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Dog three times heavier than normal goes on diet

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THE ARTICLE

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A dog in the USA had to go on a diet. He is a beagle called Wolfgang. He was three times heavier than a normal beagle. This was very dangerous for his health. He risked having many different canine diseases and problems. Poor Wolfgang was in an animal shelter. His owner abandoned him and left him at the shelter. The owner also overfed Wolfgang, so he ballooned in size. Many visitors came to the shelter for a dog, but no one took Wolfgang because he was so big. Then, dog lover Erin McManus came to the rescue. She saw Wolfgang at the shelter and it was love at first sight. She took the overweight dog home and decided to help him lose weight. She put him on a crash diet.

Wolfgang is now doing very well on his diet. He is limited to just 600 calories a day. He swims in the family pool every day, goes on walks, and exercises on a water treadmill. The kgs are now falling off him. Ms McManus is very happy with his progress. She said: "I make his food. It's lean turkey, lots of vegetables, and some supplements." She said he has lost over 12kgs. Beagles usually weigh around 13kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40kgs. He now has his own Instagram account with over 37,000 followers. McManus said: "I think his personality shines through. He's just such a nice dog. It's so hard to say no to that face." One Instagram fan wrote: "I love following his journey. That boy touches my heart."

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WARM-UPS

1. DOG DIETS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dog diets. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

diet / heavier / three times / dangerous / health / shelter / diseases / big / dog lover / doing well / pool / swim / exercise / vegetables / supplements / followers / personality

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ABANDONED PETS: Students A **strongly** believe people who abandon pets should be put in prison; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LOSE WEIGHT: How good are these things for losing weight? What are your experiences of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Good?	Your Experience?
No cakes		
Walking		
The gym		
Diet		
Skipping lunch		
Vegetarian diet		

5. DISEASE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "disease". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PETS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Dog
- Rabbit
- Parrot
- Goldfish
- Cat
- Tarantula
- Horse
- Tortoise

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. canine | a. Save someone or something from a dangerous situation. |
| 2. disease | b. A place that looks after pets and other animals that people do not want. |
| 3. shelter | c. Left behind because it was not wanted. |
| 4. owner | d. About dogs. |
| 5. abandoned | e. Grew very, very big. |
| 6. ballooned | f. A problem with the body that affects a specific location and is not because of physical injury. |
| 7. rescue | g. A person who owns something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. limited | h. Having little fat. |
| 9. treadmill | i. A tablet or pill that contains extra vitamins or healthy things. |
| 10. progress | j. A process of development from one place to another. |
| 11. lean | k. An exercise machine that allows someone to walk on a moving belt. |
| 12. supplements | l. All of the things that make a person who they are. |
| 13. personality | m. Getting better and better. |
| 14. journey | n. Put a cap on the size, amount, or extent. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A dog in the USA decided to go on a diet. **T / F**
- b. The dog risked having feline and avian diseases. **T / F**
- c. The dog was overfed and so he ballooned in size. **T / F**
- d. The dog was put on a crash diet by his new owner. **T / F**
- e. Wolfgang the dog cannot have more than 600 calories a day. **T / F**
- f. The calories are falling on the dog. **T / F**
- g. Wolfgang the beagle has already lost over 13kgs. **T / F**
- h. A fan of the dog wants to touch his heart. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. called | a. development |
| 2. dangerous | b. puffed up |
| 3. shelter | c. character |
| 4. ballooned | d. chose |
| 5. decided | e. home |
| 6. limited | f. supporters |
| 7. progress | g. named |
| 8. followers | h. moves |
| 9. personality | i. restricted |
| 10. touches | j. unsafe |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A dog in the USA had | a. journey |
| 2. He was three times heavier than | b. he was so big |
| 3. His owner abandoned him and | c. well on his diet |
| 4. no one took Wolfgang because | d. my heart |
| 5. it was love | e. a normal beagle |
| 6. Wolfgang is now doing very | f. falling off him |
| 7. The kgs are now | g. left him at the shelter |
| 8. I think his personality | h. at first sight |
| 9. I love following his | i. shines through |
| 10. That boy touches | j. to go on a diet |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

