

CONTRACTS I

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CONSIDERATION: The Puppy Problems

Describe the following transactions in legal terms and analyze whether there is consideration.

- 1) Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if Fred will promise to give Mary \$50. Fred makes this promise.
- 2) Fred promises to give Mary \$50 if she gives him a puppy.
- 3) Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if Fred promises to take good care of it. Fred makes this promise.
- 4) Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if Fred promises not to sell it to anyone else. Fred makes this promise.
- 5) Mary promises to give Fred a puppy for his 30th birthday.
- 6) Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if Fred will come to her house to pick it up. Mary lives 50 miles from Fred.
- 7) Same as #6, but Mary insists that Fred bring his mother (who is Mary's friend) with him.
- 8) Fred gives Mary \$50 and in return Mary promises to give a puppy to Fred's friend, Larry.
- 9) Fred gives Mary \$50 and Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if there are least three puppies in the litter.
- 10) Fred gives Mary \$50 and Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if she feels like it.
- 11) Fred gives Mary \$50 and Mary promises to give Fred a puppy if she decides he is mature enough to take care of it.
- 12) Fred gives Mary \$50 and Mary gives Fred a pup. A week later, Fred and Mary learn that the puppy is of the rare breed *canine beaujolais* and is worth more than \$1,500. Mary wants the pup back or for Fred to pay her \$1,450.
- 13) Mary's pregnant dog is lost. Fred finds it, feeds it, and returns it to Mary. Mary promises to give Fred one of the puppies.
- 14) Someone stole Mary's dog. She tells a policeman that if he finds the dog she will

give him \$50.

- 15) Mary's dog is lost. She posts a reward for \$500 for anyone who finds and returns her beloved pet. Fred does not know of the reward when he finds the dog, feeds it, and returns it to Mary. Mary says: "Thank you." She does not mention the reward. A few days later, Fred finds out about the reward and claims it. Mary refuses to pay.