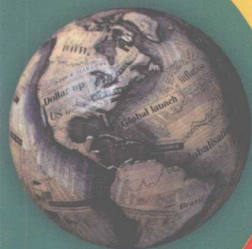


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这本书展示了动物们的另一面,当它们愤怒时或者恐惧时或者仅仅出于本能的反应的时候,它们显示出的可怕力量。书中的文章并不是让你害怕动物,相反,它提醒我们必须尊重动物。文章告诉我们要与生物分享这个世界,虽然它们有时是残暴的、好斗的、忍耐力很强的、聪明的、狡猾的、还会有各种不可预料的情绪,但是总之它们会让你着迷。

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UNIT 1

LESSON 1

The Menace of Pit Bulls



The pit bull has been bred for hundreds of years to be a fearless fighter. But now, especially in urban areas, many people feel that this guard dog is too ferocious for its own good.

Betty Lou Stidham lived in terror. She feared the dogs next door to her—two ferocious pit bulls. Earlier, these dogs had mauled Stidham's own dog. Stidham, who lived alone, asked the city to have the two pit bulls put to sleep. But officials in Memphis, Tennessee, said no. They said her dog had caused the attack. It had stuck its paw through the neighbor's fence.

And so, on a steamy day in 1990, Betty Lou Stidham walked out to her mailbox to get the mail. As she walked back toward her house, the two pit bulls struck. Somehow they had gotten outside their chain-link fence. Fifty-seven-year-old Stidham never had a chance. The snarling dogs jumped all over her. Karen Gomez was driving by in her car at the time. "There was this large body [Stidham weighed 200 pounds] with hardly any clothes on," said Gomez. "There was a dog on each side pulling on the body, which seemed lifeless."

But Stidham wasn't dead—not yet. She did what she could to fend off the pit bulls. A neighbor who witnessed part of the struggle said, "At times [Stidham] would raise her right hand up. When she did, [the dogs] would attack the hand. You could tell she was still alive, maybe barely."

The neighbor desperately wanted to help Stidham. Grabbing two brooms, she began to run toward the dogs. But a friend stopped her. "She beat on me with her fists to let her go help," said the friend. "But I couldn't let her do it. They would have killed her too." Meanwhile, someone had called 911. An ambulance arrived and rushed Stidham to the hospital. But it was too late. Stidham had lost too much blood. She died four hours later.

Betty Lou Stidham isn't the only person to be attacked by angry pit bulls. In Michigan, a pit bull broke out of its owner's backyard. It went into a neighbor's yard where young Kyle Corullo was playing. The pit bull killed the little boy by breaking his neck. In Alabama, two pit bulls attacked Johnny Ford as he jogged. Ford, who was the city's mayor, saved himself by climbing up a tree. Still, the dogs did plenty of damage. They nearly ripped off one of Ford's legs.

Dozens of people have been mauled or killed by pit bulls in recent years. What makes these dogs so vicious? Pit bulls—which are really bull terriers—are strongly built. And they have been bred to be fierce. It has been said that a pit bull would rather fight than eat. In the 1800s, some owners set up fights between these dogs. Two dogs would be put into a pit. They would fight while people, who bet on one dog or the other, cheered.



The Wild Side

Although pit bull fighting is now against the law, some people still use the dogs as fighters. Some use the dogs for protection. They keep pit bulls as guard dogs. Others just like the breed. They say that a well-trained pit bull can make a marvelous pet. They are loyal and they love to be around people. "There's no dog that has a bigger heart," said one pit bull owner. "You can just feel the love coming from this dog."

In fact, many dog experts claim that the problem lies not with the dogs but with the owners. Some people treat their pit bulls badly. Others don't bother to train the dogs properly. So perhaps the owners are to blame for pit bull attacks. Today, owners in some places face fines or even jail if their pit bulls attack someone.

So, is the pit bull a good dog or a bad dog? It depends. If the dog is curled up on your lap by the fire, it's a good dog. But if it's tearing at your arm, it's a real menace.

Reading Time: Lesson 1

Minutes _____

Seconds _____

Comprehension

heck阅读理解

(总分=100分 每题=25分)



主旨题

M= 符合中心思想 15分 B= 涉及范围过广 10分 N= 表达不全面 10分

M-Main Idea

B-Too Broad

N-Too Narrow

- _____ 1. Some dogs can be very dangerous and should not be trusted. [This statement is too broad. The article is about a particular kind of dog, the pit bull.]
- _____ 2. Bred to be fighters, pit bulls can be vicious pets. [This is the main idea. It tells what the article is about—the pit bull. It also tells you what the dog is like.]
- _____ 3. In the 1800s some owners set up fights between pit bulls and bet on which would win. [This statement is true, but it is too narrow. It gives only one piece, or detail, from the article.]



