

Dogs, Dogs and More Dogs



Animal shelters take care of millions of lost, abandoned and surrendered (given up) animals each year. They try to find homes for as many as they can, but there are not enough homes for all the animals in shelters.

Read each sentence and write the correct number of new dogs in the column to the right. When you finish, add up all the numbers. This will help you understand how quickly dogs can fill up shelters! If you need help to find the answer, ask an adult.

1. Last December, a family adopted **ONE** unspayed female. She was two months old. Her name is Samantha.

2. In March, Samantha had **FIVE** puppies. Two were male and three were female.

3. In July, Samantha had her second litter. She had **FOUR** puppies, two males and two females.

4. In September, Samantha's **THREE** daughters from her first litter each had **FIVE** puppies. Seven were female. (3x5)

5. In November, Samantha had her third litter of **SIX** puppies. They were all female.

6. In January, her **TWO** daughters from her second litter each had **FOUR** puppies. Five were female. (2x4)

7. In March, **SEVEN** of Samantha's granddaughters each had **FIVE** puppies. (7x5)

Total number of puppies that were born because of one unspayed female dog in one year!

What could the family have done to prevent so many puppies without homes from being born?

Answers: 1. (1); 2. (5); 3. (4); 4. (15); 5. (6); 6. (8); 7. (35); Total (74)

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