

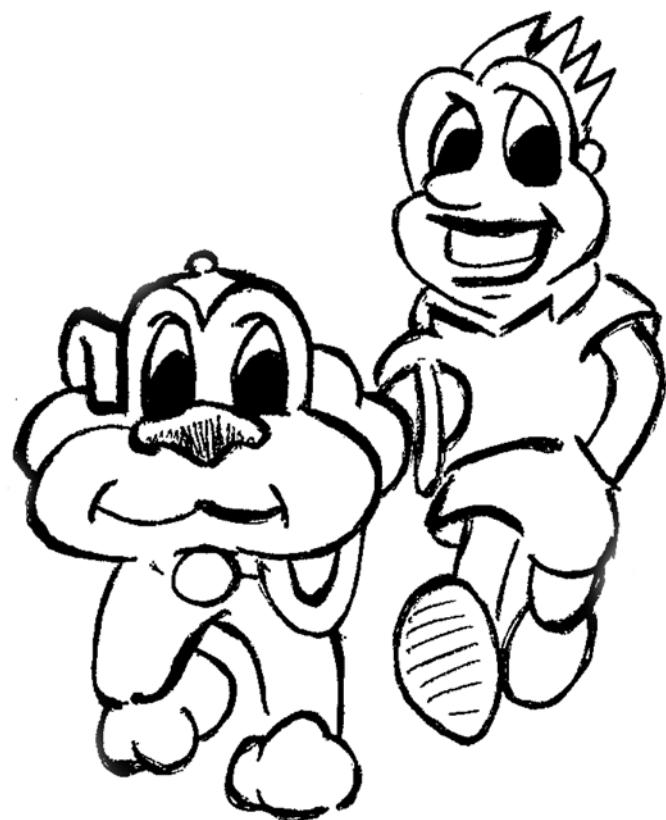
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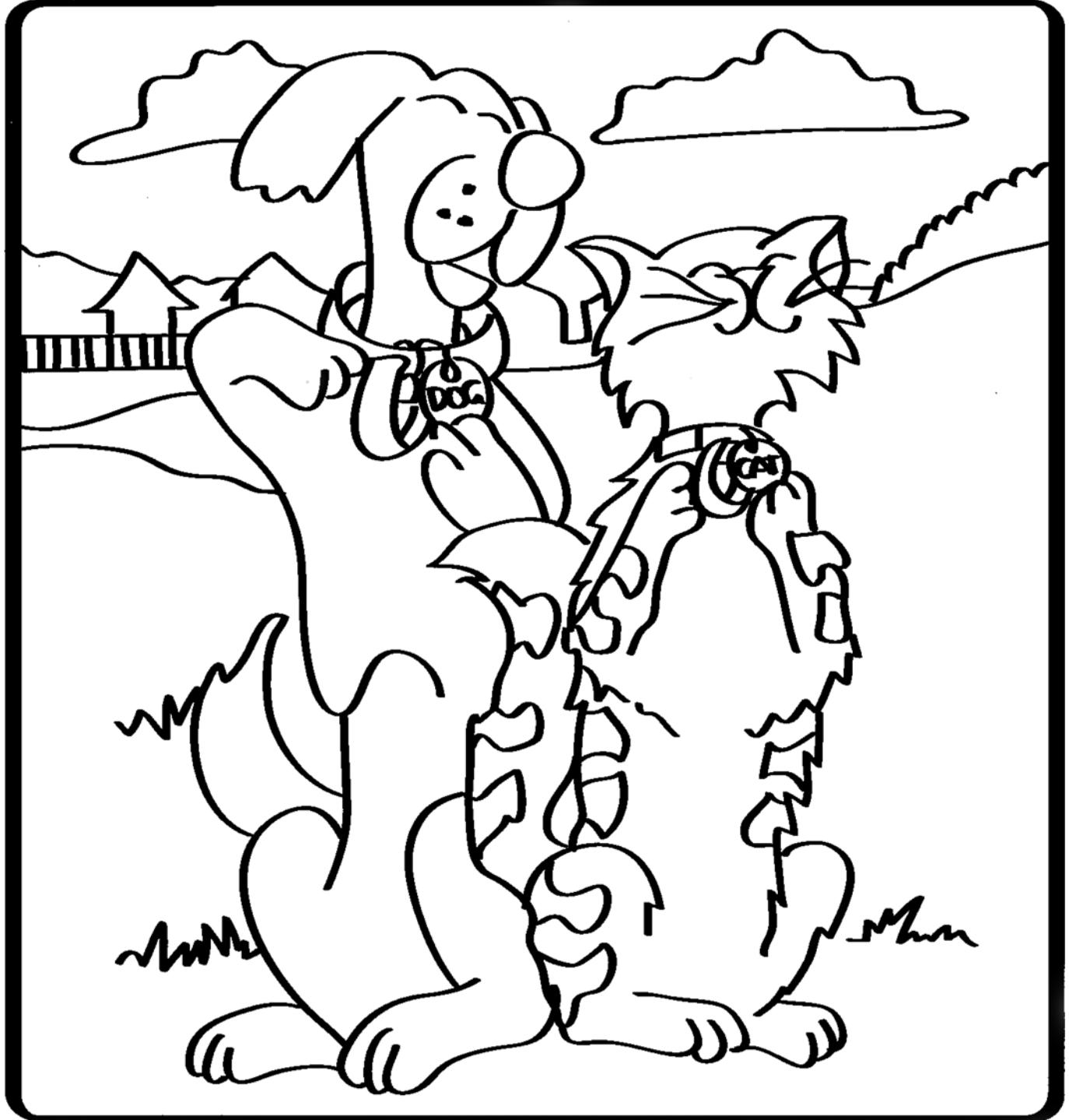
Dogs New Zealand



