

BOSS PAWS™

Tail-Waggin' Trivia

Round up your friends or a classroom of students, grab 3 squeaky dog toys, print out these trivia questions and let the Bow-Wow Blast begin! You'll have fun while learning something new about critters. Choose 3 people to be contestants and one person to be the host. The host asks the questions and each contestant squeaks his/her toy when they have an answer.

1) How many cats would have to live in every home in the United States in order for EVERY cat to have a home?

- A. 15
- B. 25
- C. 45

Answer: 45

2) True or False

Feeding chocolate to a dog may cause it to become very sick and possibly die.

Answer: TRUE

Chocolate is made with cocoa beans. Cocoa beans contain a chemical called theobromine which is toxic and possibly deadly to dogs. Raisins, onions, onion powder and coffee are also unhealthy and potentially deadly for cats and dogs.

3) Which of the following plants are NOT potentially toxic or deadly to cats:

- A. Peppermint
- B. Daffodil
- C. Azalea
- D. Lillies

Answer: Peppermint

It is important to know that daffodils, azaleas, and lilies are possibly deadly for cats.

4) Cats like to scratch furniture because:

- A. It feels good
- B. It marks their territory
- C. It removes the worn out covers of their nails
- D. All of the above

Answer: All of the above

Cats scratch on large, typically upright objects like couch ends to mark their territory as they would do outside. Outdoors, cats would normally scratch on nice, rough and upright tree trunks. Cats have scent glands in their paws, so by rubbing their paws on the largest object in a room, they are really leaving their scent on the object to discourage any "intruding" cats. This is why even declawed cats will look like they are trying to scratch. What they are really saying is "this is mine." The upright part leaves their mark at nose level of other cats, while the roughness keeps their nails in shape.

5) When a cat is not using his litterbox, he is doing this because:

- A. He may have a health problem
- B. He wants a different color litterbox
- C. He thinks his poop is pretty and wants everyone to see it

Answer: He may have a health problem

He may have a health problem but he may also be upset about something. This could happen if you moved to new home or there are any new changes in your household. For example, did you get a new pet, a new baby, or maybe you aren't spending as much time with your pet.

6) True or False

It is safe to run as far and as fast as your dog wants to run when taking your pet jogging with you.

Answer: FALSE

Take your pet to the vet for a check-up to be sure he's healthy enough to jog. Start slowly and build up your dog's strength with regular walks. Some pets have particular issues and breed characteristics that prevent them from being good candidates for jogging. For example, OOJit (a Boston Terrier) has a short snout which makes breathing more difficult. This oftentimes leads to snoring and snorting. OOJit gets exercise in short bursts so as not to risk collapsing.

7) How many vocal sounds does a cat have?

- A. 20
- B. 50
- C. More than 100

Answer – more than 100

This makes Hobo Kitty very happy since dogs only have 10 to 15 different vocal sounds. She believes this shows one way that cats are smarter than dogs.

8) The average hamster, if provided a wheel, will run up to how far each night?

- A. 1 mile
- B. 3 miles
- C. 8 miles

Answer: Up to 8 miles!!!

9) Which pet has a better memory?

- A. Dog
- B. Cat

Answer: Cat

Hobo Kitty likes this answer too. Tests conducted by the University of Michigan concluded that while a dog's memory lasts no more than 5 minutes, a cat's can last as long as 16 hours. That is longer than the memory of a monkey.

10) True or False

Pet rabbits (also referred to as domestic rabbits) can survive in the wild.

Answer: False

Letting a pet rabbit (domestic rabbit) fend for itself in the wild is very dangerous and it will likely not survive.