

THE THIEF'S STORY

STUDY-NOTE

- Apparently this is a simple story with a simple subject. It touches a very sensitive issue of handling of loved ones by their elders. It is the duty of the elders to take care of the necessities.
- Mrs. 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 an 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. 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 Tricky 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.
- The lesson imparts a message for the ones suggesting them to own the responsibilities. They should not shower unnecessary love to their young ones as it might be fatal to their life

• *Changing your Tomorrow* ▲

CHARACTER SKETCHES

Dr. Herriot

- Dr Herriot is a competent veterinary doctor. He is very kind and gentle with animals. When he sees the condition of Tricky, he is worried. He warns the dog's mistress of the consequences of over feeding the dog but she loves the dog so much that she can't change her ways.
- Mr Herriot's kindness and compassion compels him to do something for the dog. He admits the dog in his clinic and gives him proper food and enough exercise to help him get back in shape. Here we see Mr Herriot's determination to help the animal



Mrs Pumphrey

- She was a rich lady who had a small pet dog named Tricki but She was foolishly indulgent and would pamper the dog by giving him chocolates, cakes, juice, eggs and



- wine. She wasn't tactful or wise as did not know that the dog needed exercise.
- Mrs. Pumphrey considered Tricki to be her child and take care of him in the best possible way.
- She was caring and loved her dog but this soon led to possessiveness. She was silly but tender hearted and she cried bitterly when Tricki was taken to the hospital. Mrs Pumphrey showered her excessive love and affection to Tricki but her ways were not correct.

