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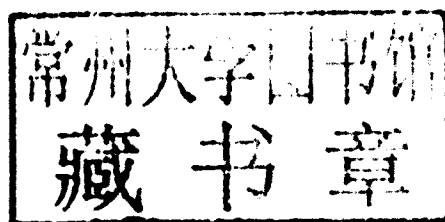
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一、注重培养学生快速、准确、有效地获取信息的能力,把握文章中心思想,重点训练学生见“树”也见“林”的能力。学生通过阅读实践,扩大英语词汇量,提高阅读速度和理解能力。

二、在选材时注重了题材的多样性、内容的启迪性、语言的纯正性等。题材方面既有贴近大学生生活的主题,如西方文化、爱情与友谊等,也涵盖了教育、科技、体育与健康、环境保护、计算机与网络等领域。选文的主题积极,有一定的教育意义,能够帮助学生理解和发现生活中的真、善、美。选材多样,体裁和风格各有不同,语言表达方式丰富多彩。

三、结构上采用了头脑风暴、课文正文、词汇解释、难点注释、阅读理解练习和翻译训练等内容。在阅读词汇方面,本教程将教学大纲规定的四级重点词汇列在了每篇文章的后面,以供学习者预习及重点掌握。六级和超纲词汇在词汇解释里有特殊标识,★代表六级词汇,▲代表超纲词汇。

本教程共计四册,每册16个单元。每单元分为两个部分。第一部分由课文(Text A)、词汇表及相应的练习组成,其中Text A作为精

读使用。第二部分由课文(Text B)、词汇表及相应的练习组成,其中 Text B 作为快速阅读使用,其目的是培养学生在有限的时间内快速准确地获取主要信息的能力。每册书后附有该册全部练习答案,供教师和学生参考。

《大学英语泛读教程》采取集体研讨,分工负责的原则编写。编委会多次就编写体例、选材等问题集体研讨。主编及参编人员均为长期工作在大学英语教学一线的专家和学者。《大学英语泛读教程》(第二册)主编为徐晓红,参加编写的主要人员有冯彩霞、刘凤、李秋、李海燕等。

本教程在编写过程中,听取了同行专家的意见和建议。外籍专家 James S. Reynolds 和 Kane Kevin 审阅了全部书稿,并提出了许多建设性的意见。编者衷心希望该教程能对学习者加强语言输入、提高阅读水平助一臂之力。由于编者的水平有限,教材中难免有不足与疏漏之处,恳请广大读者予以指正。

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Unit 1

Pets



Part I Brainstorming

Answer the following questions.

1. If you could keep a pet of your own, what pet would you choose and why?
2. Why do most people prefer to keep dogs as their pets? Give some possible reasons.
3. Human cultures all take animals as friends. As a college student, what can you do to protect animals?



Part II Reading

Text A

My Best Friend Arnold

Author unknown

- 1 I recently lost my best friend Arnold in an automobile accident while moving my family to our new home in Arizona. Arnold was an 8-month-old pot belly who taught me so much about love, devotion and companionship. I am devastated by his loss, but thank God daily for blessing me with the joy of having Arnold for his short life.
- 2 Anyone contemplating a pot belly as a pet should know that if you are a true pet lover and devote yourself to them, a pot belly will make the most wonderful friend. You will be assured of endless hours of fascination and entertainment as you both grow together in understanding the human/pot belly relationship. Words cannot describe this relationship and it can only be fully understood by experiencing it.
- 3 Arnold didn't know he was a pig — he thought he was just another member of our family — modeling his behavior through observing me, my wife, my two daughters and

our beagles. He was convinced he was loved by all; and he was, even when he was ornery (脾气坏的,故意刁难的), trying to just get our attention. He learned his name, how to sit and how to use the litter box all in the first week we had him (at 7 weeks old!).

4 He loved to sleep on your lap as you sat on the couch watching TV. He didn't care if he grew to weigh 45 lbs, he still expected you to hoist (掀起) him onto your lap at precisely 8:00 pm every evening where he would fall fast asleep within seconds after snuggling (挨近) his wet nose between your neck and shoulder. If you didn't respond to his initial "honks (雁叫)" letting you know it was his nap time, he would bump your legs with his nose until you picked him up. With his weight as it was, you couldn't hold him all evening as he preferred, so you had to slide him off onto the couch next to you where he would sleep for hours with all four legs and his nose sticking straight up in the air. He would snore as long as he could feel you next to him but would immediately wake up if you tried to leave the couch. We had hours of fun balancing objects like a salt shaker on his flat nose while he slept soundly.

