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## Plastic surgery for pets increasing

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A British pet insurance company has said plastic surgery for pets is increasing. The insurer, Petplan, reported a 25 per cent increase in spending on cosmetic surgery for cats and dogs. In 2010, the company paid almost \$2.5 million for nose operations for dogs and over \$1.6 million for eyelid lifts. Petplan managers say the rise in cosmetic surgery means animals can live "healthier and more active lives". Many operations are for medical reasons. Some dogs have nose jobs to help fix breathing problems.

The trend for cosmetic surgery on pets started in the USA. Pet owners there can pay for many different operations for their pets. Dogs can even get braces to straighten their teeth. One of the most common operations is eyelid lifts. These are for bulldogs, bloodhounds and other dogs whose eyelids can drop over their eyes. The operation helps the dog see better. The cost of medical insurance for pets is not cheap. Dog lovers must pay an average of \$560 a year, while cat owners have to pay just over \$250.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic\\_surgery.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic_surgery.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. pet insurance                   | a. in spending        |
| 2. a 25 per cent increase          | b. active lives       |
| 3. nose operations                 | c. breathing problems |
| 4. healthier and more              | d. for dogs           |
| 5. Many operations are for medical | e. company            |
| 6. help fix                        | f. reasons            |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The trend for                  | a. their teeth       |
| 2. get braces to straighten       | b. owners            |
| 3. One of the most                | c. of \$560 a year   |
| 4. eyelids can drop               | d. cosmetic surgery  |
| 5. Dog lovers must pay an average | e. over their eyes   |
| 6. cat                            | f. common operations |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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A British pet insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ surgery for pets is increasing. The insurer, Petplan, reported a 25 per cent \_\_\_\_\_ on cosmetic surgery for cats and dogs. In 2010, the company \_\_\_\_\_ million for nose operations for dogs and over \$1.6 million for eyelid lifts. Petplan managers \_\_\_\_\_ cosmetic surgery means animals can live "healthier and more active lives". Many operations are \_\_\_\_\_. Some dogs have nose jobs to \_\_\_\_\_ problems.

The trend for cosmetic surgery on \_\_\_\_\_ USA. Pet owners there can pay for many different operations for their pets. Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ to straighten their teeth. One \_\_\_\_\_ operations is eyelid lifts. These are for bulldogs, bloodhounds and \_\_\_\_\_. Eyelids can drop over their eyes. The operation helps \_\_\_\_\_. The cost of medical insurance for pets is not cheap. \_\_\_\_\_ an average of \$560 a year, while cat owners have to pay just over \$250.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A British pet insurance (1) \_\_\_\_\_ has said plastic surgery for pets is increasing. The insurer, Petplan, reported a 25 per cent increase (2) \_\_\_\_\_ spending on cosmetic surgery for cats and dogs. In 2010, the company (3) \_\_\_\_\_ almost \$2.5 million for nose operations for dogs and over \$1.6 million for eyelid (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Petplan managers say the rise in cosmetic surgery means animals can live "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ and more active lives". Many operations are for medical reasons. Some dogs have nose jobs to help (6) \_\_\_\_\_ breathing problems.

The trend (7) \_\_\_\_\_ cosmetic surgery on pets started in the USA. Pet owners (8) \_\_\_\_\_ can pay for many different operations for their pets. Dogs can even get braces to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their teeth. One of the most common operations is eyelid lifts. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ are for bulldogs, bloodhounds and other dogs whose eyelids can drop over their eyes. The operation helps the dog see better. The cost (11) \_\_\_\_\_ medical insurance for pets is not cheap. Dog (12) \_\_\_\_\_ must pay an average of \$560 a year, while cat owners have to pay just over \$250.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |                |                  |
|-----|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) companies | (b) company    | (c) companions   |
| 2.  | (a) in        | (b) at         | (c) by           |
| 3.  | (a) sold      | (b) bought     | (c) paid         |
| 4.  | (a) highs     | (b) lifts      | (c) up           |
| 5.  | (a) healthier | (b) health     | (c) healthily    |
| 6.  | (a) mix       | (b) six        | (c) fix          |
| 7.  | (a) for       | (b) at         | (c) so           |
| 8.  | (a) their     | (b) there      | (c) they're      |
| 9.  | (a) straight  | (b) straighten | (c) straightened |
| 10. | (a) These     | (b) Them       | (c) They         |
| 11. | (a) on        | (b) at         | (c) of           |
| 12. | (a) loves     | (b) lovely     | (c) lovers       |

# SPELLING

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic\\_surgery.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic_surgery.html)

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

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2. a 25 per cent ceesarni
3. ienspdgn on cosmetic surgery
4. over \$1.6 inmllio
5. healthier and more eacivt lives
6. fix hagrtebin problems

## Paragraph 2

7. The ntdre for cosmetic surgery
8. many feriendft operations
9. titerasghn their teeth
10. the most nmomoc
11. Dog vroles
12. cat osnrwe

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic\\_surgery.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic_surgery.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) for cats and dogs. In 2010, the company paid almost \$2.5 million for nose operations for dogs and over \$1.6
- ( ) "healthier and more active lives". Many operations are for medical
- ( ) increasing. The insurer, Petplan, reported a 25 per cent increase in spending on cosmetic surgery
- ( ) for many different operations for their pets. Dogs can even get braces to straighten
- ( ) The trend for cosmetic surgery on pets started in the USA. Pet owners there can pay
- ( ) million for eyelid lifts. Petplan managers say the rise in cosmetic surgery means animals can live
- ( **1** ) A British pet insurance company has said plastic surgery for pets is
- ( ) reasons. Some dogs have nose jobs to help fix breathing problems.
- ( ) better. The cost of medical insurance for pets is not cheap. Dog lovers must pay an average of \$560 a year, while cat owners have to pay just over \$250.
- ( ) their teeth. One of the most common operations is eyelid lifts. These are for bulldogs, bloodhounds and other
- ( ) dogs whose eyelids can drop over their eyes. The operation helps the dog see

# WORD JUMBLE

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. on % spending surgery 25 in cosmetic A increase.

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2. Almost nose \$2.5 operations million for.

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3. lives healthier and Animals more can active live.

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4. are medical operations for reasons Many.

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5. help to jobs Nose problems breathing fix.

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6. on surgery cosmetic for trend The pets.

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7. straighten teeth Get to their braces.

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8. see dog the helps operation The better.

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9. average 560 lovers an \$ Dog pay of must.

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10. over have just 250 owners pay \$ Cat to.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic\\_surgery.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1108/110819-plastic_surgery.html)

**Write about plastic surgery for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. PLASTIC SURGERY:** Search the Internet and find more information about plastic surgery. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about plastic surgery for pets. Include imaginary interviews with some pets. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a pet owner who paid for plastic surgery for his/her pet. Ask him/her three questions about plastic surgery. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.