nothing and spend all his time lying on the rug and panting. He refused to eat his favourite dishes and would have bouts of vomiting. Tricki did not want to go for walks or do anything at all.

Q2. What does she do to help him?Is she wise in this?

Ans- She called the veterinary doctor to help Tricki and her decision was wise because after this the doctor suggested that Tricki should be hospitalised. She let the dog go with the doctor and the doctor succeeded in curing Tricki.

Q3. How does he treat the dog?

Ans- James Herriot treats Tricki just like he would treat an overweight and lazy dog, which Tricki is. He cuts down his food intake and keeps him under strict observation for the initial days at hospital. His health showed quick improvement when his diet was controlled. He was allowed to play with other dogs as well which gave him some exercise.

Q4. Why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?

Ans- He is tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest because as soon as Mrs. Pumphrey heard that Tricki was convalescing rapidly, she sent in two dozen fresh eggs at a time to build up Tricki's strength. Mr. Herriot and his partners would have a royal breakfast of two eggs daily. He does not want to lose the fresh eggs, wine and brandy which he is getting in Tricki's name.

Q5. Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?

Ans- Mrs. Pumphrey thinks that the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery" because in two weeks Tricki had recovered

completely and had been transformed into a hard muscled animal. She was of the opinion that there were very less chances of Tricki's recovery. When Tricki saw her, he leaped into her lap and licked her face. She was so excited that tears started rolling out of her eyes.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. What were the things Mrs. Pumphrey started to give Tricki and why?

Ans- Mrs. Pumphrey thought that Tricki was suffering from malnutrition, as he was weak and listless. So, she started to give him extra snacks like cod-liver and malt between the main meals and horlicks after dinner to make him stronger. She did not even stop giving him cream cakes and chocolates.

Q2. What made James Herriot expect a call from Mrs Pumphrey?

Ans- James Herriot's encountered with Mrs. Pumphrey and Tricki made him expect a call for help. He was sure that the extra diet and no physical activity would soon put Tricki's health in danger. And as expected Mrs. Pumphrey called the vet a few days after.

Q3- What made Mrs. Pumphrey call the veterinary doctor Mr. James Herriot?

Ans- The condition of Tricki was very pitiable. Tricki had become very fat and lazy. He just used to lie on his rug and pants. He also refused to eat food, even his favourite dishes. His bouts of vomiting added to Mrs. Pumphrey's worry. That is why, she called veterinary doctor Mr. James Herriot.

Q4. It was hard for Mrs. Pumphrey to part with her lovable dog?How?

Ans- Mrs. Pumphrey treated Tricki as her own child. She loved him very much. It was very difficult for her to see Tricki in such a condition. She was saddened when she had to make the decision to hospitalise. It

was a terrible and tearful moment for her but she agreed to Herriot's suggestion for the betterment of her pet and she wanted to save him at any cost.

Q5. What kind of treatment was given to Tricki? Did it help in his recovery?

Ans- Tricki was given a non-medicinal treatment. He was kept on a liquid diet for the first two days and then his diet gradually increased. The doctor kept him under strict observation. His health showed quick improvement when his diet was controlled. He was allowed to play with other dogs as well which gave him some exercise. Yes, this treatment did help Tricki as it built up energy in him. He had transformed into an energetic, hard-muscled dog in just a fortnight.

Q6. Was Tricki suffering from any ailment in reality? If not, then what made him inactive and lethargic?

Ans- No, Tricki was not suffering from any ailment. It was his greed for food and the love of his mistress that spoiled his health to such an extent. He was being overfed everyday and that made him fat and lethargic. That is why his health showed quick improvement when his diet was controlled.

Q7. Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki's appearance ?

Ans- Tricki, the pampered dog of Mrs. Pumphrey had become very fat. His legs were hardly visible. His eyes were blood red and rheumy. His tongue was lolling from his jaws. Therefore, Tricki's appearance shocked Mr. Herriot.

Long Answer questions :-

Q1. Write down the character sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey.