细节题(每小题=5分)

本文中的细节你记住了多少? 选出正确的答案。

1. Betty Lou Stidham feared the dogs next door because _____.
 - a. they made too much noise.
 - b. they had hurt her dog.
 - c. she disliked all dogs.
2. A pit bull killed young Kyle Corullo by _____.
 - a. breaking his neck.
 - b. tearing an artery.
 - c. cutting off his air supply.
3. Betty Stidham was attacked by pit bulls while _____.
 - a. sitting in her living room.
 - b. teasing the dogs.
 - c. walking back from her mailbox.
4. Pit bulls are really a kind of _____.
 - a. collie.
 - b. terrier.
 - c. spaniel.
5. A pit bull can be a good dog if it is _____.
 - a. trained properly.
 - b. always kept away from people.
 - c. ignored all the time.



推理题(总分=25分 每小题=5分)

将个人意见与文中所提供的信息结合起来,判断下列句子是否正确。

(C= 正确推理 F= 错误推理)

C-Correct Inference

F-Faulty Inference

- _____ 1. You can always count on a strong chain-link fence to keep pit bulls away from you. [This is a faulty inference. The pit bulls next door to Betty Stidham found a way out of their fenced yard.]
- _____ 2. More than other dog owners, pit bull owners have a responsibility to care for their pets. [This is a correct inference. Since pit bulls have been bred to be fighters, it is especially important to train and treat them properly.]
- _____ 3. Once a pit bull has pulled its victim down to the ground, it loses interest in him or her. [This is a faulty inference. The pit bulls continued to attack Betty Stidham even after she was down.]
- _____ 4. In the hands of cruel or violent people, the pit bull could be a dangerous weapon. [This is a correct inference. It would be easy, it seems, to train a pit bull to be as violent as its owner wishes]
- _____ 5. Pit bulls cannot climb trees. [This is a correct inference. Mayor Johnny Ford escaped from a pit bull by climbing a tree.]



语义题(总分=25分,正确表明 C=3分,正确表明 O=2分)

选出与文中单词或短语意思相近或相反的一项。

(C= 意思相近 O= 意思相反或接近相反)

C-Closest

O-Opposite or Nearly Opposite

1. She feared the dogs next door to her-two ferocious pit bulls.
 _____ a. friendly and gentle _____ b. fierce; brutal
 _____ c. young
2. Earlier, these dogs had mauled Stidham's own dog.
 _____ a. injured _____ b. come to the aid of
 _____ c. passed by
3. She did what she could to fend off the pit bulls.

_____ a. invite to come closer

_____ b. remember

_____ c. drive away

4. What makes these dogs so vicious?

_____ a. unusual

_____ b. peaceful; kind

_____ c. savage; violent

5. But if it's tearing at your arm, it's a real menace.

_____ a. one who threatens to harm others

_____ b. shock

_____ c. one who tries to help others



态度题(答对的问题数_____)

根据作者态度,选出正确答案。

1. The authors use the first sentence of the article to _____

a. make the reader curious about what was frightening Betty Lou Stidham.

b. describe Betty Lou Stidham's personality.

c. compare pit bulls and other dogs.

2. From the statements below, choose those that you believe the authors would agree with. _____

a. No one should be allowed to own pit bulls, since these dogs are so vicious.

b. Pit bulls need to be treated with kindness, or they may become vicious.

c. People who are afraid of pit bulls are foolish.

3. What is the authors' purpose in writing "The Menace of Pit Bulls"? _____

a. to persuade readers not to own pit bulls

b. to inform readers about how vicious some pit bulls may be

c. to describe the way some owners feel about their pit bulls

4. Choose the statement below that best describes the authors' position in paragraph 7. _____

a. Different people have different reasons for keeping pit bulls.

b. Using pit bulls as guard dogs makes them dangerous.

c. No dog is more gentle and loving than the pit bull.

Angry Animals



诠释题(答对的问题数_____)

选出下列对文章内容解释最合理的一项。

1. Below are summaries of the article. Choose the summary that says all the most

important things about the article but in the fewest words. _____

a. Pit bulls can be dangerous. [This summary leaves out almost all of the important details, such as how and why pit bulls are dangerous.]

b. Pit bulls may attack no reason at all, as one attacked Betty Lou Stidham in her.

Many people agree that because pit bulls were bred to be fighters in the 1800s they are too dangerous to be kept as pets, even if some people claim that they are loyal and lovable. [This summary presents important ideas from the article but includes too many unnecessary details.]

c. Although some people love pit bulls, these dogs can be unpredictable and vicious.

[This summary says all the most important things about the article in the fewest words.] _____

2. Read the statement from the article below. Then read the paraphrase of that statement. Choose the reason that best tells why the paraphrase does not say the same thing as the statement. _____

Statement: It has been said that a pit bull would rather fight than eat.

Paraphrase: Pit bulls do not enjoy fighting, nor do they like to eat.

a. Paraphrase says too much.

b. Paraphrase doesn't say enough.

c. Paraphrase doesn't agree with the statement. [The first statement implies that pit bulls enjoy fighting so much that they would choose to fight over an enjoyable activity such as eating. The second statement says that pit bulls don't enjoy either fighting or eating.]