A dog in the USA had to go on a diet. He is a beagle called Wolfgang. He was three times heavier than a (1) _____ beagle. This was very dangerous for his health. He (2) _____ having many different canine diseases and (3) _____. Poor Wolfgang was in an animal shelter. His owner abandoned him and left him at the (4) _____. The owner also overfed Wolfgang, so he ballooned in size. Many visitors came to the shelter for a dog, but no one took Wolfgang because he was so big. Then, dog (5) _____ Erin McManus came to the (6) _____. She saw Wolfgang at the shelter and it was love at first (7) _____. She took the overweight dog home and decided to help him lose (8) _____. She put him on a crash diet.

Wolfgang is now doing very well on his diet. He is (9) _____ to just 600 calories a day. He swims in the family (10) _____ every day, goes on walks, and exercises on a water treadmill. The kgs are now falling off him. Ms McManus is very happy with his (11) _____. She said: "I make his food. It's (12) _____ turkey, lots of vegetables, and some supplements." She said he has lost over 12kgs. Beagles usually (13) _____ around 13kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40kgs. He now has his own Instagram account with over 37,000 followers. McManus said: "I think his (14) _____ shines through. He's just such a nice dog. It's so (15) _____ to say no to that face." One Instagram (16) _____ wrote: "I love following his journey. That boy touches my heart."

problems

lover

sight

risked

weight

shelter

normal

rescue

pool

fan

weigh

hard

progress

limited

personality

lean

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

- 1) He was three times heavier than _____
 - a. a normally beagle
 - b. abnormal beagle
 - c. a normal beagle
 - d. a norm all beagle
- 2) He risked having many different _____
 - a. canine diseases
 - b. bovine diseases
 - c. feline diseases
 - d. avian diseases
- 3) His owner abandoned him and left him _____
 - a. to the shelter
 - b. at the shelter
 - c. as the shelter
 - d. that the shelter
- 4) The owner also overfed Wolfgang, so he _____
 - a. balloon in size
 - b. ball roomed in size
 - c. bail loomed in size
 - d. ballooned in size
- 5) decided to help him lose weight. She put him on _____
 - a. a crashes diet
 - b. a clashed diet
 - c. a clash diet
 - d. a crash diet
- 6) He is limited to just 600 _____
 - a. calories at day
 - b. calories as day
 - c. calories a day
 - d. calories an day
- 7) swims in the family pool every day, goes on walks, _____
 - a. and exercise is
 - b. and exercises
 - c. and exercised
 - d. and ex assizes
- 8) Ms McManus is very happy _____
 - a. with this progress
 - b. with him progress
 - c. with his progress
 - d. with is progress
- 9) He now has his own Instagram account with _____
 - a. over 37,000 follower
 - b. over 37,000 followers
 - c. over 37,000 followed
 - d. over 37,000 follow hers
- 10) One Instagram fan wrote: "I love _____"
 - a. following his journal
 - b. following his adjourns
 - c. following his journeyed
 - d. following his journey

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

1. What breed of dog is Wolfgang?
2. What kinds of diseases did Wolfgang the dog risk getting?
3. Where did the dog's previous owner abandon him?
4. Why didn't any visitors take Wolfgang?
5. What happened the first time Erin saw Wolfgang?
6. What is the maximum number of calories per day Wolfgang can have?
7. What kind of turkey does Erin give Wolfgang?
8. How many followers does Wolfgang have on Instagram?
9. What does Erin say shines through with Wolfgang?
10. What does a fan on Instagram love following?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

