

Después de leer atentamente el texto y los enunciados de las cuestiones que se presentan abajo, responda en INGLÉS a dichas cuestiones.

CALIFICACIÓN: Las cuestiones 1ª, 2ª y 4ª se valorarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3ª sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5ª sobre 3 puntos. **TIEMPO:** 60 minutos.

Are Pets Part of the Family?

An Italian dog owner who wanted paid time off to care for one of her dogs offered her bosses a simple explanation: "They are my family." It worked. The woman's employers changed their mind and gave the woman leave to care for her sick 12-year old English setter.

The woman is an employee at Sapienza University in Rome, whose name is Anna. She lives alone and had to take off work to bring her dog to the veterinarian for surgery. "I had asked for the paid allowance, honestly explaining what I needed it for - namely to care for my sick dog," Anna told the Turin newspaper *La Stampa*. "I later realized that they had counted those days as a holiday, and I got angry as a matter of principle."

An animal advocacy group, Lega Anti Vivisezione, helped Anna make her case to her employer and the university eventually agreed to grant two days of paid leave. "The lady had no help to transport and assist the dog," the group said.

Lega Anti Vivisezione argued that owners who fail to take proper care of a pet could find themselves vulnerable to legal action, because it would amount to the mistreatment or abandonment of the animal, a crime under Italian law.

Anna has two dogs, according to the Italian media: Cucciola, 12, and Duke, 17. She told *La Stampa* that they were part of her family and that the government should do even more to help pet owners. "I think there should be more support for those who have animals, starting for example with public vet health care," Anna said.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/12/world/europe/italy-paid-dog-care-leave.html>

QUESTIONS

1. - Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Anna worked for an animal advocacy group in Turin.
 - b) Anna shares a flat with a member of Lega Anti Vivisezione
- (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

2. - In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions. Do not copy from the text.

- a) How did the employers react to Anna's petition?
 - b) What could happen to Italian cat owners if they did not treat their pets properly?
- (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

3. - Find the words in the text that mean:

- a) that is (paragraph 2)
 - b) became aware (paragraph 2)
 - c) concede (paragraph 3)
 - d) as reported by (paragraph 5)
- (Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

4. - Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- a) If her dog _____ (not need) to be operated on last Monday, Anna _____ (not ask) for a leave.
- b) Pets can give companionship to the elderly, and _____ to other people _____ are living alone.
- c) It _____ been found out that some specific breeds of pets can be used by people suffering _____ poor interactive skills.
- d) **Change the following to reported speech.**
"I think I will have to ask for a day off"
Anna said _____.

(Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

5. - Write about 150 to 200 words on the following topic:

Do you think the government should help pet owners to pay for their animals' healthcare? Why? (3 Points)