Lesson Skill: Comprehending functional and informational text—consumer information

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Materials  
- Copies of the attached Consumer Information Leaflet handout  
- Dictionaries or an online dictionary

Lesson  
1. Distribute copies of the attached leaflet, Flee for Dogs. Have students read the leaflet and write responses to the questions. Remind them that the leaflet may not provide answers for all of the questions.  
2. Discuss the answers to the questions, and spotlight any that may have caused general difficulty. Ask students to identify the questions that do not have answers in the text.  
3. Have students add any previously unfamiliar vocabulary and their definitions to a list of terminology for informational reading materials. Allow them to use dictionaries or an online dictionary.
Flee for Dogs, made by Natural Pets, Inc., is the latest innovation in all-natural flea repellants.

One application of Flee’s secret formula of natural herbs will protect your dog and your home from unhealthy flea infestations for up to one month, as long as you do not bathe your dog during that time period. Monthly application is recommended during flea season. If you have any questions about seasonal flea and tick activity, ask your veterinarian.

Although testing has been inconclusive, Flee appears to be effective in repelling ticks, including the deer tick, a carrier of dangerous Lyme Disease.

How to Apply

Remove the outside plastic wrapper, and twist the lid in a clockwise direction exposing the small holes through which the powder will dispense. Shake the powder over your dog’s entire body, and brush through the fur with a grooming brush, making sure the powder penetrates the fur. Rub the powder on the dog’s abdomen and behind its ears.

Flee’s pleasant scent tells you it is working immediately to rid your dog of fleas.

Warning

This product is not for use with dogs younger than 1 year.

Precautions should be taken to keep this product out of the reach of small children. Choking can occur as a result of inhaling the powder. If the powder should be ingested by mouth, encourage the consumption of milk, and phone your local poison hotline. Minor eye and skin irritation may occur in humans following prolonged exposure to Flee.

Warranty

While Flee has been proven effective against flea infestations, Natural Pets, Inc., makes no guarantee of its effectiveness and is not responsible for any problems related to the misuse of Flee.
Read the leaflet thoroughly, and then answer the following questions in writing on a separate page.

- How old must a dog be before it is safe to treat it with this product?
- For human health, what is one significant reason to use a flea and tick control product on a dog?
- Where should the product be applied to the dog?
- How long will one application last?
- What is the recommended frequency of treatment with this product?
- If fleas and ticks are not a significant problem where you live, how frequently might you consider applying this product? Why?
- What are the directions for disposal of the container?
- If this product is swallowed, what initial treatment does the manufacturer suggest?
- How irritating is this product to the eyes and skin of a human?
- What is the purpose of the warranty statement?
- How well does this product work in repelling ticks?
- What is one disadvantage of using this product?
- How effective is the product against flea infestations?