- 1) What breed of dog is Wolfgang?
 - a) a beagle
 - b) a Labrador
 - c) a poodle
 - d) a husky
- 2) What kinds of diseases did Wolfgang the dog risk getting?
 - a) bovine diseases
 - b) equine diseases
 - c) canine diseases
 - d) feline diseases
- 3) Where did the dog's previous owner abandon him?
 - a) on a beach
 - b) at a shelter
 - c) at the top of a mountain
 - d) in the streets
- 4) Why didn't any visitors take Wolfgang?
 - a) he was always asleep
 - b) he was too old
 - c) he barked too much
 - d) he was too fat
- 5) What happened the first time Erin saw Wolfgang?
 - a) love at first sight
 - b) nothing
 - c) Wolfgang bit Erin
 - d) he barked non-stop
- 6) What is the maximum number of calories per day Wolfgang can have?
 - a) 900
 - b) 800
 - c) 700
 - d) 600
- 7) What kind of turkey does Erin give Wolfgang?
 - a) Christmas turkey
 - b) lean turkey
 - c) fatty turkey
 - d) turkey with gravy
- 8) How many followers does Wolfgang have on Instagram?
 - a) around 37,000
 - b) exactly 37,000
 - c) just fewer than 37,000
 - d) more than 37,000
- 9) What does Erin say shines through with Wolfgang?
 - a) his fur
 - b) his dreams
 - c) his personality
 - d) his eyes
- 10) What does a fan on Instagram love following?
 - a) Wolfgang's walks
 - b) Wolfgang's journey
 - c) Wolfgang's swims
 - d) Wolfgang's exercises

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

Role A – A Dog

You think a dog is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): a goldfish, a horse or a rabbit.

Role B – A Goldfish

You think a goldfish is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): a dog, a horse or a rabbit.

Role C – A Horse

You think a horse is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): a goldfish, a dog or a rabbit.

Role D – A Rabbit

You think a rabbit is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): a goldfish, a horse or a dog.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'dog' and 'diet'.

dog	diet

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• normal• canines• abandoned• size• lover• crash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• well• family• falling• 12• 37,000• face
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DOG DIETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dog diets in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

DOG DIETS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dog'?
3. Have you ever been on a diet?
4. What is the best way to diet?
5. How happy or unhappy are you with your weight?
6. What do you think of overfed pets?
7. Why do people abandon pets?
8. Should owners who abandon pets be fined?
9. How much of a dog lover are you?
10. What do people do on a crash diet?

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DOG DIETS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'diet'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about your calorie intake?
15. How good are treadmills for exercising?
16. What do you think of Wolfgang's diet?
17. In what ways does your personality shine?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. What advice do you have for Erin?
20. What questions would you like to ask Erin?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) come | (b) go | (c) eat | (d) have |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) for | (c) at | (d) as |
| 3. | (a) feline | (b) bovine | (c) avian | (d) canine |
| 4. | (a) overweight | (b) overfed | (c) overdid | (d) overall |
| 5. | (a) spouse | (b) lover | (c) romancer | (d) partner |
| 6. | (a) sniff | (b) smell | (c) sight | (d) sound |
| 7. | (a) does | (b) did | (c) doing | (d) done |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) on | (d) of |
| 9. | (a) bend | (b) incline | (c) stand | (d) lean |
| 10. | (a) lost | (b) mislaid | (c) forgotten | (d) misplaced |
| 11. | (a) shines | (b) dims | (c) bright | (d) emits |
| 12. | (a) ban | (b) pan | (c) fan | (d) tan |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

Paragraph 1

1. having many different acinne diseases
2. His owner bnaodaned him
3. so he lboolnaed in size
4. McManus came to the esruce
5. She took the vroiewgeht dog home
6. She put him on a carsh diet

Paragraph 2

7. limited to just 600 arolices a day
8. exercises on a water deatmirll
9. very happy with his rgpeross
10. vegetables and some uplsemenpts
11. I think his nrspelaoity shines through
12. I love following his ujnroey

