

True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using information found in the book, verify whether the following statements are true or false. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1	German pinschers were originally bred to catch rats.	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 2	A guard dog's job is not dangerous.	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 3	Doberman pinschers are known for their cowardice.	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 4	Dogs were the first animals that ancient humans tamed as pets.	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 5	Never touch guard dogs unless their owner is there and gives you permission.	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>



Test your knowledge of guard dogs by answering these questions.

1. What do guard dogs protect?

2. What is the biggest, heaviest guard dog breed?

3. How long does it take to train guard dogs?

4. What is the difference between a watchdog and a guard dog?



Fill in the Blanks

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Using the information found in the book, fill in the missing information below.

1. guard dogs work for businesses.
2. Livestock guard dogs work on .
3. The dogs first master basic , following only their handler's simple words or hand signal commands.
4. Livestock guard dogs are trained to bark at .
5. When picking the right guard dog for the job, female dogs are usually better at protecting people because of their nature.



Complete the statements by entering the correct number in the box.

Dogs have lived side by side with people for about these many years.

2017

Virgil, one of Rome's great poets, talked about his guard dogs in his poem *Georgics* in this year BC.

7 to 10

Published in the year

In October of this year, a dog named Odin saved his owner's livestock from a fire in Northern California.

32,000

Guard dogs work for about these many years.

29

There are this many main kinds of guard dogs.

3



Write a Letter

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Think about what it would be like to train and handle a guard dog. Imagine you are a handler, and you are training your dog to work. Write a letter to a friend describing your job. The letter should describe the kinds of things you and your dog do to train. How might you prepare your dog to keep people, property, and other animals safe? What kind of atmosphere will you and your dog be working in?



Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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What kind of animals did Odin protect?

2

Who was the Roman poet who wrote about his guard dogs in the year 29 bc?

3

The livestock guard dog Odin saved his flock from what?

4

What are the three main kinds of guard dogs?

5

At what age can guard dogs start their training?

6

What kind of guard dog lives on a farm?

7

Are male or female guard dogs usually better at protecting property?

8

How long have dogs lived side by side with people?

9

What should you do if a guard dog growls at you or shows you its teeth?

10

What breed of guard dog can weigh as much as a washing machine?



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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handlers
intruders
livestock
maternal
obedience

predators
security
tamed
territory

Your Score is  %

1.
feelings or actions typical of a mother

6.
an act of following a command

2.
animals that prey on other animals

7.
domesticated; made less dangerous or powerful

3.
people who go somewhere without being welcome, usually to commit a crime

8.
people who live and work with security guard dogs

4.
freedom from danger

9.
an area of land that an animal guards

5.
animals kept or raised on a farm, usually to be sold



Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** Goats
- 2** Virgil
- 3** Fire
- 4** Security guard dogs, livestock guard dogs, and personal guard dogs
- 5** Six months
- 6** Livestock guard dog
- 7** Male dogs
- 8** About 32,000 years
- 9** Back away slowly
- 10** English mastiff