**responsible
pet ownership**



No Owner, No Leash, No Touch

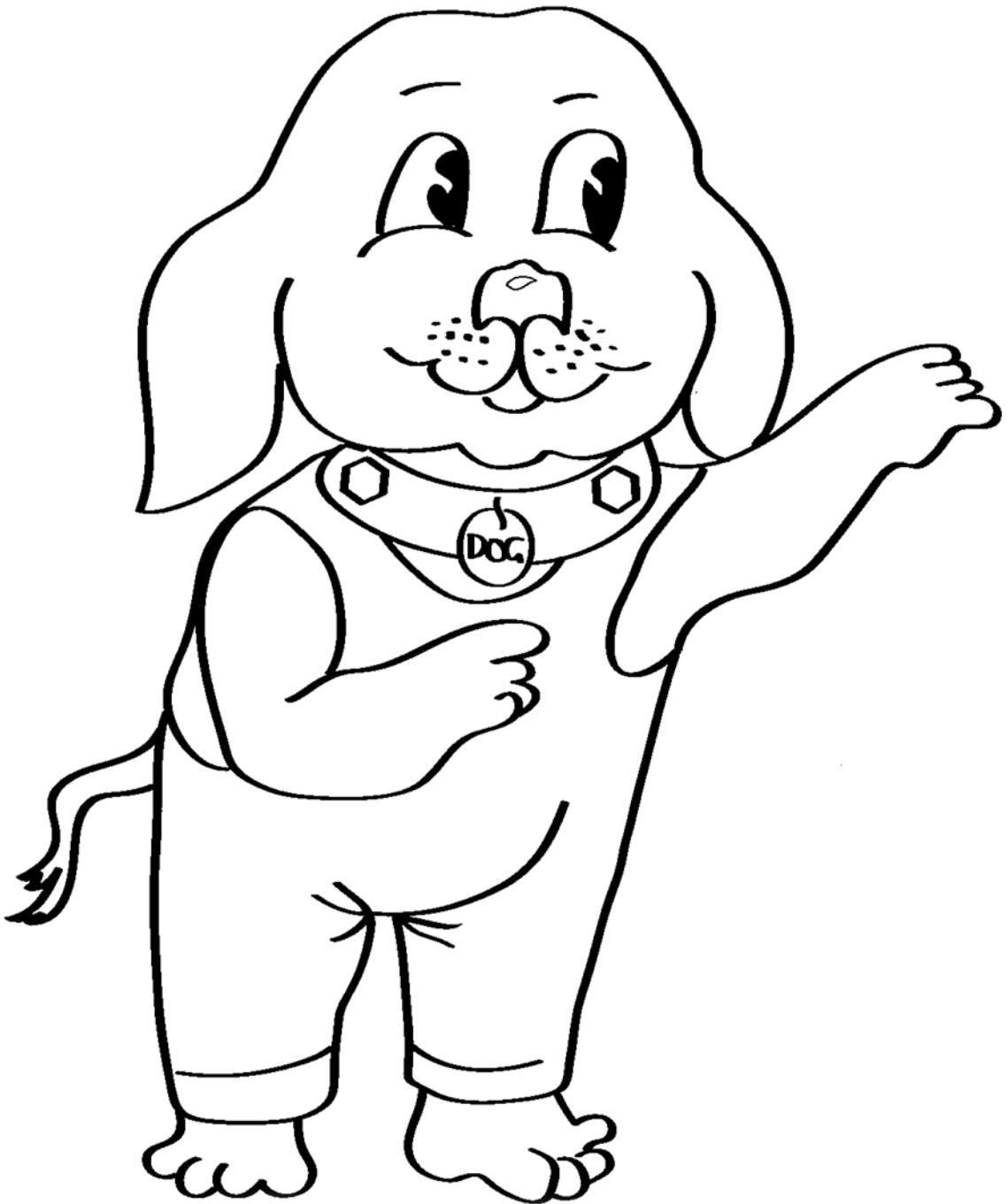


The law says pets have to be registered with the local council, from the time they are three months old. They have to wear a special registration tag, which has a number on it, so the council knows who the pet belongs to. Make sure your pet is wearing its tag, so it can be returned to you if it becomes lost.

All councils require dogs to have a microchip, which also helps lost dogs to be returned home.

For more information about responsible pet ownership, visit:

www.dogsnz.org.nz



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Matt and Charlotte want a pet. Their parents have helped them read books and look online to find the right kind of pet for their family.

