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Your friend has sent you a news article about a puppy mill. Read the news article.

Text 1 News article



News > Hong Kong

Illegal puppy mill discovered in Tsuen Wan

① On Sunday, 65 dogs were rescued from an illegal puppy mill in Tsuen Wan. SPCA workers searched the puppy mill at 4 p.m. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., volunteers
5 were taking the animals to veterinarians for care.

② Inside the puppy mill, animals were found in shocking conditions. The dogs were underfed. They didn't have fresh
10 water. They were also living in small, unclean cages. A number of the dogs required medical care to treat infections, broken limbs and diseases.

③ In contrast to reputable breeders, who take proper care of their dogs, puppy mills breed as many dogs as possible. This is to maximize the amount of money they make.
15 They do not care about the health of their dogs.



Two dogs were kept in a cramped cage.

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④ Most of the dogs rescued from the puppy mill were 'designer breeds'. This included Miniature Poodles, Chihuahuas and Golden Retrievers. These are popular choices for puppy mill owners. This is because of their popularity in Hong Kong and the high price of puppies.

⑤ Hong Kong is a hot spot for puppy mills due to lax animal welfare laws. However, in 2016, the government updated its laws to be stricter. All individuals selling puppies must now have a licence.

⑥ Charles Leung, who owns an animal shelter called Happy Paws, is concerned these laws do not go far enough.

⑦ 'This is a great first step. However, there aren't strict rules in Hong Kong about cage sizes. Many puppy mills can continue as normal.'

⑧ About 5,000 dogs are put down each year in shelters in Hong Kong. Many of them came from puppy mills and have serious health problems. Leung and many other shelter owners hope that people will choose to adopt dogs from shelters instead of buying from pet stores. 'The only way to put an end to puppy mills,' Leung says, 'is to stop giving them our money.'



The living conditions of puppy mills in Hong Kong can be horrifying.



Dogs rescued from puppy mills often have serious health problems.

Further simplified reading and comprehension

Unit 4

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Comprehension 1 *Your friend wants to know more about puppy mills in Hong Kong. Answer her questions using information from the news article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 When did the search of the puppy mill begin? _____

2 In what ways were the conditions in the puppy mill 'shocking'? Find problems mentioned in paragraph 2 and match them with the examples given in the column on the right.

Problems mentioned in paragraph 2	Examples
<i>(e.g.) The dogs were underfed. They didn't have fresh water.</i>	The dogs' food and water bowls were empty.
i) _____ _____	SPCA workers found one puppy with a serious eye infection.
ii) _____ _____	One of the dogs could not even turn around in its cage.

3 Which of the following can replace 'In contrast to' in line 13?

A Therefore

B On the other hand

C The same as

D Unlike

A B C D

○ ○ ○ ○

4 What does 'This' (line 14) refer to? _____

5 Complete the sentence.

Puppy mills do not care about the health of their dogs because _____

_____.

6 What are the TWO reasons that designer breeds are frequent choices for puppy mill operators?

i) _____

ii) _____

7 Which word in paragraph 5 means 'not strict'? _____

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8 What is Charles Leung's feeling towards Hong Kong's new regulations?

- A worried
- B angry
- C cheerful
- D proud

A B C D
○ ○ ○ ○

9 What is the name of the shelter that Charles Wong works at?

10 How many dogs are put down in shelters in Hong Kong each year?

11 Why do many dogs in shelters end up being put down?

- A They are 'designer breeds'.
- B They are sick.
- C They are too expensive to buy.
- D They look horrifying.

A B C D
○ ○ ○ ○

12 Complete the following summary using information from the news article. Use ONE word to complete each blank.

The SPCA shut down a/an (i) _____ puppy mill in Tsuen Wan, where 65 dogs were kept in (ii) _____ conditions. Puppy mills, in general, do not pay attention to the (iii) _____ of their animals. Instead, they focus on making (iv) _____. The Hong Kong government now requires people to get a/an (v) _____ if they want to sell a dog.

13 Complete the following sentences with words from Text 1.

- i) Due to famine, millions of children were severely _____ (*not given enough food*) and needed food donations to survive. (paragraph 2)
- ii) You can _____ (*to increase as much as possible*) your luggage space by rolling your shirts, trousers and dresses into tubes. (paragraph 3)
- iii) The Shiba and the Welsh Corgi have gained in _____ (*the state of being liked by a large number of people*) in recent years because they look cute. (paragraph 4)