

**All living things can be divided into five kingdoms:**

- I. Archebacteria
- II. Eubacteria
- III. Fungi
- IV. Plantae
- V. Animalia: those living things that move independently, respond relatively quickly to external stimuli, possess compact internal organs, and have separate genders

**All animals can be divided into 14 phyla. Some of the major ones are:**

- A. Mollusca
- B. Arthropoda
- C. Annelida
- D. Chordata: those animals that have notochords, nerve cords and gill slits at some stage in their lives

**All chordates can be divided into 4 subphyla:**

1. Urochordata
2. Hemichordata
3. Cephalochordata
4. Vertebrata: those chordates that have vertebral columns

**All vertebrates can be divided into 7 classes:**

- a. Agnathans
- b. Chondrichthyes
- c. Osteichthyes
- d. Aves
- e. Amphibia
- f. Reptilia
- g. Mammalia: those vertebrates that have fur/hair; females possess mammary glands

**All mammals can be divided into 19 orders. Some major ones are:**

- i. Proboscidea
- ii. Rodentia
- iii. Primate: bipedal mammals with opposable thumbs. You belong to:
  - aa. Family Hominidea
    - 1a. Genus: Homo
      - 1aa. Species: sapiens
- iv. Carnivora: mammals with four carnassial (“slicing”) teeth

**All carnivorans can be divided into 7 families:**

- aa. Family Mustelidae
- bb. Family Ursidae
- cc. Family Procyonidae
- dd. Family Viverridae
- ee. Family Hyaenidae
- ff. Family Felidae: those carnivorans with retractile claws
  - 1a. Genus: Felis
    - 1aa. Species: domesticus (house cats of all “breeds”)
  - gg. Family Canidae: those carnivorans with non-retractile claws
    - 1a. Genus: Canis [wolves, coyotes, dogs]
      - 1aa. Species: familiaris (dogs of all “breeds”)

Therefore, a “dog” could be very scientifically defined as:

“Any living thing that moves independently, responds relatively quickly to external stimuli, possesses compact internal organs, has separate genders, a notochord, a nerve cord, gill slits (at least at some time in its life), a vertebral column, fur or hair, the female gender of which possess mammary glands, has four carnassial teeth, has non-retractile claws, and is descended from but isn’t anatomically identical to a coyote or wolf.”

## Value game

1. Zoology clue

Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Taxonomy clue

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3. Genetics clue

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4. Economics clue

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5. Sociology clue

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6. Ethology clue

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## THREE ANIMAL LAW EPISODES

### Episode #1:

1. On Monday, Homer Simpson steals a wiener dog from the Springfield County Animal Shelter and gives him to his neighbor Ned Flanders as a birthday present.
2. Ned names the wiener dog “Bitey” because the dog keeps making a funny biting motion with his mouth every time Ned yells at him, which is a lot.
3. On Wednesday, Ned takes Bitey to a dog psychologist who instructs Ned to only place Bitey in “quiet environments” which will then keep him from actually biting someone.
4. Ned agrees, but also privately decides that removing the dog’s teeth might help prevent future problems as well. Ned makes an appointment with a vet for Friday afternoon to have the dog’s teeth removed.
5. On Thursday, Ned takes Bitey to a PTA meeting at Springfield Elementary School expecting that it will be a quiet environment.
6. During the PTA meeting, Willie the groundskeeper becomes upset and yells at Principal Skinner. Due to the yelling, Bitey bites Ned who then drops him, bites Willie, bites Principal Skinner, and then runs off toward Homer’s house.
7. Chief Wiggum of Springfield Police is called, hears about what happened and considers the problem to be of low priority. The next morning, while on patrol, he finds Bitey hiding in a bush on Homer’s property and grabs him, intending to take him to the County Shelter.
8. On the way to the Shelter, the Chief decides to stop in at Moe’s Tavern for a drink. Due to a Springfield law against animals being left alone in vehicles, he brings Bitey into the bar.
9. Inside the bar, Homer and Barney Gumble are loudly arguing over who just won a yelling contest.
10. Chief Wiggum tells Moe to keep an eye on Bitey while he intervenes in the argument. Moe picks up Bitey and holds him.
11. A fight ensues between Homer, Barney and the Chief. Due to the yelling, Bitey bites Moe who then drops him, bites Homer, bites Barney, and bites Chief Wiggum.
12. Homer grabs Bitey, puts his face right up next to Bitey’s face and yells loudly “YOU HAVE TO STOP BITING EVERYONE”. Bitey bites Homer on the nose.

