

A Triumph of Surgery



Why is Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki?

Pumphrey is worried about Tricki because he would eat nothing and spend all his time lying on the rug and panting. He refused to eat his favourite dishes and would have bouts of vomiting.

What does she do to help him? Is she wise in this?

Mrs. Pumphrey tries to help her dog Tricki by giving him rich food and treats, but her actions are not wise. This overindulgence makes Tricki overweight and unhealthy.

Who does 'I' refer to in this story?

"I" refers to **Mr. Herriot, the veterinary surgeon**. Mr. Herriot is also the narrator of the story.

Is the narrator as rich as Tricki's mistress?

No, the narrator in the story "**A Triumph of Surgery**" is not as rich as Tricki's mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey. The narrator is a practical and professional doctor who treats Tricki, while Mrs. Pumphrey is wealthy and pampers her dog.

How does he treat the dog?

He treats the dog as he would any other dog. For two days he gave Tricky plenty of water but no food. This was so that Tricky could build up an appetite instead of staying overfed. Slowly, Tricky started to make progress. He would run to eat his food, join the dogs' friendly scrimmages. Tricky recovered and had no need for medical treatment.

Why is he tempted to keep Tricky on as a permanent guest?

Mr. Herriot is tempted to keep Tricky as a permanent guest because of the luxurious food and drink that Mrs. Pumphrey, Tricky's owner, sends over to help with his recovery, including fresh eggs, wine, and brandy, which Mr. Herriot and his partners enjoy immensely, essentially providing them with a gourmet lifestyle at no cost to themselves.

Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?

Mrs Pumphrey thought that the dog's recovery was "a triumph of surgery" because, in two weeks, Tricki had recovered completely and had been transformed into a hard-muscled animal. When Tricki saw her, it leaped into her lap and licked her face. She was so excited that tears started rolling out of her eyes. She declared Tricki's recovery as a triumph of surgery to express her happiness and gratitude towards the doctor

What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is?
Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense?

I think the narrator; a veterinary surgeon is a **very tactful person**. He knows how to **deal with people**. He adjusts himself well to the circumstances. He **immediately understands the tricks problem**. Tricki **doesn't suffer from any sort of illness**. The main cause of its **illness is overfeeding**. He takes the dog to his surgery. The dog gets well under **his supervision and natural environment of surgery**.

Do you think Tricki was happy to go home? What do you think will happen now?

Yes, Tricki **was very happy to go home**. When the dog was brought into the surgery, **it was ill**. But in spite of it dog got cured in **two days without any medication**. The **proper diet and regular exercise** helped a lot in its speedy recovery. Now, I think the **same pampering will start again**. Mrs Pumphrey will take excessive care of the dog. There is no doubt it was her lone, but the excess of **anything is harmful**.

