

# A home by the Thames

WORKSHEET A

In the centre of London is a place that suggests there is at least some truth in the image of Britain as a nation of animal lovers. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people work there as volunteers and it receives huge amounts of money in donations from the public – but the services it provides are for (3) \_\_\_\_\_, not two.

The place is Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, a building by the south bank of the river Thames. It provides (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for lost pets until their owners come forward to claim them, and for abandoned pets until new owners can be found. (An abandoned dog or cat is usually one that has been taken to Battersea by its owners because, for whatever reason, they don't think they can look after it any more – it is quite rare for people just to (7) \_\_\_\_\_.)

There is no limit on how long abandoned animals are kept, but because of the Home's high profile and good reputation, new owners are generally found within (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Home was started in 1860 by a woman called Mary Tealby, who was walking to a friend's house when she saw a (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She took the puppy home and looked after it, and the experience made her so worried about the other stray dogs on the streets that she set up 'The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs' in north London, which moved south of the Thames to Battersea in (13) \_\_\_\_\_. The modern Battersea Dogs & Cats Home takes in over 12,000 animals per year and has around (15) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs and 100 cats at any one time. Its day-to-day work includes treating animals that are sick, 'socialising' animals that have behaviour problems (which means making them more used to being around humans and other animals), and of course taking the dogs for regular walks.

In 2004, one of the Home's residents, a dog called Red, became quite famous. (17) \_\_\_\_\_, so staff couldn't understand why they often arrived in the morning to find dogs running around in the corridors, lots of dog food missing from the kitchen, and a terrible mess everywhere. When they (19) \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery was solved: Red had learned how to unlock his kennel using his nose and teeth, and when he got out the first thing he did was unlock the kennel doors of various other dogs, starting with his closest friends. The story was picked up by the media, and within days more than 300 people telephoned Battersea to offer Red a new home.

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WORKSHEET B

In the centre of London is a place that suggests there is at least some truth in the image of Britain as a nation of animal lovers. About 200 people work there as volunteers and it receives huge amounts of (2) \_\_\_\_\_

– but the services it provides are for those with four legs, not two.

The place is Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, a building by (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Thames. It provides a temporary home for lost pets until their owners come forward to claim them, and to abandoned pets until new owners can be found. (An abandoned dog or cat is usually one that has been taken to Battersea by its owners because, for whatever reason, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ – it is quite rare for people just to leave an unwanted pet in the street.)

There is no limit on (8) \_\_\_\_\_, but because of the Home’s high profile and good reputation, new owners are generally found within a few weeks.

The Home was started in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by a woman called Mary Tealby, who was walking to a friend’s house when she saw a lost, starving puppy. She took the puppy home and looked after it, and the experience made her so worried about

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ that she set up ‘The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs’ in north London, which moved south of the Thames to Battersea in 1871.

The modern Battersea Dogs & Cats Home takes in (14) \_\_\_\_\_ animals per year and has around 350 dogs and 100 cats at any one time. Its day-to-day work includes treating animals that are sick, ‘socialising’ animals that have behaviour problems (which means (16) \_\_\_\_\_), and of course taking the dogs for regular walks.

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When they set up a CCTV camera the mystery was solved: Red had learned how to unlock his kennel using his nose and teeth, and when he got out the first thing he did was (20) \_\_\_\_\_, starting with his closest

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WORKSHEET C

### Exercise 1

#### Team A

Write questions to find out the missing information in the text on Worksheet A.

1. How many \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Who \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
9. How quickly \_\_\_\_\_ ?
11. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
13. When \_\_\_\_\_ ?
15. How many \_\_\_\_\_ ?
17. Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?
19. When \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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#### Team B

Write questions to find out the missing information in the text on Worksheet B.

2. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. Why \_\_\_\_\_ ?
8. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
10. When \_\_\_\_\_ ?
12. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
14. How many \_\_\_\_\_ ?
16. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
18. Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?
20. What \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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WORKSHEET D

## Exercise 2

The text from Worksheet A has been copied below, but contains some mistakes. Twenty of the words in bold are incorrect, and five are correct. Decide which are incorrect, and correct them.

In the centre of London is a place that suggests there is at least some truth in the (1) **image** of Britain as a nation of animal (2) **loves**. About 200 people work there as (3) **volunts** and it receives huge amounts of money in (4) **donaces** from the public – but the services it provides are for those with four legs, not two.

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There is no limit on how long abandoned animals are (7) **keep**, but because of the Home's high (8) **professor** and good (9) **reputed**, new owners are generally found within a few weeks.

The Home was started in 1860 by a woman called Mary Tealby, who was walking to a friend's house when she saw a lost, (10) **starve** puppy. She took the puppy home and looked after it, and the experience made her so worried about the other (11) **stay** dogs on the streets that she (12) **set** 'The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs' in north London, which moved south of the Thames to Battersea in 1871.

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In 2004, one of the Home's residents, a dog called Red, became quite famous. All the animals are locked in their kennels (18) **overday**, so (19) **saff** couldn't understand why they often arrived in the morning to find dogs running around in the corridors, lots of dog food (20) **miss** from the kitchen, and a terrible (21) **miss** everywhere.

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