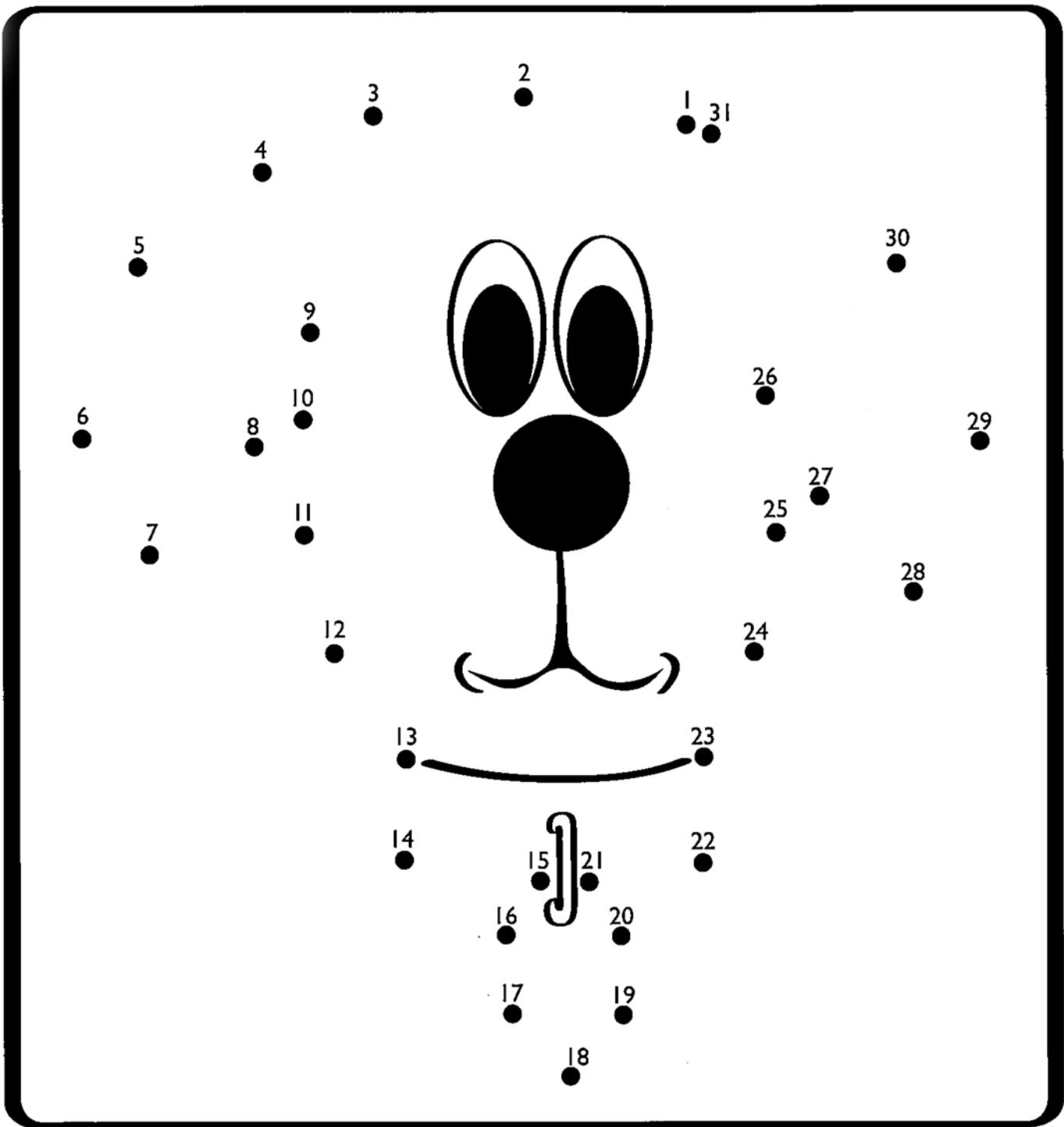
Safety Checklist For Kids

Dogs can be fun to play with, but remember - a dog is not a toy. Always be kind and gentle with your dog, and never poke, step on or pull your dog's hair, ears or tail.

Learn the following rules and share them with your family and friends:

- Always ask a dog's owner if you may pat the dog.
- There may be a very good reason why a dog should not be touched. He or she may be on duty as a handicapped person's helper, or may be hurt, sick, or afraid of children.
- Approach a dog from the front or side.
- Hold your hands low and speak softly. If you surprise a dog from behind, don't wave your hands in the air, or yell, you could scare the dog and cause him to try to bite you.
- Let a dog eat and sleep in peace.
- A dog who is eating may think you are going to take the food away if you come too close, so be sure to leave the dog alone until he or she is done. If a dog is sleeping, you might scare him if you come too close and wake him up, so wait until he wakes up by himself.
- Watch out for special toys.
- Some dogs have strong feelings for their balls and chew toys – just like you do with your favourite toys! You wouldn't want someone to grab your favourite toy away from you, so don't take a bone or toy from a dog's mouth unless you have trained him to drop it and give it to you first.
- Respect a dog's space.
- Dogs naturally protect their territories. Sticking your hand inside a strange dog's pen, through a fence or in a car window where a dog is sitting may cause them to bite to protect their property.

What type of pet do they choose?



BEFORE Matt and Charlotte buy a puppy they decide which breed is the right size for their house.



There are 221 different dog breeds in New Zealand.



Afghan Hound



Old English Sheepdog



Bedlington Terrier



Dachshund



Dalmatian

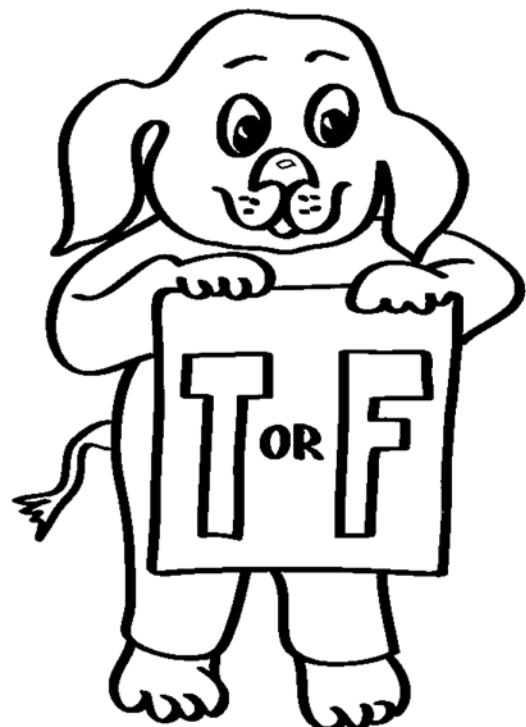


Which dogs are alike?

Draw a line to the dogs that are the same.

What have the children learnt about dogs?