Ans- Mrs Pumphrey was an impractical but very compassionate and caring lady. She and her staff arranged all comforts, beds, cushions and toys for Tricki. She constantly enquired about his health from Dr Herriot. She gratefully thanked Dr Herriot for saving Tricki. She was passionately attached to her little pet dog, Tricki. She was very worried about Tricki's miserable condition. She thought he was suffering from malnutrition. So, she started giving Tricki malt, cod-liver

oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night. Being overindulgent, Mrs. Pumphrey ignored Dr. Herriot advice. The doctor knew that Tricki's only fault was his greed for food. He had advised Mrs. Pumphrey to cut down food and sweets for Tricki. He also advised her to give him plenty of exercises. The dog was to be kept on a very strict diet. For Mrs. Pumphrey, it was very difficult for her because she pampered Tricki like a spoiled child.

Q2. Write down the character sketch of Mr. Herriot?

Ans- James Herriot is a competent veterinary surgeon. He is very kind and gentle with animals. When he sees the condition of Tricki, he warns the dog's mistress Mrs. Pumphrey of the consequences of over feeding the dog. He understood that the real fault of the dog was his greed for food. The dog had become hugely fat and listless. He advised Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki must be hospitalized for a fortnight under his observation. Dr. James Herriot was practical and pragmatic. He didn't give any medical treatment to the dog. The dog was not given food but lots of water. His method worked. Tricki was transformed into a flexible and hard-muscled dog.

Q3. How did Mr. Herriot cure Tricki?

Ans- Mr. Herriot admitted Tricki to his hospital. There he made up a bed for him. For two days he kept him in close observation. He gave it no food but plenty of water. At the end of the second day, Tricki showed some interest in its surroundings. It started searching for some food. Next day an extra bowl was put out for him. Tricki was not given any medicinal treatment. Mr. Herriot also gave brandy to Tricki. Its diet was: extra egg in the morning, wine at noon and brandy in the evening. These things had a great effect on Tricki. Then the company of dogs also helped Tricki to recover from his ailments.

Comprehension Questions:-

Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow:

I was really worried about Tricki this time. I had pulled up my car when I saw him in the street with

his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws.

Q1. From which lesson this passage has been taken?

Ans- A Triumph of Surgery.

Q2. Who is the author of the story 'A Triumph of story'?

Ans- James Herriot.

Q3. Who does 'I' refer to in this story?

Ans- Here 'I' refers to Mrs. Pumphrey.

Q4. Who is Tricki?

Ans- Tricki is a pet dog.

Q5. How is Tricki's appearance?

Ans- Tricki is hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner.

Q6. How's Tricki's eyes?

Ans- His eyes are bloodshot and rheumy, which stared straight ahead.

MCQ

Q1. How would you describe Mrs. Pumphrey?

- a. loving
- b. over-doing
- c. intelligent
- d. rational

Q2. What is the meaning of the word "convalescing"?

- a. condescending
- b. disappointing
- c. worsen
- d. recover

Q3. What is the meaning of the word "scrimmage"?

- a. fight
- b. run
- c. play
- d. none of the above

Q4. What was best according to the vet ?

- a. to take him to the hospital
- b. to let him have sugar
- c. to take him for a walk
- d. both b and c

Q5. What did the doctor advise?

- a. cut his food
- b. keep him on a very strict diet
- c. give him more exercise

d. all of the above

Q6. Who is Hodgkin?

- a. dog owner
- b. Veterinary surgeon
- c. gardener
- d. Dog

Q7. Mrs. Pumphrey was a very

- a. miser
- b. cruel
- c. poor
- d. rich

Q8. What did Mrs. Pumphrey think her dog is suffering from?

- a. fever
- b. stomach pain
- c. malnutrition
- d. foot sore

Q9. "I think I know a cure for you." Who is 'I'?

- a. Mrs Pumphrey
- b. Mr Herriot
- c. Miss Pumphrey's husband
- d. Mas Pumphrey's servant

Q10. How did 'Tricki' look ?

- a. very thin
- b. Very smart
- c. like a bloated sausage
- d. always ready to run

Answer Key

- 1 (b). over- doing
- 2 (d). recover
- 3 (a). fight
- 4 (a). to take him to the hospital
- 5 (d). all of the above
- 6 (c). gardener
- 7 (d). rich
- 8 (c). malnutrition
- 9 (b). Mr. Herriot
- 10 (c). like a bloated sausage