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Dogs of Puzzled Pint!

The first word of each line of the flavor text is your instruction to get USING FIFTH WORD AND INDEXING BY RATINGS. Take the fifth word from each description paragraph (not the dogs name and location), then take nth letter of that word based on the number of dogs that are filled in. This gets you the answer:
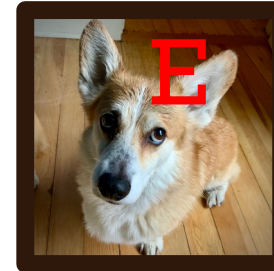
THE RATINGS BY TAIL WAG

I'm a proper Puzzled Pint pup who loves solving puzzles for food.

-Moxie from Bay Area - San Francisco

We are rescues and have become great thinkers.
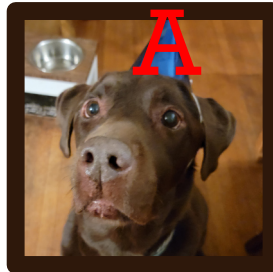
-Haddie and Sammy from St. Louis

"I am not guilty! Really, I'm not!"

-Zeus from Missoula

I know how to properly place my legs for photos.

-Tessa from Enschede

I love the snow and do my best to make sure nobody's birthday is forgotten!

-Charlie from Pittsburgh

I like to wear white socks, which I think will soon be fashionable again.

-Teucer from Auckland

I like eating carrots, playing hockey, and watching nature documentaries.

-Gordon from Ottawa

I like eating fresh snow, wrestling with my BFF, and looking handsome in bow ties.
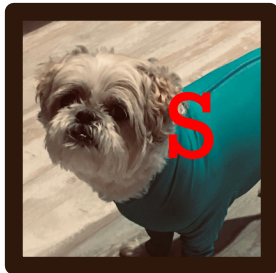
-Woodford from the Twin Cities

I would be most grateful for a treat to reward me for fetching your slippers.

-Claude from Portland

S — *I sploot my legs straight out behind me for scratches and am always excited to see people.*

-Zozie from Pittsburgh

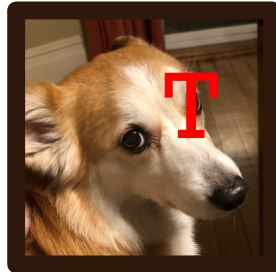**B** — *I decree that the best spot in the house is the back of the couch.*

-Betty from Syracuse

Y — *Though still only a puppy, I have already learned that all food is my food.*

-Birdie from Denver

T — *My sage advice to other dogs is to find the softest thing to sit on and make sure you can always see your humans.*

-Juno from Missoula.

A — *I know that children are the best humans.*

-Taffy from Washington DC - Arlington

I — *We are very good pillows to each other.*

-Oliver and Izzy from Portland

L — *I think that armrests should not go to waste. They make great headrests.*

-Kyra from Portland

W — *I'm Mr. Social on walks and think every dog wants to be my friend.*

-Charles from Kansas City

A — *I'm a loving dog that loves to go for walks, but I do not understand strangers.*

-Baron from Cape Town

G — *I have found that being under the desk is the secret to getting frequent petting.*

-Faith from Victoria

Puzzled Pint

1. Dog Bones

The neighbor dogs, Festus the Mastiff and his friend Klondike the Alaskan Husky, have been spending a lot of their time burying bones in the park. See if you can "dig up" the locations of all the bones in this grid, then *feel* around for something else that Betty the Maltese wishes Festus and Klondike would learn to do instead.

Each number represents the number of bones that can be found adjacent to it. (including diagonally). No bones will be found in cells containing a number.

Using braille, the answer spells out NEW TRICKS

|		3		2		3	
4							
		1	1				
2			1	1	0		2
3							
		5			2		2
				3			
3		3			0		1
				1			
	2	3			2		
0		1		1			2

2. Dog Walk

Claude went for a walk and visited a bunch of his dog friends along the way. He made a mental note of each dog's name, in order. If you figure out where he found each dog, you will also discover a sort of behavior that is frowned upon during a walk through the neighborhood.

This puzzle is a combination of a Battleship and Masyu puzzle.   The rules are as follows:
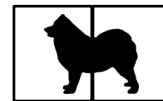
1. Each dog must be placed in the grid horizontally or vertically. Each number indicates how many dog squares are in the corresponding row or column (like a Battleship puzzle).

2. The dogs must be placed so no dog touches any other dog, not even diagonally.

3. Black dog squares and white dog squares must not be in the same column.

4. Once the dog locations are known, they must be joined in a continuous path loop (like a Masyu puzzle), starting and ending at home in the top-left.

5. The path must go through every dog and through all squares the dog occupies. The path may not turn within a dog.

6. The path must turn one square before a white dog, one square after a white dog, or both.

7. The path must not turn in the one square before or after a black dog: it must go straight through both of those squares.