逻辑题(答对的问题数_____)

对于问题 1,2,3 请按照提示作答。其它问题选出正确答案。

1. For each statement below, write *O* if it expresses an opinion or write *F* if it expresses a fact. _____

a. Pit bulls are stronger than many other dogs.

b. You can never trust a pit bull.

c. Only people who don't care about their neighbors would own a pit bull.

2. Choose from the letters below to correctly complete the following statement. Write the letters on the lines.

On the positive side, _____, but on the negative side .

- a. some people use pit bulls as guard dogs
- b. pit bulls can be brave and loyal
- c. pit bulls can be vicious and mean

3. Reread paragraph 6. Then choose from the letters below to correctly complete the following statement. Write the letters on the lines.

According to paragraph 6, _____ because _____.

- a. in the past, pit bulls were bred to be fighters
- b. pit bulls are really bull terriers
- c. today's pit bulls are sometimes vicious

4. If you were a dog trainer, how could you use the information in the article to train pit bulls? _____

- a. Be nervous and afraid around pit bulls because they can become dangerous.
- b. Know that you need to take special care in training pit bulls or they could become dangerous.
- c. Refuse to train pit bulls because these dogs are dangerous.

5. What did you have to do to answer question 3? _____

- a. find a cause (why something happened)
- b. find an opinion (what someone thinks about something)
- c. make a prediction (what might happen next)

Self Assessment 自我评估

A question I would like answered by Johnny Ford is [Write a question to ask Johnny Ford concerning his brush with death when the pit bull attacked him.]

Before reading this article, I already knew [Recall facts you knew about pit bull attacks by other vicious dogs.]

牛头犬的威胁

几百年来,人们养牛头犬作为勇敢的斗士。但是现在尤其是在城市地区,许多人感到这种看门狗太狂暴了以至于威胁到了自己的安全。

贝蒂·罗·斯蒂德海姆生活在恐惧之中。她害怕邻居养的两条凶猛的牛头犬。以前,这些狗咬伤了斯蒂德海姆的狗。斯蒂德海姆一个人生活,她要求城市主管部门把这两条牛头犬杀死。但是田纳西州孟菲斯的官员说不行,他们说她的狗导致了那次攻击,因为它的爪子伸过了邻居家的围栏。

在1990年的一个湿气很重的白天,贝蒂·罗·斯蒂德海姆走到她的邮箱去取信件,当她返回房屋的时候,两条牛头犬发动了攻击。它们不知道怎么挣脱了锁链。57岁的斯蒂德海姆根本不是对手。两条咆哮着的狗跳到了她的身上。凯伦·格麦兹当时正开车经过。“当时的情景是她那高大的身体[斯蒂德海姆的体重达到200磅]几乎衣服都被撕扯掉了,”格麦兹说,“在她的身体两边各有一条狗死死咬住,她的身体一动不动。”

但是斯蒂德海姆没有死——当时还没有。她尽力抵抗着牛头犬的进攻。一个目击了部分情景的邻居说:“[斯蒂德海姆]多次举起右手。她一这样做,[狗]就会攻击她的右手。能看出来当时她还活着,也许是仅仅剩下一口气。”

邻居极力想冲上去帮助斯蒂德海姆。她抓起了两把扫帚,开始向狗冲了过去。但是一个朋友阻止了她。“她用她的拳头打着我,要去帮助,”那位朋友说,“但是我不能让她那样做。它们可能也会把她咬死。”同时有人打了911。一辆救护车到达,把斯蒂德海姆送到了医院。但是已经太晚了。斯蒂德海姆失血过多,四个小时后她死了。

贝蒂·罗·斯蒂德海姆不是愤怒的牛头犬攻击下死亡的唯一一个。在密歇根州一条牛头犬闯出了主人的后院。进入了邻居的庭院,当时小孩凯尔·库鲁罗正在玩耍。那条牛头犬扭断孩子的脖子杀死了小孩。在阿拉巴马州,约翰尼·福特当时正在跑步,两条牛头犬向他发动了攻击。福特是城市的市长。爬上了树逃了一命。但是狗也造成了大量的破坏。它们几乎把福特的一条腿扯了下来。

在近些年,有几十人被牛头犬咬伤或者咬死。是什么使这些狗如此凶暴?牛头犬——是真正的牛头猎犬——身体十分强壮。养育它们的方式目的就在于培养凶残。据说,牛头犬宁可战斗也不去吃食。在19世纪,一些狗的主人设立了一些赛狗的比赛。两条狗放到了同一个坑里。它们会大咬出口,而人们会为一条或者另一条狗下注,欢呼。

虽然现在牛头犬斗狗违法,但是一些人仍然使用这种狗作为斗狗。有些人养狗