



# PUPPY MATH

Animal shelter take care of millions of lost, abandoned and relinquished (given up) animals each year. They work hard to find homes for as many as they can, but there are not enough homes for all of the animals in shelters. **Reach each sentence and write the correct number of new puppies in the column to the right. When you finish, add up all the numbers. This will help you understand how quickly dogs/puppies can multiply.**

- 1 Last December, a family got **ONE** unspayed female puppy. She was two months old. Her name is -----
- 2 In March, she had **FIVE** puppies. Two males and three females.
- 3 In July, she had her second litter. She had **FOUR** more puppies. Two males and two females.
- 4 In September, her **THREE** daughters from her first litter each had **FIVE** puppies of their own. Seven of those puppies were female. (3x5)
- 5 In November, she had her third litter of **SIX** puppies. All females.
- 6 In January, her **TWO** daughters from her second litter each had **FOUR** puppies. Five were female. (2x4)
- 7 In March, **SEVEN** of her granddaughters each had **FIVE** puppies. (7x5)

**TOTAL** number of puppies that were born because of one unspayed female.

What could have been done to prevent so many puppies without homes from being born? -----

Do you know ---- families that want a puppy?

Where do you think you could place ---- puppies?