Who owns Bitey?

Who is legally responsible for Bitey?

Can Flanders remove his dog’s teeth?

Can Chief Wiggums seize Bitey?

Who is at fault for the bites at the PTA meeting?

Who is at fault for the bites at the bar?

Is Homer responsible for provoking Bitey?

## Episode #2:

1. For three weeks, there has been constant argument between Marge Simpson and her neighbor Maude Flanders over the fact that the Simpson's dog, "Santa's Little Helper", has been standing in the Flanders' driveway barking incessantly and at high volume.
  2. The Mayor of Springfield tells Chief Wiggum that the barking and the arguments about it is destroying the neighborhood peace, and that the Chief is to solve the problem. The Mayor orders the Chief to go to the neighborhood and "do whatever it takes" to stop the bickering and the barking.
  3. Upon arriving at the scene, the Chief observes the following:
    - a) Marge is in her own house crying,
    - b) Todd and Rod Flanders are in the Flanders' driveway playing with the garage door opener which makes a high-pitched squeaking sound,
    - c) Maude is holding Santa's Little Helper and is talking to Krusty the Clown on the phone,
    - d) the dog itself is barking at everything and everyone without let-up.
  4. Maude tries to tell the Chief that she and Marge just agreed a minute ago that he has their complete permission to either:
    - a) simply take the dog for himself to do with what he wants, or,
    - b) take the dog to Krusty the Clown for Krusty to put in the circus as "The Amazing Barking Dog".
  5. Santa's Little Helper is barking so loudly, however, that the Chief hears only a portion of what Maude has said.
  6. In order to just shut the dog up for a second so that he can hear, the Chief pulls out his nightstick, grabs Santa's Little Helper out of Maude's arms and puts a choke hold on him. As a result, the dog's throat is badly injured and he finally stops barking.
  7. Mr. Burns watches the entire incident from his car as his personal assistant Smithers is driving him to work. An animal lover, he is absolutely mortified by what he sees and has a stroke.
  8. Krusty learns what happened and cancels his show since he does not have a good dog act.
- Can Chief Wiggums really be given power to do "whatever it takes" to stop a barking dog?  
Does Maude have any right to give the dog away to Chief Wiggums?  
Does Chief Wiggums owe Marge anything for a dog with no voice?  
Can Mr. Burns recover damages from anyone for having a stroke?  
Can Marge recover damages from the Flanders?  
Can Krusty recover damages from Marge?

### Episode #3:

1. Springfield Pets, a local pet store, is under intense investigation by the state Department of Fish and Wildlife for illegally importing endangered fish from Peru.
2. To take some of the law enforcement pressure off themselves, Springfield Pets donates a large number of nondescript fish to Springfield Elementary School for the school's annual carnival.
3. At the carnival, Lisa Simpson wins a pair of what the school describes at the carnival booth as "Rare And Exotic Jungle Fish".
4. Lisa takes the pair of fish home, the fish have babies about a month later, and Lisa gives the babies away to a schoolmate, Milhouse.
5. Milhouse contracts an infection from handling the fish and is hospitalized with skin poisoning.
6. Milhouse's parents contract an infection from touching Milhouse and are hospitalized with skin poisoning.
7. The Springfield Hospital doctor on call, Dr. Julius Hibbert, contracts an infection from treating the patients' condition and is hospitalized with skin poisoning.
8. Dr. Hibbert's wife contracts an infection from hugging her husband as he lay in his own hospital bed and she is hospitalized with skin poisoning as well.
9. Springfield Hospital is shut down and no one will go near the place.
10. The Mayor of Springfield learns of the poisoning epidemic, declares a state of emergency for the entire town, and orders Chief Wiggum to destroy all "dangerous animals" in Springfield without delay.
11. The Chief goes to Springfield Pets and sets fire to the entire store, burning the place and everything in it down to the ground.
12. He then goes to the Springfield County Animal Shelter and orders all stray dogs that have recently been impounded there to be destroyed.
13. He then goes to the Simpson house, walks directly into Lisa's bedroom and decides that the quickest way to destroy the fish is by eating them.
14. Chief Wiggum dies, horribly.

Who would prevail in Family of Milhouse v. Springfield Elementary?

Who would prevail in Family of Hibbert v. Springfield Elementary?

Who would prevail in Springfield Hospital v. Springfield Elementary?

Who would prevail in Estate of Wiggum v. Springfield Elementary?

Who would prevail in Lisa Simpson v. Springfield Elementary?

Does anyone have a viable claim against Springfield Pets?