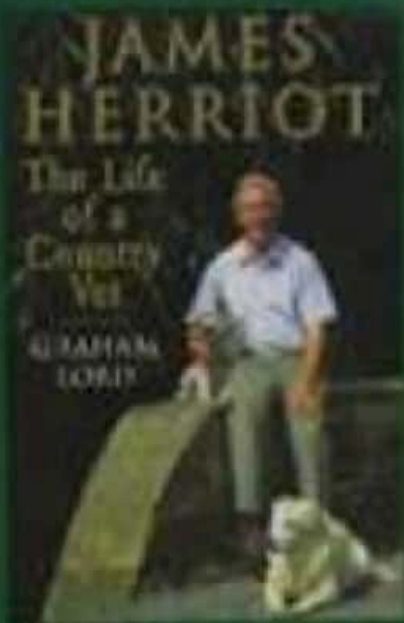


L. No. 1 A Triumph of Surgery

James Herriot

About the Author: James Herriot is a vet in Yorkshire, England, during the 1940's. He is assigned to the practice of Siegfried Farnon, who (together with his mischievous brother Tristan) already have a successful business. James undergoes a variety of adventures during his work, which are just as often caused by the characters of the county (including the Farnon brothers) as the animals in his care.



Introduction

- This story has been written by James Herriot. The subject of this story is a pet dog which is spoiled by its owner. The owner indulges her dog so much with food and other comforts that the dog has become overweight and cannot even walk properly. Finally, the dog has been taken to a veterinary doctor who treats the dog without using a single medicine.
- The dog is left with all other dogs so that it can play and get the much needed physical exercise. After a period of enough physical activities, the dog loses much of its fat and becomes hale and hearty.

Introduction

- Apparently, this is a simple story with simple subject. But if we try to read between the words, the story has much significance for our life as well.
- You will see many kids who are overweight and spoilt because their parents just try to meet every demand of the kid. The kid develops into a couch potato which is not good for his life.

Key points

- Tricky was a small dog and was excessively loved by his mistress, Mrs. Pumphery.
- He was greedy & loved food, but no exercise.
- As a result he became fat & Mrs. Pumphery believed that he became lazy because he suffered from malnutrition.
- Mrs. Pumphery was a wealthy woman. She loved her dog too much.
- She gave him some little extras between meals to build him up, malt, cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night.

Key points

- She gave him lot to eat but no exercise.
- Once he became ill & she was worried & made a frantic call to Harriot who was a vet.
- James already had given suggestions regarding Tricki's balanced diet. But she never followed it.
- He was a vet. He was shocked to see Tricki hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner.
- He advised her to cut down on the sweet things.

Key points

- He expected call came within a few days & it happened.
- He was called by Mrs. Pumphery as Tricki refused to eat.
- He told her that Tricki needed immediate hospitalization for keeping under observation at his surgery for a fortnight.
- There he gave him no food no medicine but plenty of water.
- Gradually he mixed with other dogs & started playing with them.
- He had a lot of exercises & fun at the surgery.

Key points

- He was completely recovered & transformed into a hard muscled dog.
- James Harriot treated the dog without medicine or surgery.
- She was happy & filled with gratitude.
- She thanked Harriot & said it was a triumph of surgery.

Summary

- *Mr. Pumphrey was a rich and emotional lady who has a cute pet called Tricky. She loved him so much that she overfed him. Tricky had put on a lot of weight which made him lethargic. When doctor Herriot saw the fat dog like a bloated sausage he was shocked. He made a plan and told Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricky needed treatment for a ailment which was possible only in hospital. The doctor knew that Mrs. Pumphrey would not be able to keep the dog on a proper diet.*

Summary

- *When the greedy dog went to the hospital he had to remain hungry if he was slow to approach for food. He was given food at fixed intervals. Soon he shed off a lot of his body weight and became quite active. When Tricki was at home he was pampered by Mrs. Pumphrey. He had a luxurious life when he was served with cream cake chocolate and horlicks. But when he came to the doctor he became all right. When Mrs. Pumphrey saw her active dog she thanked the doctor and felt that it was a triumph of surgery.*

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CLASS 10

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ASSIGNMENT 2

A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY

1. Short answer questions(2 Marks)

- a. What makes you know that Mrs Pumphrey was a rich lady?
- b. Why did Mrs Pumphrey take Tricki to the doctor?
- c. How does Dr. Herriot treat Tricki?
- d. Why were the household dogs not interested in Tricki initially?
- e. Why was Dr. Herriot confident that Tricki will be in hospital soon?
- f. Why was the entire staff of Mrs Pumphery at work while Tricki was going to the hospital?
- g. What was the cause of Tricki's ailment?
- h. Why did Dr. Herriot ask Mrs. Pumphery to admit Tricki in a hospital?
- i. Why did Mrs. Pumphery treat Tricki in a special way?
- j. Why was Dr. Herriot worried about Tricki?
- k. What was Mrs. Pumphery's reaction when Tricki showed little enthusiasm for exertion?
- l. What did she do to bring him back to normal health? Was she successful?
- m. Describe the 'parting scene' between Tricki and Mrs Pumphery's household?
- n. " I think I know a cure for you." What was the cure?
- o. How did Tricki treat his mistress when she went to collect him?

2. Long answer questions(8 Marks)

- a. Herriot seems to be a duty-bound doctor who values other's 'emotions' than his personal interests. Elucidate the above statement.
- b. How did Mrs Pumphery keep her dog? How did she add to his problems?
- c. How Dr. Herriot save Tricki's life?
- d. Write the character sketch of Mrs. Pumphery.
- e. Compare and contrast Tricki in the beginning and in the end of the story "A Triumph of Surgery".