



READING COMPREHENSION

Read the book "It's Raining Pups and Dogs!" by Jeanne Prevost and illustrated by Amelia Hansen. Then answer the questions.

1. Why is Lauren upset with her dad at the beginning of this story?

Lauren wanted her dog, Scout, to have a litter of pups. She wants to have a puppy and tells her dad that all her friends want a puppy. (Do you think they can have a puppy?)

2. Why does Lauren's dad drive her to their town's animal shelter? Does he tell her where they are going?

Lauren's dad wants Lauren to see for herself the situation of many animals and draw her own conclusions as to whether he made the right decision in spaying Scout. Her dad does not tell Lauren that they are going to the shelter.

3. What does Lauren think is the reason they have come to the animal shelter?

Lauren thinks her dad regrets having Scout spayed and that they are there to get another dog that they will not spay. (Page 10)

4. What is the first thing Lauren and her dad see upon arriving at the shelter?

A sign saying, "Food donations needed."

5. Describe what Lauren hears and sees as she tours the shelter.

Deafening barking and howling, whining. Dogs jumping. Some just stood and stared. (Page 11)

6. What does Lauren reflect upon after finding out that the shelter is always full?

How will all these animals get adopted. I wish I could help. I'm glad Scout lives with us and not here. (Page 15)

7. What action does Lauren take because of her visit to the shelter?

She volunteers to play with the dogs one hour a week.

8. What image flashes through Lauren's mind when she and her dad leave the shelter?

Lonely dogs pawing at metal bars of kennels.



9. How did Lauren help homeless animals? Would you like to volunteer at a shelter?

She spayed Scout and she volunteers.

10. Explain the book title and it's relation to what happens in the book.

Personal response. In the book, it is raining hard when they visit the shelter. One might think of the expression, "It's raining cats and dogs!" If we do not spay and neuter our pets, we have overpopulation (raining pups and dogs) and many animals find themselves in shelters. Not all the animals will be adopted. As Lauren's dad wisely says, "But every single puppy you give to a friend or sell to someone means one less home for a shelter dog." (Page 20)