8. The path must not cross itself. The path will not go through all of the squares.

9. The fire hydrant is a blocked square for everything. No dog or path part may be in the square with the hydrant.

Row clues (top to bottom): 5, 0, 2, 3, 2, 4, 0, 2

Column clues (left to right): 3, 0, 2, 5, 1, 2, 1, 4
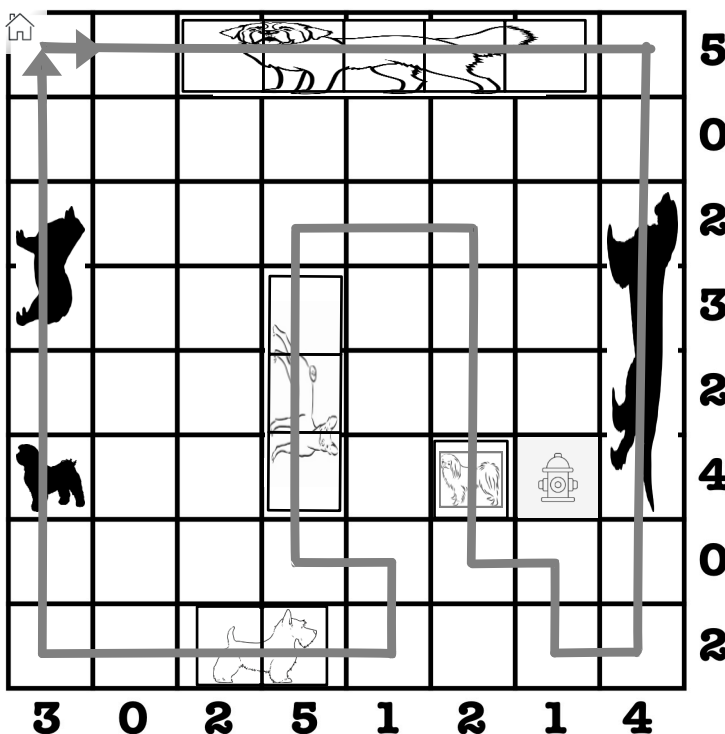
JASMINE the Shih Tzu

HARPER the Japanese Chin

JUNEBUG the Samoyed
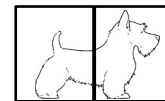
HOUDINI the Scottie

BUCKY the Basenji

WATSON the Gordon Setter

BOLT the Saint Bernard

B - Bolt
A - wAtson
R - haRper
K - bucKy
I - houdIni
N - jasmiNe
G - junebuG

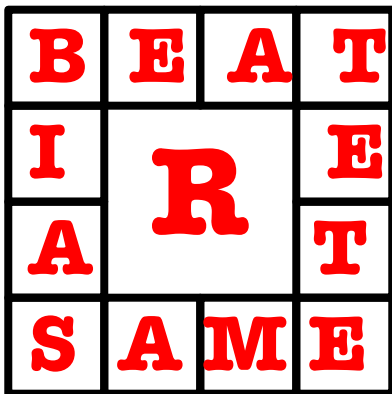**Going around the path, index into the dog based on its order (1 for 1, 2 for the 2nd, and so on.)**

3. Dog Smarts

Nikki the Finnish Spitz is so smart, she can create crossword puzzles! She sent this one to her neighbors today to explain why she can't come out to play.

Grid 1 (BEAT / BIAS / SAME / TETE, center R)

- Part of the body
- Creative work
- Pulse of music
- Prejudice
- Period of time
- Anger
- Alike
- French for "head"

Grid 2 (STEP / SELL / LOTS / PUBS, center A)
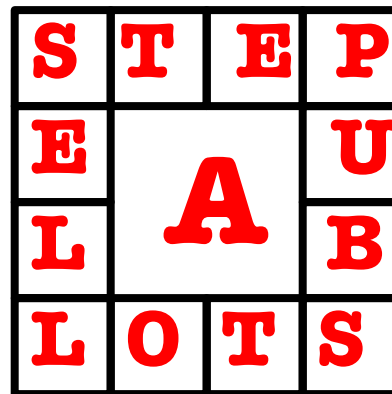
- Consume food
- French for "water"
- Where scientists may work
- Many
- Puzzled Pint locations
- Take money for
- Type of ladder
- Chinese "way"

Grid 3 (OBOE / OWLS / SOLE / PEPE, center I)
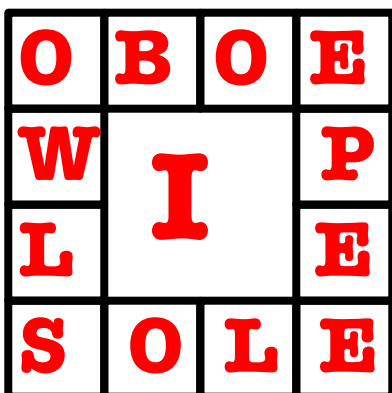
- Relating to life (prefix)
- Type of sword
- Tell a tall tale
- Reed instrument
- Type of fuel
- Nocturnal birds
- Bottom of a shoe
- Unfinished (abbr.)

