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## The Dog Whisperer's Challenge

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Successful dog trainers need patience, compassion, knowledge of dog behavior, and the ability to tailor training methods to individual dogs' needs. They should also have a strong commitment to the well-being of animals and the determination to see challenging cases through to success.
2. Sarah likely chose positive reinforcement and patience because they create a trusting and positive environment for the dogs. These methods contributed to her success by diminishing the dogs' aggressive behavior, building trust, and allowing for progress in their training.
3. Sarah's personal challenges likely reinforced her dedication to the project, as she faced the responsibility of caring for Max alongside rehabilitating the pack of dogs. This combination of challenges may have strengthened her resolve to see the rehabilitation through to the end.
4. Sarah's story teaches us that perseverance, compassion, and overcoming challenges are essential qualities in pursuing one's passion. It also shows that with dedication and the right approach, even the most challenging situations can be overcome for the benefit of others, both human and canine.

