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#	CASE FILE	STATUS	TOPIC	TRIES	BADGE PTS	SCORE (%)
1.	A 'Dog-Gone' Day	Complete	Fiction	1	1800	100
2.	Quartz: Our Most Common Mineral	Complete	Nonfiction	1	1270	79
3.	Fudge-A-Mania	Complete	Literature	1	800	100
4.	Maniac Magee		Literature			
5.	Owls In the Family		Literature			
6.	'Rikki-Tikki Tavi' from <i>The Jungle Book</i>		Literature			



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22. Pet Overpopulation

by Carrie Beckwith

Dear Editor:

Dog and cat overpopulation is a serious problem. Most people don't realize that every day in the United States, almost 100,000 puppies and kittens are born. Compare this to the 11,000 humans that are born each day. As you can see, there simply aren't enough homes for them all.

Don't Litter
Have your pets spayed or neutered



An easy way to lessen the problem of pet overpopulation is to have your pets spayed or neutered, or "fixed." Spaying or neutering an animal is a simple surgery that prevents your pet from having a litter of kittens or puppies. (Females are spayed and males are neutered.)

I know some people argue that fixing a pet is dangerous to the animal. They believe that it shortens the animal's life and causes health problems. They also worry that the surgery itself is too risky. However, studies have shown that animals who are fixed live just as long and are just as healthy as animals who have not been fixed. There will always be some risk with surgery, but fixing a pet is a fairly simple operation. The real risk is *not* spaying or neutering your animal and having to find homes for 6 to 8 new puppies or kittens!

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1a. The writer is trying to convince you to

- A. keep your cats indoors.
- B. spay or neuter your pets.
- C. breed only a few of your pets.
- D. adopt more dogs and cats.

1b. Select the two sentences in the story that best support the answer.

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Correct Answer

Great Job, Detective!

Explanation

The evidence sentences support the answer.



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All Activity-based scoring data comes from your last attempt.

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Overall Scoring Summary

AVERAGE SCORE	HIGH SCORE	LOW SCORE	ACTIVITIES COMPLETED	UNFINISHED ACTIVITIES	UNATTEMPTED ACTIVITIES
95%	100%	79%	4	0	47

Overall Scoring Details (click Activity name for more specific details)

#	TYPE	ACTIVITY	STATUS	ATTEMPTS	TOTAL QUESTIONS	CORRECT	PARTIALLY CORRECT	INCORRECT	HINTS	POINTS	SCORE
1	Fiction	A 'Dog-Gone' Day	Complete	1	10	10	0	0	0 of 7	1800/1800	100%
2	Nonfiction	Quartz: Our Most Common Mineral	Complete	1	8	6	1	1	1 of 7	1270/1500	79%
3	Literature	Fudge-A-Mania	Complete	1	7	7	0	0	0 of 6	800/800	100%
22	Fiction	Pet Overpopulation	Complete	1	5	5	0	0	0 of 3	800/800	100%

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