

## 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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">Newfoundlands were known as “fisher dogs,” who helped fishermen pull nets out of the ocean.</div>	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number <input style="width: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
Statement 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">The most common water rescue dog breed is the Newfoundland.</div>	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number <input style="width: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
Statement 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">A water rescue dog and his handler work as a team.</div>	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number <input style="width: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
Statement 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">Search and Rescue (SAR) is not a dangerous job.</div>	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number <input style="width: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
Statement 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">Newfoundlands are sensitive dogs.</div>	<input type="radio"/> True <input type="radio"/> False	Page Number <input style="width: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>



Test your knowledge of water rescue dogs by answering these questions.

1. What are some tools that a handler may need to prepare for a rescue?

2. What traits do Newfoundlands have that make them good water rescue dogs?

3. Which group developed the first water test for water rescue dogs?

4. How many people can a Newfoundland pull out of the water all at once?



## Fill in the Blanks

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

1. Newfoundlands' healthy  size helps them hold their breath to stay under water for a long time.
2. Dogs must listen to their handlers'  about when to return to shore.
3. It is important that water rescue dogs do not become  in stressful situations.
4. Water rescue dogs are good  and are strong enough to pull a person out of the water.
5. Newfoundlands have  toes, just like ducks.



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

Whizz, a marine rescue dog, was given the PDSA Order of Merit in this year.

**3**

The water test for water rescue dogs has this many levels.

**1941**

Training a water rescue dog can take up to this many years.

**2016**

The water rescue dog Gander traveled with his battalion to Hong Kong Island in this year.

**150**

Newfoundlands can weigh up to this many pounds.

**2**



## 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 water rescue dog. Imagine you are a handler, and you are training your dog to work in water. 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 swim and pull a person out of the water? What kind of atmosphere will you and your dog be working in?



## 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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breed  
distractions  
fragile  
grenade

handler  
marine  
PDSA Order of Merit  
posthumously

victim  
waterproof  
webbed

Your Score is  \_\_\_\_\_ %

1.   
after death

7.   
a person in danger of harm

2.   
easily broken

8.   
things that prevent full attention

3.   
an award given to service animals such as dogs and horses that recognizes their outstanding devotion and contributions to society

9.   
trained to serve at sea

4.   
a person who trains dogs

10.   
connected

5.   
a small hand-held bomb

11.   
a group of animals with similar characteristics that are descended from common ancestors

6.   
safe from water damage



## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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**1** Which dog breed is most commonly used for water rescues?

**2** Which water rescue dog saved the lives of soldiers in World War II?

**3** Which dog was given the PDSA Order of Merit in 2016?

**4** What is a water rescue dog's trainer called?

**5** What skills do good water rescue dogs have?

**6** What are some things that water rescue dogs are trained to do?

**7** How heavy can Newfoundlands get?

**8** At what age do water rescue dogs start training?

**9** What award did Gander receive?

**10** What do water rescue dogs get when they complete a rescue?



## Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** Newfoundland
- 2** Gander
- 3** Whizz
- 4** A handler
- 5** Being good swimmers and holding their breath for a long time
- 6** Fetch a life jacket and pull a person with a life ring
- 7** Up to 150 pounds (68 kg)
- 8** About four months old
- 9** Dickin Medal
- 10** A reward

