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Obama Unveils the "First Puppy" “第一犬”亮相

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习

The world has been watching US President Barack Obama closely since he took office in January this year to see whether he makes good on his promises about the economy, foreign policy and health care.

But closer to home, he has also been under pressure from his two daughters to keep one particular pledge: to give them a new dog as a reward for coping with his election campaign.

On Tuesday the nation's hotly-anticipated "first puppy" was unveiled. Named Bo, the shaggy-haired pooch is a six-month-old Portuguese water dog which is black with a white chest, white goatee and white paws.

"He's got star quality" said President Obama as he and his family paraded the dog on the White House lawn in front of reporters.

He then joked, "I finally got a friend. It took some time," referring to Harry Truman's famous line, "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

The breed of dog is special in that it doesn't shed hair, and so is less aggravating to his 10-year-old daughter Malia who suffers from allergies.

Water dogs are also bred to be strong swimmers and even have webbed feet, but as seven-year-old daughter Sasha pointed out to reporters, "He doesn't know how to swim."

And while it may be the nation's "first puppy", President Obama left reporters in no doubt about who was top dog in the household. When asked where Bo would sleep, Obama replied "Not in my bed".

The dog was a gift from close family friend Senator Edward Kennedy. He said the breed would be a "perfect fit for the Obama family", as the dogs have a "can-do and hopeful spirit".

Glossary 词汇表

took office – 就任/上任	makes good on his promises – 兑现承诺
foreign policy – 外交政策	keep (one particular) pledge – 信守 (某一个) 诺言
election campaign – 竞选运动	hotly-anticipated – 人们急切关注的
puppy – 小狗	unveiled – 公开, 揭开
shaggy-haired pooch – 毛发蓬松的小狗	goatee – 山羊胡子
paraded – 展示	breed – 种类
shed hair – 掉毛	aggravating – 加重 (病情)
allergies – 过敏症	webbed feet – 蹼足
top dog – 主要人物, 头面人物	household – (整个) 家庭
perfect fit – 完美的搭配	can-do – 能做到 (的态度)

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Bo has no white hair on his face. True / False
2. Water dogs have special feet that help them swim. True / False
3. Bo is likely to leave dog hair on the furniture. True / False
4. Harry Truman thought that having a dog is a trivial matter for a politician.
True / False
5. Senator Edward Kennedy suggested the Obama family have a "can-do" spirit. True / False

2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. Barack Obama a promised to reward his dog with daughters.

2. shed dogs don't water Portuguese hair.

3. Malia from Obama's allergies daughter suffers.

4. webbed feet have good water Portuguese dogs and are swimmers.

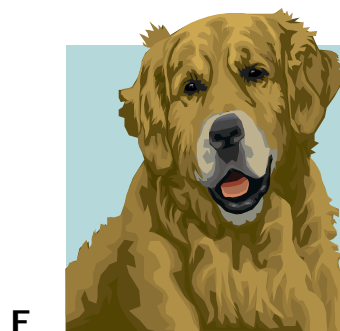
5. Senator Edward Bo Kennedy was from a present close family friend.

6. this January took Obama year office in.

3. Dog Breeds 犬的种类

Match these pictures to the dog breeds underneath.

请把这些彩图和下面的犬的种类配对。



- 1. Poodle _____
- 2. Bulldog _____
- 3. Greyhound _____

- 4. Husky _____
- 5. Golden Retriever _____
- 6. Terrier _____

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with the "first puppy" in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与"第一犬"有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

a	w	e	c	t	o	d	l	e	a	r	a
i	p	a	r	a	d	e	d	t	l	s	g
a	v	l	e	r	n	y	v	e	l	r	g
y	b	u	e	t	i	d	z	e	e	l	r
p	a	r	e	d	a	u	o	f	r	c	a
a	l	e	r	r	g	i	e	s	g	o	v
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l	p	o	o	c	a	m	p	a	i	g	n
c	a	n	p	o	o	c	h	p	c	a	g
m	p	a	i	g	n	p	o	o	y	c	h

paraded	pooch	puppy	breed	goatee
pledge	aggravating	can-do	allergies	campaign

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

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3. Bo is likely to leave dog hair on the furniture. **False**
4. Harry Truman thought that having a dog is a trivial matter for a politician. **False**
5. Senator Edward Kennedy suggested the Obama family have a "can-do" spirit. **True**

3. Dog Breeds 犬的种类

1. Poodle C
2. Bulldog B
3. Greyhound A
4. Husky D
5. Golden Retriever F
6. Terrier E

2. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

1. Barack Obama promised to reward his daughters with a dog.
2. Portuguese water dogs don't shed hair.
3. Obama's daughter Malia suffers from allergies.
4. Portuguese water dogs have webbed feet and are good swimmers.
5. Bo was a present from close family friend Senator Edward Kennedy.
6. Obama took office in January this year.

4. Wordsearch / 单词搜索

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