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () him at the shelter. The owner also overfed Wolfgang, so he ballooned in size. Many visitors came
- () followers. McManus said: "I think his personality shines through. He's just such
- () off him. Ms McManus is very happy with his progress. She said: "I make his food. It's lean turkey, lots of
- () to the shelter for a dog, but no one took Wolfgang because he was so big. Then, dog lover Erin McManus came to the rescue. She saw Wolfgang
- () Wolfgang is now doing very well on his diet. He is limited to just 600 calories a day. He swims in the family
- () vegetables, and some supplements." She said he has lost over 12kgs. Beagles usually weigh
- () at the shelter and it was love at first sight. She took the overweight dog home and decided to help him lose weight. She put him on a crash diet.
- () diseases and problems. Poor Wolfgang was in an animal shelter. His owner abandoned him and left
- () a nice dog. It's so hard to say no to that face." One Instagram fan wrote: "I love
- () pool every day, goes on walks, and exercises on a water treadmill. The kgs are now falling
- (**1**) A dog in the USA had to go on a diet. He is a beagle called Wolfgang. He was three times
- () around 13kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40kgs. He now has his own Instagram account with over 37,000
- () heavier than a normal beagle. This was very dangerous for his health. He risked having many different canine
- () following his journey. That boy touches my heart."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

1. on had dog to go A diet . a
2. dangerous was very for This his health .
3. risked having many different He canine diseases .
4. came lover dog to A the rescue .
5. put on him She a crash diet .
6. is doing very well on Wolfgang his diet .
7. kgs now are The falling off him .
8. said he has She over lost 12kgs .
9. has He own his now Instagram account .
10. say to It's no hard that to face .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

A dog in the USA had to *go / come* on a diet. He is a beagle called Wolfgang. He was three times heavier than a *normally / normal* beagle. This was very dangerous for his health. He risked *having / has* many different canine diseases and *problematic / problems*. Poor Wolfgang was in an animal shelter. His *owner / owning* abandoned him and left him at the shelter. The owner also overfed Wolfgang, so he *balled / ballooned* in size. Many visitors came to the shelter for a dog, but no one *took / gave* Wolfgang because he was so big. Then, dog *lover / romancer* Erin McManus came to the rescue. She saw Wolfgang at the shelter and it was love at first *smell / sight*. She took the overweight dog home and decided to help him lose weight. She put him on a *crash / accident* diet.

Wolfgang is now *done / doing* very well on his diet. He is *limit / limited* to just 600 calories a day. He swims in the family pool every day, goes on walks, and exercises on a water *windmill / treadmill*. The kgs are now falling *on / off* him. Ms McManus is very happy with his progress. She said: "I make his food. It's *mean / lean* turkey, lots of vegetables, and some supplements." She said he has *mislaid / lost* over 12kgs. Beagles *usual / usually* weigh around 13kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40kgs. He now has his own Instagram account with over 37,000 *followers / follow*. McManus said: "I think his personality *shines / dims* through. He's just such a nice dog. It's so hard to say no to that face." One Instagram fan wrote: "I love following his *journey / itinerary*. That boy touches my heart."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ d_g _n th_ _S_ h_d t_ g_ _n _ d__t. H_ _s _
b__gl_ c_ll_d W_lfg_ng. H_ w_s thr__ t_m_s h__v__r
th_n _ n_rm_l b__gl_. Th_s w_s v_ry d_ng_r__s f_r
h_s h__lth. H_ r_sk_d h_v_ng m_ny d_ff_r_nt c_n_n_
d_s__s_s _nd pr_bl_ms. P__r W_lfg_ng w_s _n _n
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h_m _t th_ sh_lt_r. Th_ _wn_r _ls_ _v_rf_d W_lfg_ng,
s_ h_ b_ll__n_d _n s_z_. M_ny v_s_t_rs c_m_ t_ th_
sh_lt_r f_r _ d_g, b_t n_ _n_ t__k W_lfg_ng b_c__s_
h_ w_s s_ b_g. Th_n, d_g l_v_r _r_n McM_n_s c_m_
t_ th_ r_sc__. Sh_ s_w W_lfg_ng _t th_ sh_lt_r _nd
_t w_s l_v_ _t f_rst s_ght. Sh_ t__k th_ _v_rw__ght
d_g h_m_ _nd d_c_d_d t_ h_lp h_m l_s_ w__ght. Sh_
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_n _ w_t_r tr__dm_ll. Th_ kgs _r_ n_w f_ll_ng _ff
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v_g_t_bl_s, _nd s_m_ s_ppl_m_nts." Sh_ s__d h_ h_s
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_nst_gr_m _cc__nt w_th _v_r 37,000 f_ll_w_rs. McM_n_s
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j__rn_y. Th_t b_y t__ch_s my h__rt."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet.html>

