

Evaluating Apps

Title: Dog Town

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	x		Yes, we played enough to gain a general knowledge of what the app entails, and develop a purpose for the app (to teach responsibility).
Did the software crash?		x	The app never crashed
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?		x	We chose this app to teach children the responsibilities of caring for a pet, which it did, but it also forces you to breed the dogs which may be inappropriate for young children.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Color, items on screen, sounds	x		Colorful, lots of sounds, and interactive play
Is it easy to navigate?	x		Not very difficult and the beginning of the game has a tutorial to teach you how to play.

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Is it easy to learn?	x		If you follow the tutorial in the beginning, yes.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	I do not think this app would need supervision to use as long as the students understand not to make in app purchases but we agreed that we would not use this app in a classroom because of the breeding option.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		x	Throughout the whole game you tell the dogs what to do but some of the responses do not make sense for the tasks required of the dogs.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	x		There was music and multiple actions to perform for the dogs
Did you like using the App?		x	The app does not progress much after the tutorial

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			and it gets boring very quickly
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, was it enough 		x	This was not the lite version and it was free minus the in app purchases
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what were the additional costs? 	x		There were multiple in app purchases to buy; more puppies, food, etc.
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			Just like other simulation games the user tells the dogs what to do and it does sort of simulate real life. However, it is extremely simple and after the tutorial it becomes boring.
<p>Additional Comments</p>			Overall, we did not like this app because it was too simple and some of the actions (breeding) that you could perform in

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			the app were inappropriate for children 4+
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Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 		x	Was not appropriate for classroom use
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 		x	Does not meet classroom needs or teach children anything useful
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	No bias, any child could play