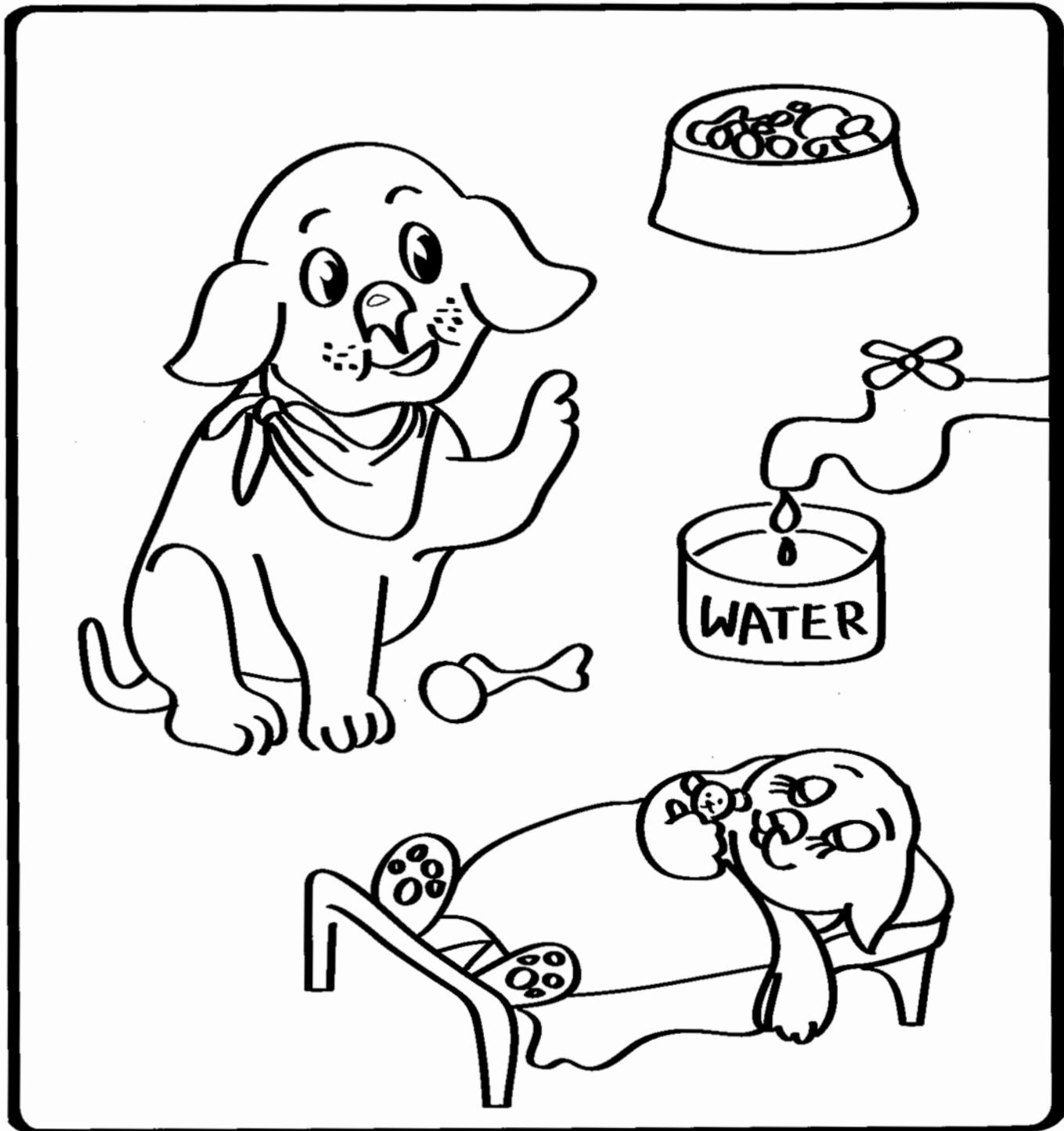
- Purebred dogs don't get spayed or neutered.
- The amount of food a dog eats depends on its size.
- Dogs get sick or die from eating chocolate, sultanas, grapes and onions.
- Dogs are hard work.
- Dogs don't need training.
- Some dogs get tattoos.
- Dogs and cats can be friends.
- Dogs need baths every week.
- Dogs have baby teeth.
- Dogs should only get exercise if they are fat.
- Dogs need to have injections to protect them from diseases.