a dog in the usa had to go on a diet he is a beagle called wolfgang he was three times heavier than a normal beagle this was very dangerous for his health he risked having many different canine diseases and problems poor wolfgang was in an animal shelter his owner abandoned him and left him at the shelter the owner also overfed wolfgang so he ballooned in size many visitors came to the shelter for a dog but no one took wolfgang because he was so big then dog lover erin mcmanus came to the rescue she saw wolfgang at the shelter and it was love at first sight she took the overweight dog home and decided to help him lose weight she put him on a crash diet wolfgang is now doing very well on his diet he is limited to just 600 calories a day he swims in the family pool every day goes on walks and exercises on a water treadmill the kgs are now falling off him ms mcmanus is very happy with his progress she said i make his food its lean turkey lots of vegetables and some supplements she said he has lost over 12kgs beagles usually weigh around 13kgs but wolfgang weighed 40kgs he now has his own instagram account with over 37000 followers mcmanus said i think his personality shines through hes just such a nice dog its so hard to say no to that face one instagram fan wrote i love following his journey that boy touches my heart

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A dog in the USA had to go on a diet. He is a beagle called Wolfgang. He was three times heavier than a normal beagle. This was very dangerous for his health. He risked having many different canine diseases and problems. Poor Wolfgang was in an animal shelter. His owner abandoned him and left him at the shelter. The owner also overfed Wolfgang, so he ballooned in size. Many visitors came to the shelter for a dog, but no one took Wolfgang because he was so big. Then, dog lover Erin McManus came to the rescue. She saw Wolfgang at the shelter and it was love at first sight. She took the overweight dog home and decided to help him lose weight. She put him on a rash diet. Wolfgang is now doing very well on his diet. He is limited to just 600 calories a day. He swims in the family pool every day, goes on walks, and exercises on a water treadmill. The kgs are now falling off him. Ms McManus is very happy with his progress. She said: "I make his food. It's lean turkey, lots of vegetables, and some supplements." She said he has lost over 12 kgs. Beagles usually weigh around 13 kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40 kgs. He now has his own Instagram account with over 37,000 followers. McManus said: "I think his personality shines through. He's just such a nice dog. It's so hard to say no to that face." One Instagram fan wrote: "I love following his journey. That boy touches my heart."

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Pet owners who overfeed or do not exercise their pets should be fined. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DOG DIETS: Make a poster about dog diets. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FINES: Write a magazine article about fining pet owners who overfeed their pets or do not exercise them. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on dog diets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how dogs can diet. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. k 10. m 11. h 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. j	3. e	4. b	5. d
6. i	7. a	8. f	9. c	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A beagle
2. Canine diseases
3. At a shelter
4. He was too fat
5. It was love at first sight
6. 600
7. Lean turkey
8. Over 37,000
9. His personality
10. Wolfgang's journey

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A dog had to go on a diet.
2. This was very dangerous for his health.
3. He risked having many different canine diseases.
4. A dog lover came to the rescue.
5. She put him on a crash diet.
6. Wolfgang is doing very well on his diet.
7. The kgs are now falling off him.
8. She said he has lost over 12kgs.
9. He now has his own Instagram account.
10. It's hard to say no to that face.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)