Grid 4 (COIL / COGS / SEND / LOUD, center N)
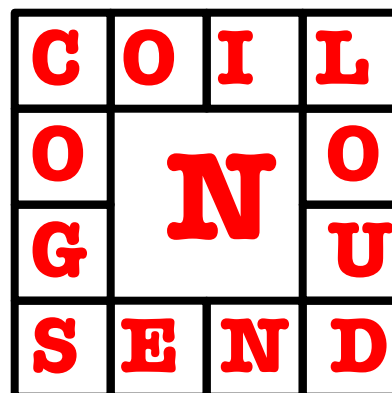
- Teeth on a gear
- Wind in circles
- Wildebeest
- Quaint hotel
- Noisy
- Single unit
- Lennon's wife
- Mail

Answer: RAIN

4. Dog Toys

Claude won't share his favorite toy with Buddy the Pointer or Tumble the Newfoundland, but the toy is the key to this puzzle! In each row and column find one breed of dog (some of which you will have seen in previous puzzles). Once you've done that, you should be able to determine what pastime Claude loves best.

newfoundland	S	L	E	B	T	P	T	S	S	O	U	R	N	S	M	O	F	T	A	B	N	A	S	D
	N		E		W		F		E		B		S		D		L		W		M		L
saintbernard	C	S	A	I	O	I	E	N	T	H	B	C	E	A	R	S	N	E	A	H	R	A	R	H
	L		A		N		P		A		U		H		A		Q		U		A		D
finnishspitz	E	O	I	S	N	I	O	N	T	E	S	L	H	M	S	M	R	P	A	I	S	T	Z	I
	F		S		B		A		I		T		O		L		H		I		L		F
Gordon setter	S	T	O	H	N	R	D	N	L	L	D	L	B	O	E	E	T	R	P	E	A	E	R	H
	G		E		O		U		O		N		S		T		R		T		T		D
Japanese chin	A	J	N	S	T	P	E	I	N	M	D	A	S	Y	E	E	O	I	H	R	E	I	G	N
	T		A		S		A		T		E		P		H		C		P		I		T
Alaskan husky	I	E	T	J	A	A	B	E	I	K	A	S	E	E	H	S	U	A	L	S	K	F	Z	N
	A		L		E		S		A		O		N		B		E		E		L		Y
border collie	O	B	W	I	R	R	D	O	E	P	L	G	D	C	O	Y	B	R	A	L	F	I	E	U
	E		O		G		L		E		R		A		E		L		T		L		L

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

letters of ball in each squares bottom half should be read as semaphore get a baseball now go play ball

Using semaphore where B-A-L is in the lower half of each box, the answer is SLEEPING

All About Dogs

Below are 5 famous idioms that feature dogs. Can you reconstruct them using the answers from the other puzzles plus the word fragment bank? NOTE: Fragments are not scrambled.

Dog Bones   **NEW TRICKS**

Dog Walk   **BARKING**

Dog Smarts   **RAIN**

Dog Toys   **SLEEPING**

ACH ANO CAN CAT DDO DOG EE

E GS GTR HEW ING LDD LET

OG RON SAN SLI UPT TTE

CANT TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE

BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

RAINING CATS AND DOGS

GONE TO THE DOGS

Famous Dogs

Claude is quite the celebrity admirer - of dogs. But his doggie brain seems to jumble up the names and even seems to forget a bit too! Can you sort out who these names are supposed to be? Doing so, you will also learn about something Claude doesn't like as much as these famous dogs! (Note: final answer is 6 letters long)

Ben Tovee	H - BEETHOVEN
Doc Bosyo	O - SCOOBY DOO
Mr. Goi	T - GROMIT
Stephanie L'Allster	T - SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER
Lord Lyle	E - OLD YELLER
Poony	S - SNOOPY
Han Amas	T - SAMANTHA
Lykin	S - SLINKY
Bo Whins	E - WISHBONE
Meryl	A - MARLEY
Andy	S - SANDY
Rez	O - ZERO
Ed Decarie	N - EDDIE CRANE

My gosh, that is a random list of dogs! Claude so graciously provided some clues to his favorite celebrities.

Beethoven	He didn't actually write symphonies.
Eddie Crane	His human's son is the focus of a a long running sitcom that was a spin off of a character from a show "where everybody knows your name"…
Gromit	His claymation human is obsessed with cheese.
Marley	He was a misbehaved yellow lab according to Jennifer Aniston's character.
Old Yeller	His story is one of the saddest stories ever! Died due to rabies.
Samantha	She is the legend, not the human played by Will Smith.
Sandy	This pup thinks the sun will come out tomorrow.
Santa's Little Helper	He should live in the North Pole but instead lives with an animated family of 5 humans from Springfield.
Scooby Doo	He is the best at solving crimes!
Slinky	Is he a toy or is he a dog? So hard to tell but perhaps a toy story can tell us..
Snoopy	He is the flying Ace!
Wishbone	He was in a lovely US public television show where he got to act out famous literature.
Zero	Is he from a Christmas movie or is it a Halloween movie? I'm so confused.