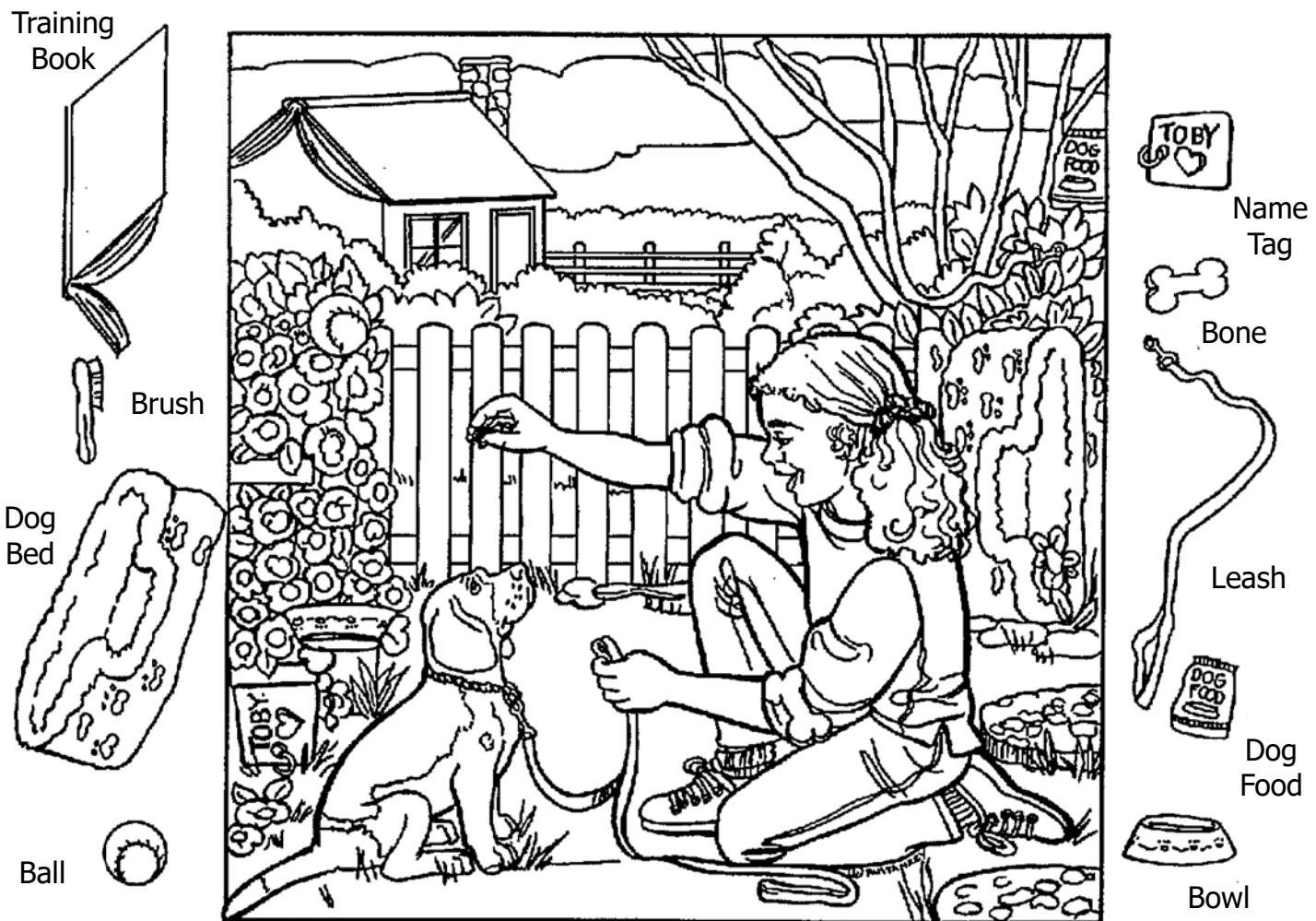
True or False?

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Matt and Charlotte need to be prepared when they bring home their new puppy. Food, water and a bed are important.



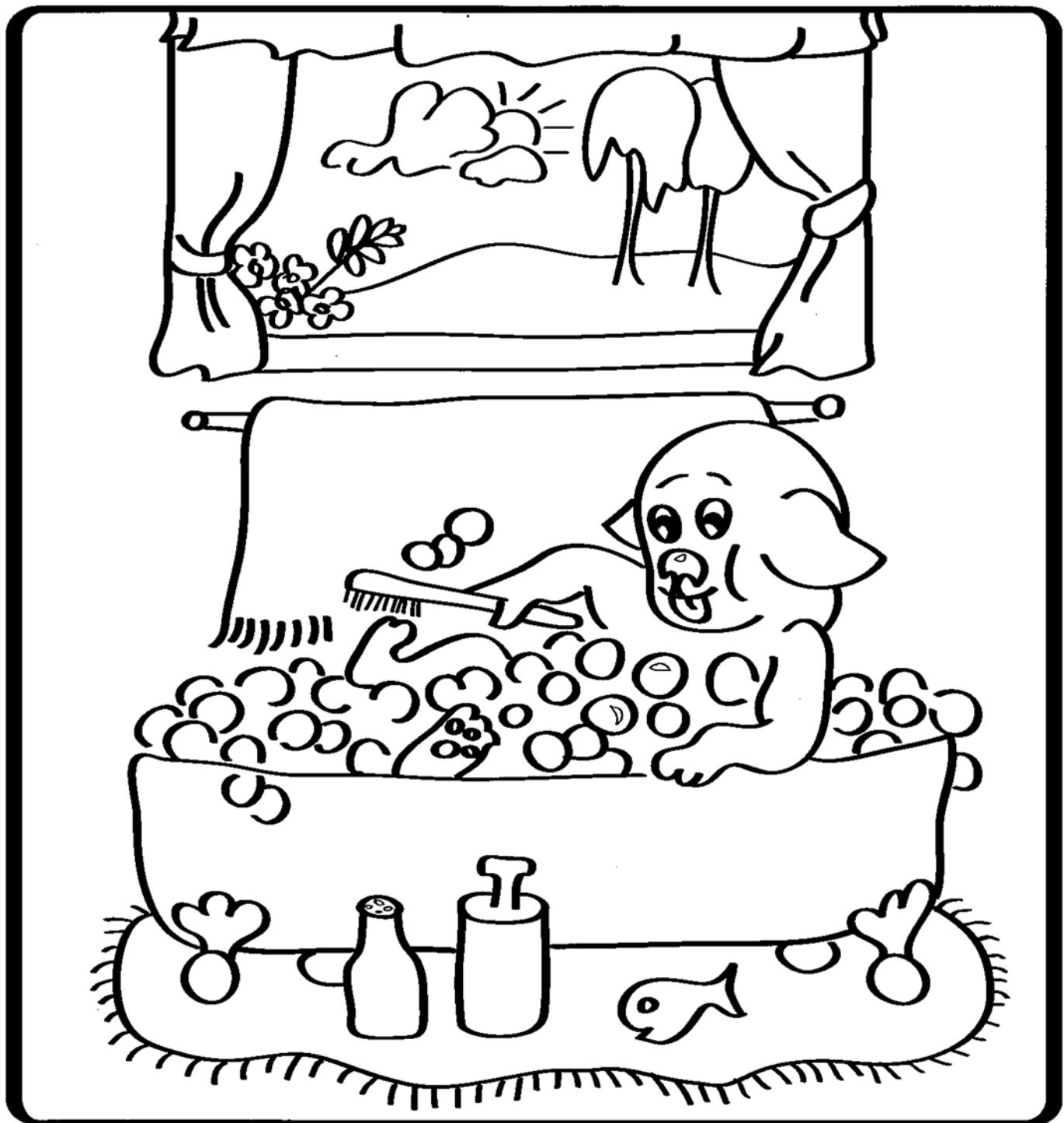
Matt and Charlotte have named their new puppy Lady. They want their puppy to grow up to be a well-behaved dog, so they are already teaching Lady to "sit", "stay" and "come". Matt and Charlotte and their parents knew that taking care of Lady would be a big responsibility. Before they brought the puppy home, they bought some of the things she would need. Can you find the hidden pictures of items they bought for Lady?