5 Arnold helped me in all my chores around our five acres in the country. Just being there at my feet, interested in what I was doing made even the most mundane (平凡的,世俗的) tasks enjoyable. When he was out roaming and hunting and you would call out his name, he would come running at top speed, honking the whole way until he got close to you where he would dodge you, zigzagging around with a few victory roles turning in circles before settling down and calmly walking up to you with his tail wagging as if to say (winking) "hah, got-cha."

6 He even helped me build a kit aircraft and a customized trailer (拖车) to haul it around in. I was planning on taking him flying with me some day. He loved to play with my sockets and rolled them around on the shop floor. Just as I would struggle and get frustrated with some difficult task, Arnold would show up underneath the trailer, with his wet nose in my ear and honking — seeming to say, "take a break and laugh with me for a while, that should make it all better." And it did, every time. God's marvelous creations minister to us in the most special ways if we can just stop for a few moments and observe them. God used Arnold to teach us this very important lesson in life which we will never forget.

7 My wife and two daughters began to say that Arnold and I were so close that he had become the son that I never had in our family. It seemed that we could no longer have any kind of conversation in our family or with our friends without Arnold being a main topic. The neighborhood kids would make appointments to come visit Arnold and couldn't wait to come over and play with him.

8 Arnold went most everywhere with us — Pet's Mart, Wal-Mart, birthday parties, Christmas vacation to Grandma's. He loved riding in the car/shopping basket and was a

big hit everywhere he went. Arnold had become such an important part of our life that when we found out that our family would have to move to another state, we insisted that the contract on our new house be dependent on the homeowners' association approval of Arnold in writing before we would agree to purchasing in our prestigious neighborhood.

9 On the day we left our old home town, we had a going away lunch with our friends from church. Everyone there just had to go out to the truck where Arnold and all our other pets were and say goodbye. Arnold trusted me to take care of him and get him to his new home. Tragically, along the way, the wind blast from a semi knocked our trailers out of control and pushed our truck off a 40' bridge. We lost a big part of our family that day when our pets Arnold, Sweeti and Leanna were killed. I feel terrible for not being able to protect Arnold the way he trusted me to. However, I will be forever grateful for the fond memories of him which I will cherish forever.

10 Thank you for reading this and allowing me to share some of Arnold's life with you. If you decide that a pot belly is the right choice for you both, I pray that you will be rewarded in the same way my family was with Arnold.

(972 words)

New Words and Expressions

automobile *n.* 汽车

devotion *n.* 虔诚, 献身, 奉献

companionship *n.* 友谊, 伙伴关系, 交情

bless *v.* 保佑, 祝福, 赐福

*contemplate *v.* 注视, 沉思, 打算

convince *v.* 使确信, 使信服, 说服

couch *n.* 长椅, 睡椅, 长沙发

lap *n.* 膝部

initial *adj.* 开始的, 最初的, 字首的

bump *v.* 碰撞

slide *v.* 使滑动

▲snore *v.* 打鼾, 打呼噜

call out 大声叫喊

▲roam *v.* 漫游, 闲逛, 徜徉

★dodge *v.* 避开, 躲避

zigzag *v.* 曲折前行

▲wag *v.* 摇摆

settle down 安下心来, 定居

haul *v.* 拖, 拉, 拖运

underneath *prep.* 在……下面

contract *n.* 合同, 合约

association *n.* 协会, 社团, 联想

Notes

1. pot belly 大肚皮, 这里指的是宠物猪。
2. beagle 比格猎犬, 以耐力和精力旺盛著称, 耐热耐寒, 脾气温顺, 能快乐地和孩子及其他宠物共处, 但不易适应家居生活。
3. lbs = pounds

4. Pet's Mart 宠物市场

5. Wal-Mart 沃尔玛(美国零售百货商场)

I. Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

1. We can infer from Paragraph 3 that _____.

- A. Arnold had no idea that he was a pig
- B. Arnold was a very naughty pig
- C. Arnold was a very clever pig
- D. Arnold was a member of the family

2. Which of the following is closest in the meaning to the word "chore" in Line 1 of Paragraph 5?

- A. Assignment.
- B. Housework.
- C. Homework.
- D. Task.

