

2018-2019 Reading to Learn

Form	Junior	✓
	Senior	✓

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Learning Area / Subject : English

Related Core Values :

Title : Man Sneaks Dog into Hospital to Say Goodbye to Dying Wife

Truth

Justice

Love

Life

Family

Reading across the Curriculum (RaC) : Aims	(✓)
a To arouse interest in studying a particular subject	
b To provide more background information of a particular topic	✓
c To enrich world knowledge	✓
d To develop deeper level of appreciation towards art work	
e To relate school learning with daily life experience	✓
f To develop deeper understanding and appreciation towards Chinese Culture and its core values as well as universal core values	
g To strengthen positive values and their daily application to analyse personal and social issues	✓

Man Sneaks Dog into Hospital to Say Goodbye to Dying Wife,

Showing Pets Are the Most Amazing Gifts Ever



If you are ever feeling sad or unwell, a visit from your pet can make all the difference. This was evidenced by a recent bittersweet story where a man was about to lose his wife, and took their dog to visit her in the hospital and say goodbye.

“My wife was in the hospital after a very invasive surgery, which after a few days, looked like it did not produce ideal results. The prognosis was not good. She

was able to speak, but was not eating or drinking, and relied completely on her IV and hard pain pills. In one rare instance of cogent speech, she convinced me to sneak our dog into her private room, so she could see her ‘one more time,’” the man shared on [Reddit](#).

“Our dog Bella is about a 50-pound Australian Shepherd, and as it turns out, she fits nicely in a normal suitcase. I packed her in, with the lid unzipped, and placed her in the car until we arrived at the hospital. When we arrived, I ‘explained’ to her that I would open the zipper in a few minutes and that she could see her Mommy.

“Unbelievably, she never whimpered, barked, or whined. When I walked past the station nurses, I told them I was simply bringing items to make my wife more comfortable. No problem, they said.

“When we entered the room, my wife was asleep. I unzipped the suitcase, and Bella immediately jumped on the bed, and gingerly laid across her chest, somehow avoiding the wires and IV. She positioned herself to where she could look directly into my wife’s eyes, and laid completely still.”

“The dog immediately started licking her, and quietly moaned, as if knowing that barking would definitely blow our cover. My wife hugged her for almost an hour, smiling the whole time. We were busted by one nurse who was so touched that she promised not to tell. When my wife finally went back to sleep, I loaded the dog back in the suitcase, and she somewhat sheepishly obliged.



“My wife sadly passed a few days later, and as if that is not sad enough, now, whenever I grab the suitcase, the dog thinks we are going to see her again.”

Dogs intuitively know what their humans need and will be there for them always, which we can learn a lot from. Ultimately, in the end, all we know is that the unconditional love that dogs exude is so much greater than we as humans will ever hope to be.

Our thoughts are with the grieving husband and his companion.

Reflection:

1. If you were the husband in the story, would you do the same for your wife?
2. What have you learnt from the story?