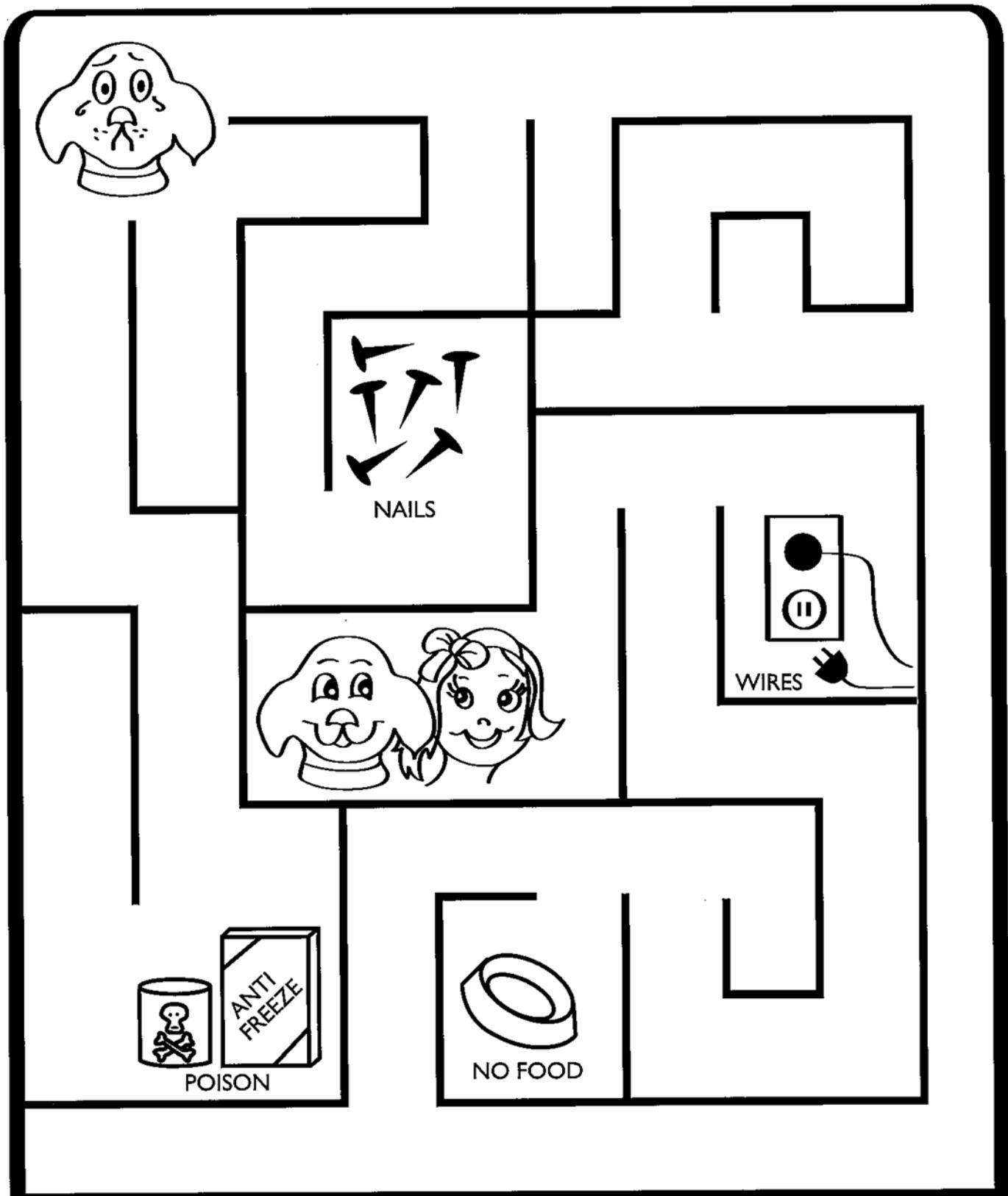
Lady went to the vet for injections
and a check up.



The children are learning how
To brush and bathe Lady.



They make sure the house is safe
for Lady.



Lady needs cool, fresh water all the time
– especially in hot weather.



Lady also needs extra care in winter.
Proper shelter is important too.



