



PLANT-BASED POOCHES?

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Research, formulate and communicate ideas using a variety of research tools
- Write convincingly
- Practise public speaking

1.5 HOURS

ADULT SUPERVISION FOR ONLINE RESEARCH

DIFFICULTY: ★★★★

YOUR MISSION

Many dog lovers choose a meat-free diet for their pet pooches but others feel dogs shouldn't be vegetarians. We'd like you to split into two teams, a 'yes' side and a 'no' side, to debate the following question:

'Should dogs eat a plant-based diet?'

Your brief is to research your arguments. Compile your points, and present them as convincingly as possible.

GET STARTED

PHASE 1:

Toss a coin to select teams.

PHASE 2:

Research! Once you have been placed into the 'Yes' or the 'No' team, go online and research your team's particular point of view. Try to find interesting facts that the other group may not have come across. Spend 15 minutes researching.

PHASE 3:

Exchange your research with the other members of your team. Listen to what others have learned and ask one team member to write all the research down in bullet points. Negotiate the 'running order' and decide as a group which points should go where to best support your argument.

PHASE 4:

Rehearse. Spend 15 minutes preparing your arguments. Each side will need to be able to speak for 2 minutes. Remember to make a number of different points for your side of the debate. You might want to use a dictionary and thesaurus for large words. Think about how to close your argument in the most impactful and spectacular way.

PHASE 5:

Delivery. Whoever has been chosen to speak should stand up and, with a clear voice, deliver the team's arguments for, or against vegetarian dogs. Listening to your opponent is crucial, they may use points you had not thought of or covered. Remember that a team member needs to record both team's arguments. Once recorded, you can send the videos to an external family member who can decide who wins.

Who won your great debate? Why not write and tell us at the address on the readers' page of the AQUILA website. We'd love to hear all about it.

YOU WILL NEED

- Paper
- Dictionary and a thesaurus
- Pen
- PC or tablet for online research and video recording
- Coin