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## Shanghai starts one-dog policy

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Dog lovers in Shanghai face strict new rules. China's largest city has set a limit of one dog per family to try and keep down the pet population. City officials also say they want to stop rabies from increasing. About 2,500 people die of the disease every year in China. The new pet ownership rules are not all bad news for pet owners. The high fee for dog registration has come down, in the hope that more owners will register their animals. There are many unregistered dogs in the city.

The dog population in China has risen greatly as more people become richer. The problem is that not all pets are wanted. There are hundreds of thousands of abandoned dogs in China. People decide they no longer want their pet and throw it into the street. Local governments frequently kill tens of thousands of dogs to stop rabies spreading. Packs of stray dogs are a frequent sight in city suburbs. Dog owner Chu Lin said: "I agree this is a problem but I love my dogs. Why do I have to give one away?"

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1105/110515-dog\\_control.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1105/110515-dog_control.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Dog                     | a. disease every year |
| 2. face strict             | b. lovers             |
| 3. keep down the pet       | c. dogs in the city   |
| 4. 2,500 people die of the | d. new rules          |
| 5. The high fee for        | e. population         |
| 6. many unregistered       | f. dog registration   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. risen                    | a. dogs          |
| 2. thousands of abandoned   | b. of stray dogs |
| 3. stop rabies              | c. greatly       |
| 4. Packs                    | d. away          |
| 5. a frequent sight in city | e. spreading     |
| 6. give one                 | f. suburbs       |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1105/110515-dog\\_control.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1105/110515-dog_control.html)

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The dog population in China \_\_\_\_\_ as more people become richer. The problem is that not all pets are wanted. There are \_\_\_\_\_ of abandoned dogs in China. People decide they no longer want their pet and \_\_\_\_\_ street. Local governments frequently kill tens of thousands of dogs to \_\_\_\_\_. Packs of stray dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ in city suburbs. Dog owner Chu Lin said: "I agree this is a problem but I love my dogs. Why do I have \_\_\_\_\_?"

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Dog lovers in Shanghai (1) \_\_\_\_\_ strict new rules. China's largest city has set a limit of one dog per family to try and keep (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the pet population. City officials also say they want to stop rabies from increasing. About 2,500 people die (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the disease every year in China. The new pet ownership rules are not (4) \_\_\_\_\_ bad news for pet owners. The high fee for dog registration has come down, in the hope (5) \_\_\_\_\_ more owners will register their animals. There are many (6) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs in the city.

The dog population in China has risen (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as more people become richer. The problem is that not all pets are (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There are hundreds of thousands of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs in China. People decide they no longer want their pet and throw it into the street. Local governments (10) \_\_\_\_\_ kill tens of thousands of dogs to stop rabies (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Packs of stray dogs are a frequent sight in city suburbs. Dog owner Chu Lin said: "I agree this is a problem but I love my dogs. Why do I have to give one (12) \_\_\_\_\_?"

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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|-----|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) head      | (b) eye          | (c) face         |
| 2.  | (a) down      | (b) up           | (c) across       |
| 3.  | (a) for       | (b) of           | (c) if           |
| 4.  | (a) all       | (b) whole        | (c) entire       |
| 5.  | (a) what      | (b) chat         | (c) that         |
| 6.  | (a) register  | (b) unregistered | (c) registration |
| 7.  | (a) greatly   | (b) gratefully   | (c) grateful     |
| 8.  | (a) wants     | (b) wanted       | (c) want         |
| 9.  | (a) burgled   | (b) thrown       | (c) abandoned    |
| 10. | (a) usual     | (b) frequently   | (c) once         |
| 11. | (a) spreading | (b) floating     | (c) flooding     |
| 12. | (a) through   | (b) left         | (c) away         |

# SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

## Paragraph 1

1. face sctrit new rules
2. set a tilim
3. City icsfailof
4. people die of the eiaessd
5. bad news for pet sreown
6. gseritre their animals

## Paragraph 2

7. ... has risen aterlyg
8. not all pets are newdta
9. worht it into the street
10. stop rabies dnprisaeg
11. stray dogs are a ufteenrq sight
12. city ubsrsbu

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1105/110515-dog\\_control.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1105/110515-dog_control.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) per family to try and keep down the pet population. City officials also say they want to stop
- ( ) but I love my dogs. Why do I have to give one away?"
- ( ) become richer. The problem is that not all pets are wanted. There are hundreds of thousands of abandoned
- ( ) animals. There are many unregistered dogs in the city.
- ( ) down, in the hope that more owners will register their
- ( ) frequently kill tens of thousands of dogs to stop rabies spreading. Packs of stray dogs are a frequent
- ( ) rabies from increasing. About 2,500 people die of the disease every year in China. The new
- ( ) dogs in China. People decide they no longer want their pet and throw it into the street. Local governments
- ( **1** ) Dog lovers in Shanghai face strict new rules. China's largest city has set a limit of one dog
- ( ) sight in city suburbs. Dog owner Chu Lin said: "I agree this is a problem
- ( ) The dog population in China has risen greatly as more people
- ( ) pet ownership rules are not all bad news for pet owners. The high fee for dog registration has come

# WORD JUMBLE

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. new in rules Shanghai face Dog strict lovers.

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2. family of one Set dog a per limit.

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3. stop to want They increasing from rabies.

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4. About year every disease the of die people 2,500.

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5. owners register animals More will their.

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6. China The has dog risen population greatly in.

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7. that pets is all wanted problem not are The.

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8. longer People want decide their they pet no.

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9. thousands to of dogs rabies tens of stop Kill.

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10. in are sight suburbs dogs frequent city Stray a.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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**Write about dog control for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. DOG CONTROL:** Search the Internet and find more information about dog control. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about stray dogs. Include imaginary interviews with an owner who abandoned his/her dog, and an interview with the dog. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to the leader of Shanghai's government. Ask him/her three questions about dog control. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.