3. What important life lesson does Arnold teach us which we will never forget?

- A. Life is full of hardships and difficulties, but we should not complain.
- B. Sometimes we may need to struggle to overcome the hardships and difficulties in life.
- C. When we meet hardships and difficulties in life, we need to take a break and let things be.
- D. When we meet hardships and difficulties in life and get frustrated, we need to take a break and things will be better.

4. According to the passage, who do you think Sweeti and Leanna are?

- A. The narrator's two daughters.
- B. The narrator's two other pets.
- C. The narrator's daughter and wife.
- D. The narrator's wife and mother.

5. Arnold does all the following things EXCEPT _____.

- A. Sitting on command and use the litter box
- B. Sitting on your lap and watch TV with you
- C. Responding to you if you call its name
- D. Imitating me, my wife and my two daughter's behaviors

6. Which of the following is NOT TRUE?

- A. Pot bellies can be the most wonderful friends if you really love them and devote yourself to them.
- B. Arnold would sleep soundly as long as he could feel you next to him.
- C. We can't have any conversation in our family or with friends without Arnold being a main topic.
- D. The only time that we don't love Arnold is when he is angry and tries to get our attention.

II. Language Focus

Fill in the gaps with the words or phrase chosen from the box. Change the form where necessary.

companionship	bless	contemplate	convince	initial
bump	settle down	underneath	contract	association

1. She was wearing a woolen coat, with a cotton blouse underneath.
2. The police investigated various kinds of trouble after the football match.
3. After working abroad for several years, Gill wants to return to a permanent job in Britain.
4. I ran so fast that I bumped my knee on the wall.
5. People keep pets for different reasons; some for amusement, some for companionship.
6. At the end of the wedding ceremony, the priest asks for all present to initial this couple and their loving commitment to each other.
7. After she'd overcome her initial shyness, she became very friendly.
8. The waste disposal industry is finding it difficult to convince the public that its operations are safe.
9. Black was considered inappropriate because of its association with death.
10. He was given a seven-year contract with an annual salary of \$150,000.

III. Translation

Complete the sentences by translating into English the Chinese given in brackets.

1. (如果你全身心投入到英语学习中) if you devote yourself to learning English, your English will be greatly improved.
2. (语言无法形容) language cannot describe the sorrow and it can only be fully understood by experiencing it.
3. (政府没有做出任何反应) the government made no response the committee's proposal.
4. (我将永远感激) I will be forever grateful for what you have done for me.
5. I am quite sure that your kindness will be rewarded (将得到回报).

Text B

How Could You?

By Jim Willis

1. When I was a puppy, I entertained you with my antics (古怪、滑稽的动作和行为) and made you laugh. You called me your child, and despite a number of chewed shoes and a couple of murdered throw pillows, I became your best friend. Whenever I was "bad", you'd

shake your finger at me and ask “How could you?” — but then you’d relent (变温和, 动怜悯之心), and roll me over for a belly rub.

2 My housebreaking took a little longer than expected, because you were terribly busy, but we worked on that together. I remember those nights of nuzzling (紧挨地躺着) you in bed and listening to your confidences and secret dreams, and I believed that life could not be any more perfect. We went for long walks and runs in the park, car rides, stops for ice cream (I only got the cone because “ice cream is bad for dogs,” you said), and I took long naps in the sun waiting for you to come home at the end of the day.

3 Gradually, you began spending more time at work and on your career, and more time searching for a human mate. I waited for you patiently, comforted you through heartbreaks and disappointments, never blamed you about bad decisions, and romped (欢快地迅速奔跑) with joy at your homecomings, and when you fell in love. She, now your wife, is not a “dog person” — still I welcomed her into our home, tried to show her affection, and obeyed her. I was happy because you were happy.

4 Then the human babies came along and I shared your excitement. I was fascinated by their pinkness, how they smelled, and I wanted to mother them, too. Only she and you worried that I might hurt them, and I spent most of my time banished to another room, or to a dog crate. Oh, how I wanted to love them, but I became a “prisoner of love”. As they began to grow, I became their friend. They clung to my fur and pulled themselves up on trembling legs, poked fingers in my eyes, investigated my ears, and gave me kisses on my nose. I loved everything about them and their touch — because your touch was now so infrequent — and I would have defended them with my life if need be. I would sneak into their beds and listen to their worries and secret dreams, and together we waited for the sound of your car in the driveway.

