

Worksheet 2

Part I.

Directions: Use the Pet Overpopulation Fact Sheet and your completed version of Worksheet 1 to fill in the table below. Note that the first question has been already been answered.

Questions	Answers
1. All of the statistics from the Fact Sheet deal with what problem?	Pet overpopulation
2. List two statistics from the Fact Sheet that support this problem exists in the United States .	
3. List two sources from the Fact Sheet that support this problem exists in North Carolina .	
4. How can this problem best be solved?	
5. Provide one example of why people might resist this solution. (Hint: Look back at your answer to question # 3 from the comprehension section of Worksheet 1.)	
6. How does the information on the Fact Sheet prove that your solution would help the pet overpopulation problem in the United States? (Hint: How many cats can one female and her offspring produce in seven years? And, how many dogs can one female and her offspring produce in six years?)	

Part II.

Directions: You and your group have been assigned the task of writing a letter to the editor (2-3 paragraphs in length) of a local newspaper entitled "Too Many Pets, Too Few Homes." Use the information you recorded above to complete this assignment.

Special Instructions

The purpose of your letter is to inform the people of your community about the problem of pet overpopulation. In order to persuade people that the problem exists (in both the United States and North Carolina), make sure to use the evidence you recorded above. Also, in addition to convincing the public about the importance of pet overpopulation, you and your group need to propose a solution and explain how this solution can help end pet overpopulation.