

Hazel's Story

Directions: Read Hazel's Story. Hazel represents just one of the many animals in the United States who needs a forever loving home. After reading the story, complete the *Too Many Puppies?* worksheet below.



This is Hazel. Hazel's story, though unique, is unfortunately not too unusual. Her story starts with a video camera in an elevator. Police and prosecutors found some video footage from that camera, showing Hazel's guardian abusing her. The police did a thorough investigation, concerned that Hazel's guardian was a dog fighter and using Hazel as a bait dog. After the investigation, a few things happened. Hazel was seized from her guardian, had her injuries treated

by caring veterinarians, and was brought to the ASPCA animal shelter. Though he wasn't a dog fighter, Hazel's guardian was punished for abusing and hitting Hazel and he expressed deep remorse for hurting her.

At the ASPCA, Hazel was nursed back to health and recovered from her physical and emotional injuries. She learned to trust people again and, after some time, she found a new home! Hazel was adopted by a loving couple that gave her a new life. Hazel must have known she was home because her new doggie mom said, "As soon as we got her home, she started kissing me and kissing my fiancé."

Hazel's story is just one of the millions of stories of homeless animals that end up at animal shelters every year. Thankfully, Hazel's story had a happy ending, but there are still so many cats and dogs at shelters waiting for their forever homes.



Too Many Puppies?

Name: _____

Date: _____

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Directions: Read each sentence and write the correct number of puppies into the right column. To get the total number of puppies, add up all the numbers in the right column.

1. Lacy's family wants ONE dog and gets Lacy.	
2. In January, Lacy had EIGHT puppies. Her first litter of puppies consisted of two males and six females.	
3. In June, Lacy had her second litter. She had SIX more puppies. Three were male and three were female.	
4. In August, Lacy's SIX daughters from her first litter each had SEVEN puppies. 24 were female. (6x7)	
5. In December, Lacy had her third litter of SIX puppies. They were all female.	
6. By the next January, Lacy's THREE daughters from her second litter each had SIX puppies. 6 were female. (3x6)	
7. In May, Lacy's TWENTY-FOUR granddaughters from her first litter each had FIVE puppies. 72 were female. (24x5)	
8. In July, Lacy's SIX granddaughters from her second litter each had FOUR puppies. 15 were female. (6x4)	
9. In August, Lacy's SIX daughters from her third litter each had FIVE puppies. 10 were female. (6x5)	
10. In December, Lacy's SEVENTY-TWO great granddaughters from her first litter each had FIVE puppies. 120 were females. (72x5)	
What is the TOTAL number of puppies that were born because of one unspayed dog in two years?	

A) Will it be easy to find homes for all these puppies? What could happen to them?

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Important Note: Complete this page before scrolling down. Use the following page to check your answers.

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