5 There had been a time, when others asked you if you had a dog, that you produced a photo of me from your wallet and told them stories about me. These past few years, you just answered “yes” and changed the subject. I had gone from being “your dog” to “just a dog”, and you resented every expenditure on my behalf. Now, you have a new career opportunity in another city, and you and they will be moving to an apartment that does not allow pets. You’ve made the right decision for your “family”, but there was a time when I was your only family.

6 I was excited about the car ride until we arrived at the animal shelter. It smelled of dogs and cats, of fear, of hopelessness. You filled out the paperwork and said “I know you will find a good home for her”. They shrugged and gave you a pained look. They understand the realities facing a middle-aged dog, even one with “papers”. You had to pry your son’s fingers loose from my collar, as he screamed “No, Daddy. Please don’t let them take my dog!” And I worried for him, and what lessons you had just taught him about

friendship and loyalty, about love and responsibility, and about respect for all life.

7 You gave me a good-bye pat on the head, avoided my eyes, and politely refused to take my collar and chain with you. You had a deadline to meet and now I have one, too. After you left, the two nice ladies said you probably knew about your upcoming move months ago and made no attempt to find me another good home. They shook their heads and asked “How could you?” They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you — that you had changed your mind — that this was all a bad dream ... or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone who might save me. When I realized I could not compete with the frolicking (嬉戏, 嬉闹) for attention of happy puppies, unaware of their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited.

8 I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day, and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room. A blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table and rubbed my ears, and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days. As is my nature, I was more concerned about her. The burden which she bears weighs heavily on her, and I know that, the same way I knew your every mood. She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured “How could you?”

9 Perhaps because she understood my dogspeak, she said “I’m so sorry”. She hugged me, and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn’t be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself — a place of love and light so very different from this earthly place.

10 And with my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump (重击声) of my tail that my “How could you?” was not directed at her. It was you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of. I will think of you and wait for you forever. May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty.

(1,089 words)

New Words & Expressions

▲ puppy n. 小狗

affection n. 影响, 感情, 喜爱, 慈爱

▲ banish v. 驱逐, 流放, 消除

cling to 抱住, 固守, 贴近

★ poke v. 戳, 捅, 刺, 拨开

investigate v. 调查, 研究

★sneak v. 偷偷地走,偷偷地做
on sb's behalf 为了某人;代表某人
fill out 填写
loyalty n. 忠诚,忠心,忠贞
deadline n. 最后期限,截止时间
★upcoming adj. 即将来临的
retreat v. 撤退,改变,退避

relief n. 减轻,解除,轻松
burden n. 负担,重载,责任
lick v. 舔
★vein n. 静脉
★murmur v. 低语,低声抱怨
fend for 照料
convey v. 表达,传达

Notes

1. Jim Willis 吉姆·韦利斯,美国作家。本文选自该作者的畅销书 *Pieces of My Heart — Writings Inspired by Animals and Nature*。该书以自述的形式讲述了一只家犬对昔日主人的真情告白。当年作者用七千美元以全版广告的形式在报纸上刊登了该文章,感动了所有的读者。
2. tourniquet 止血器,止血带
3. hypodermic 皮下注射的,表皮的

1. Fast Reading

For questions 1-7, mark

- Y (for YES) if the statement agrees with the information given in the text above;
N (for NO) if the statement contradicts the information given in the text above;
NG (for NOT GIVEN) if the information is not given in the text above.

For questions 8-10, complete the sentences with the information given in the text above.

- () 1. At first, the dog and its master went along very well and they did a lot of interesting things together.
- () 2. The master's wife did not like dogs, so the dog disliked her and was not friendly to her.
- () 3. The master began to dislike the dog because it hurt his babies.
- () 4. When the dog was not loved by its master, the master hated to buy anything for the dog.
- () 5. The master probably didn't know about his upcoming move beforehand, otherwise he would have found another home for the dog.
- () 6. The staff working in the shelter disapproved of what the master had done to the dog.
- () 7. When the dog realized that no one could save him, he waited to die.