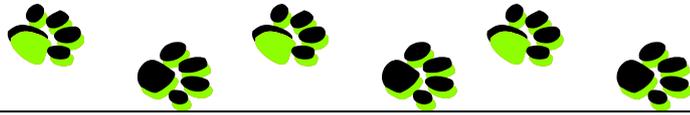


Save my dog!



The scenario is that each of the dogs has become infected with a rare virus. There is only enough serum to cure **two** of the dogs. More serum is being produced, but it will not be ready in time.

The aim was to guide the pupils through a scenario which required them to develop their skills in discussion, particularly as advocates - skills which may eventually serve them well.

Thus, the specific learning objectives were: to plan a persuasive speech; to present the case, in role, to a group; to take part in a discussion; to develop criteria for making a decision; to write formal letters; to reflect on the various elements of their contribution.

Procedure

Depending on the size of the group, distribute role cards - there are ten (each pupil should be given a role card, so for a group of twenty pupils there will be two parallel groups established) - and ask the pupils to write a speech to present to a meeting of vets in support of their dog.

At the meeting the pupils should appear in role and plead for their animals.

After the speeches have been made the pupils should take part in a discussion as to the relative merits of the different cases.

Pupils should be given time to reflect and think about the rank order they would put the dogs in and why (they should be encouraged to establish criteria for their choices).

Pupils should re-convene, make a final plea for their dog, and a vote should be taken.

Formal letters from the pupils as vets to the owners could be written.

The pupils should be given a framework to enable them to evaluate their performance.



Owner

Mrs Margaret Smith - Margaret is an eighty-year-old widow who lives alone in the house she used to share with her husband who died five years ago. Her family has grown up and left home years ago. Her grandchildren visit her occasionally.

Dog

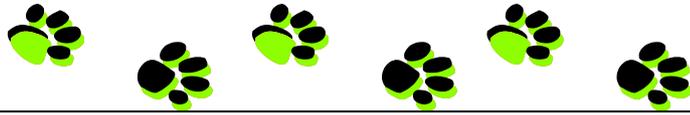
Peachie - Peachie is a nine-year-old chihuahua who is very well-behaved and affectionate. She sits in Margaret's lap and rarely leaves her side. Margaret relies on her for company. Margaret is a little deaf and she relies on Peachie to tell her when there is someone at the door. Margaret feels safe with Peachie.

Owner

Harry Johnson - Harry is a forty-year-old builder who has been troubled by vandals climbing into his yard and wrecking very valuable equipment. He employs twenty men, but he is worried his business will have to shut down if he cannot protect his machinery. Vandals once loosened the wheel nuts on his digger which made it very dangerous. Lives were in danger.

Dog

Sam - Sam is a three-year-old alsatian who has been trained to guard Harry Johnson's yard. He is very obedient and has never hurt anybody. Since Harry bought Sam there has been no trouble at the yard.



Owner

PC Ryan Lee - Ryan is a thirty-year-old police officer who works with Beano, his police dog. Together they have caught many criminals. Last month they captured a terrorist who was plotting to blow up a train.

Dog

Beano - Beano is a well-trained ten-year-old police-dog. He is completely obedient to his owner and shows great intelligence sniffing out trouble.

Owner

Jim Perkins - Jim is forty-seven. He has been blind all his life, but has worked hard and has a good job in a call-centre. He is married with two children at school. He completely relies on his dog to guide him whenever he goes out.

Dog

Sally - Sally, a labrador, is eleven and has been Jim's guide-dog since she was a puppy. She takes him to work every day. She even knows the way to the pub and finds him a place to sit!



Owner

Natasha Kendrick - Natasha has her thirteenth birthday next week. She loves her dog for a special reason. Two years ago she was out walking with the dog when she slipped, broke her ankle and was trapped under a bridge. The water-level was rising. Maisie ran away, but only to raise the alarm. She brought help to Natasha who was rescued just in time.

Dog

Maisie - Maisie, eleven-years-old, has been the family pet since Natasha was a baby. She loves the family dearly. She is a mongrel. She is intelligent, gentle and loyal.

Owner

Ed Stockwell - Ed is a shepherd who farms on the moors looking after sheep. He needs a good dog to guard and herd his sheep. Madonna is Ed's best-ever sheepdog and is more like a family pet sometimes, being so friendly and devoted.

Dog

Madonna - A five-year-old sheepdog. She works every day up on the moors. She follows her owner's whistles and herds the sheep and also drives away foxes and wild dogs which might worry the flock. She is obedient and intelligent.



Owner

Penny Dee - Penny, who is fifty, lives alone and just loves dogs. Six years ago she bought a pedigree sheltie which has turned out to be a very special dog indeed, for she has just won 'Top Dog' at Crufts Dog Show. Penny is completely devoted to her dog and has given up work to look after it.

Dog

Stan - a champion. This six-year-old sheltie is now worth a small fortune, having been awarded the top prize at the most important dog show of all. This dog is excellent in every way and any puppies that he might sire would be worth thousands!

Owner

Chris Taylor - Chris is fourteen and has had a hard life. Perhaps that is why she hates to see animals treated badly. Chris lives with parents who adopted her when she was abandoned. Since she was ten she has been interested in saving animals which have been mistreated.

Dog

Hector - Hector is a brown mongrel. Nobody is sure how old he is. He was saved from cruel owners by the RSPCA. When Chris adopted Hector he was a very disturbed and frightened dog, but slowly and surely has responded to the love and attention that Chris has given him and is now obedient and able to go out for walks.



Owner

Tiffany Dunne - Tiffany is a trainer who specialises in dogs for show business. Tiff has several dogs and looks after them very well, but knows that Larry is one-in-a-million.

Dog

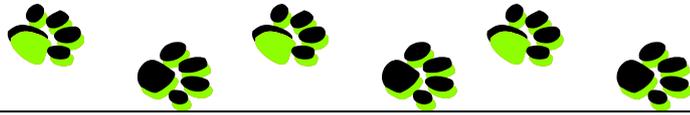
Larry - A seven-year-old collie, but not just any collie. Larry is a film-star with millions of young fans all over the world. Major films like 'The Adventures of Larry' have been successful from America to Japan. Larry gets thousands of fan letters every week. Larry is funny and brave and seems to *smile* when the camera is on him.

Owner

Lee Travers - thirty-year-old Lee is an international rescue worker who travels the world with his dog searching for survivors from disasters. He is married with a two-year-old daughter, but is often away from home with his dog.

Dog

Oscar - a hound. Oscar is thirteen and a very experienced sniffer dog. Wherever there is an earthquake or a building collapsed or someone trapped underground, Lee gets paid to come with his dog and search for survivors. Oscar puts his life at risk searching for people using his sense of smell. Over the years Oscar has saved the lives of many people.



Here is a list of the dogs:

Peachie (80 year-old Margaret Smith's chihuahua)

Sam (Harry Johnston's guard dog)

Beano (PC Ryan Lee's police dog)

Sally (Jim Perkins' guide dog for the blind)

Maisie (Natasha Kendrick's mongrel. It saved her life)

Madonna (Ed Stockwell's clever sheep dog)

Stan (Penny Dee's very valuable champion dog)

Hector (Chris Taylor's mongrel. It was badly treated)

Larry (Tiffany Dunne's film-star dog)

Oscar (Lee Travers' sniffer rescue dog)

Put them in order, starting with the one that deserves the treatment the most.

Be ready to explain why you put them in that order.

