

A Triumph of Surgery.

Ans-2. Tricki had grown fat because he was greedy and couldn't refuse food at any hour of the day. Also, he didn't get any exercise.

Ans-3. a. Mr Herriot was expecting a call from Mrs Pumphrey.

Ans-3.b. After seeing how fat Tricki had become and his sickly eyes, he expected the dog to turn ill soon, and hence expected a call from Mrs Pumphrey.

Ans-3.c. Mrs Pumphrey called and sadly informed the doctor that Tricki was not eating anything. He even refused his favourite dishes and had bouts of vomiting, Tricki laid on a mat, panting. and refused to go for walks either.

Ans-3.d. Mr Herriot had made his plans from advance since he was expecting that the dog would soon be ill. He wanted to take Tricki out of that house for some time. So he suggested to Mrs Pumphrey that Tricki had to be hospitalized for about a fortnight to be kept under observation.

Ans-4. Mr Herriot did not force Tricki to do anything. He simply made a bed for him in a warm loose box next to the one where the other dogs slept. He gave him no food but plenty of water for the first two days. At the end of the second day, he started to show some interest in his surroundings and on the third day, he began to whimper when he heard the dogs in the yard. Tricki was interested in food a day later and from then on, his progress was rapid.

Ans-5. The household dogs considered Tricki an uninteresting object at first because he looked down on the noisy pack with dull eyes, and when put down, lay motionless on the carpet.