Word Search

W	Y	I	O	L	D	F	O	B	E	Y
N	O	N	S	P	O	R	T	I	N	G
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ATTENTION

GROOMING

PLAY

BALL

HERDING

SPORTING

DISH

HOUND

TERRIER

DUTY

LEAD

TRAINING

FOOD

LOVE

TOY

FRIEND

NONSPORTING

WATER

FUN

OBEY

WORKING

Charlotte walks Lady on a lead
and cleans up her messes.



Lady is praised when she is good.



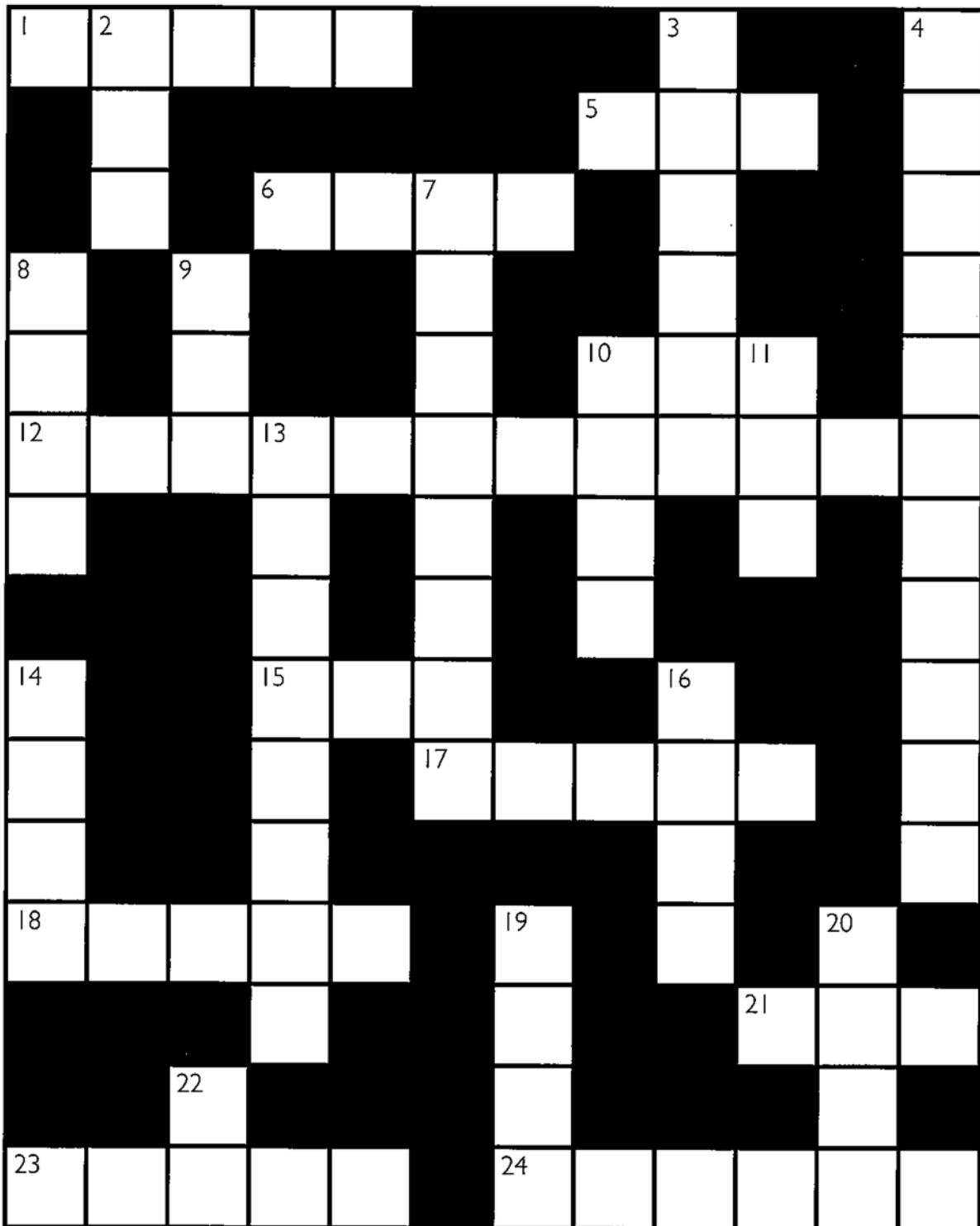
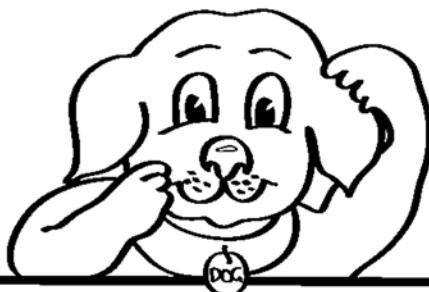
Crossword

ACROSS

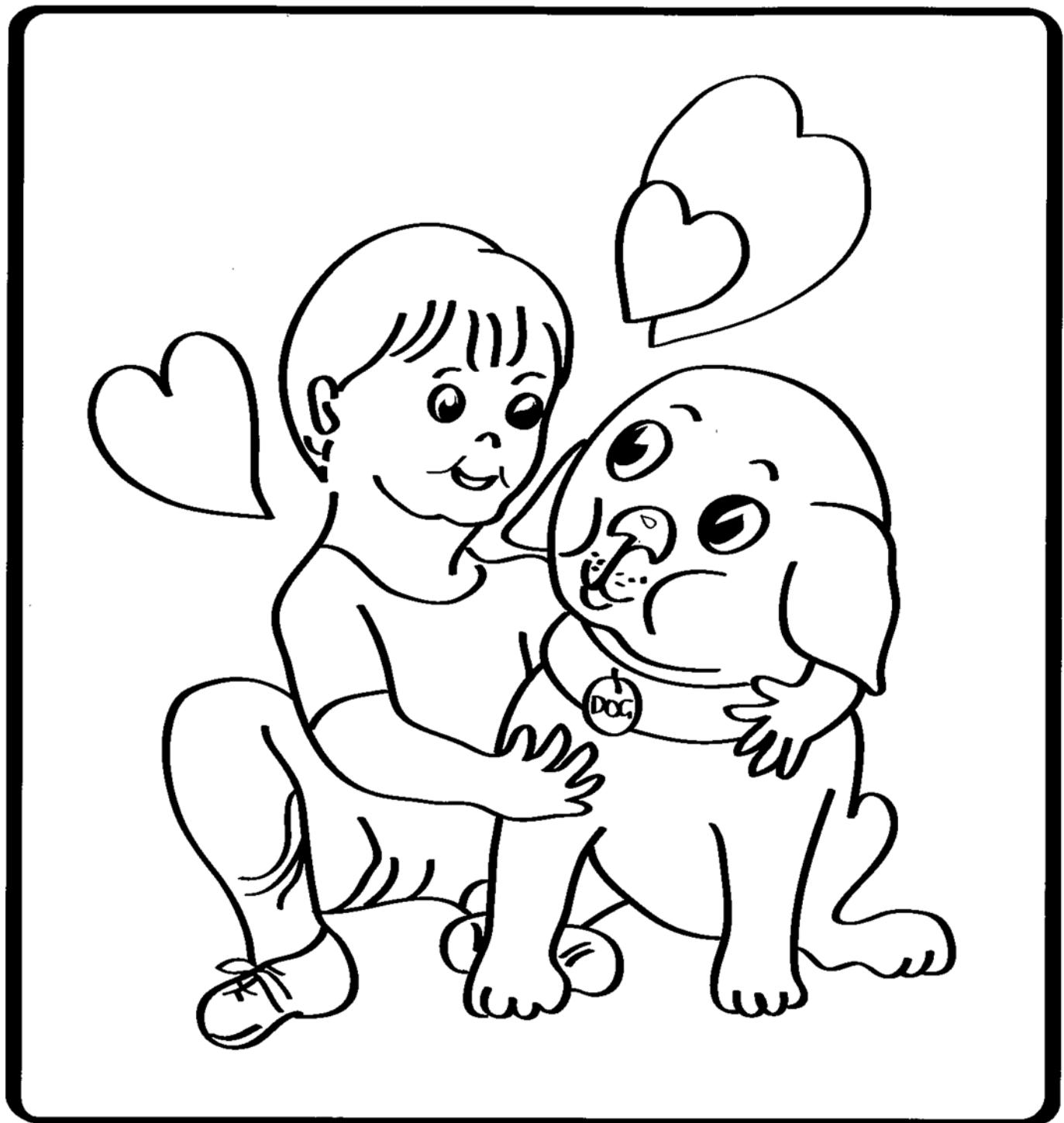
1. Your dog needs fresh ... daily.
5. Give your dog a chew ...
6. Keep your dog clean with a ...
10. If you're not a responsible owner a happy dog will turn ...
12. A doctor for dogs is a ...
15. Dogs need room to ... and play
17. To make a dog's coat neat, you or your groomer must do this.
18. All dogs must be on a ... when out for a walk.
21. Canine is another word for ...
23. You need one of these around your yard if you own a dog.
24. Puppy brothers and sisters born together are called a ...

DOWN

2. If you're not sure what breed is right for you ... the New Zealand Kennel Club.
3. A dog needs to wear a ... around its neck with I D.
4. What all dog owners should be.
7. Your dog needs this if you want it to behave.
8. Dogs need lots of ...
9. You can teach your dog to ... and stay.
10. Rescue dogs ... lives.
11. Some terriers like to ... up yards.
13. Dogs like to do this outside to stay in shape.
14. Dogs need two of these. One for food and one for water.
16. Dogs need this to grow.
19. Command you use when you walk your dog. Also a part of the body.
20. Command. Opposite of stay.
22. Dogs sleep ... their own bed.



Matt gives Lady love and attention.



ANSWERS

True/False

1. **False.** Purebred dogs do get spayed or neutered. There are many health benefits to spaying or neutering, such as a reduced risk of cancer.
2. **True.** Small, medium and large dogs eat different amounts of food, Toy breeds, which are small, should not eat a full roll of food in one sitting. Larger dogs need more food and nutrients.
3. **True.** Some food dogs eat can cause death.
4. **True.** Dogs need to be walked, fed, groomed and exercised.
5. **False.** All dogs should be trained. Dogs without training will become a nuisance to you and your neighbours.
6. **True.** All dogs need identification in case they get lost. Municipalities supply registration tags for all dogs. This is an excellent way for you to find your dog quickly if it gets lost.
7. **True.** If they are socialised properly, dogs and cats will get along. Many people own both pets and have no problems.
8. **False.** Usually a bath every month will take care of doggie odour. If you bathe your dog too much, its coat and skin may actually dry out and look worse.
9. **True.** Dogs have temporary teeth that fall out and are replaced by permanent teeth by the age of six or seven months.
10. **False.** Dogs always need exercise to stay in shape and so they don't get bored. Bored dogs are more likely to get sick or chew on your furniture.
11. **True.** Dogs get several series of injections when they're puppies to protect them from a variety of diseases. Some injections require a booster every year:

Crossword
Across
1. Water
2. Ask
3. Collar
4. Responsible
5. Toy
6. Bath
7. Training
8. Love
9. Sit
10. Run
11. Dig
12. Veterinarian
13. Exercise
14. Bowl
15. Groom
16. Food
17. Heel
18. Leash
19. Come
20. In
22. Down

Crossword



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