



Looking After Our Pets

Starter - Can anyone remember what the 5 Welfare Needs are for **all** animals?



↓
Healthy food
& clean
water



↓
Suitable
place to live



↓
Being
looked after
by a vet if
they are ill



↓
Companionship
(friends/family)



↓
Opportunity
to behave
naturally



Can you provide an example of these needs?



Which would you like to have as a pet?



Cats / Kittens

How does this animal normally live?

What does it need to be happy and healthy?

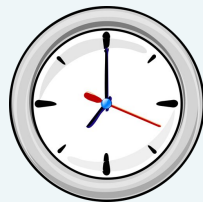
Could you keep this animal and meet all its needs?

Does this animal make a good pet? Can you explain your decision?



How do we look after our pets?

5 minutes



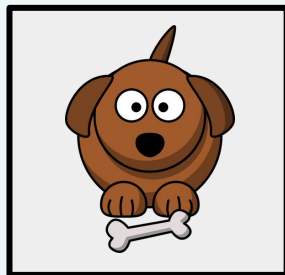
Working in Groups:

You will be given a specific pet. Each group will need a **leader** and a **reader**.

Cut out each of the pets' **'Needs'** from the factsheet.



Stick the photo of your group's pet in the middle of your sheet of paper.

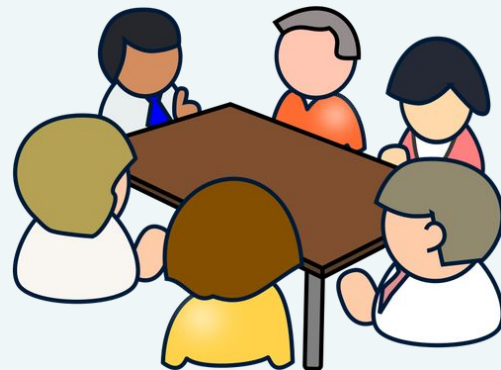
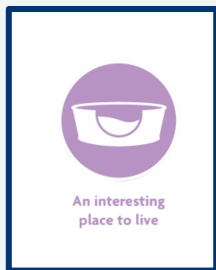




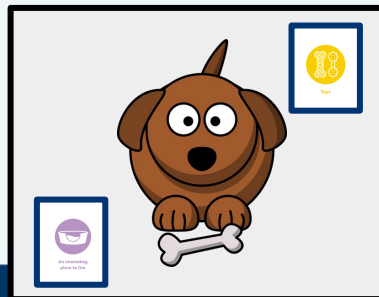
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1. The **reader** of the group must read out the cards one by one

2. As a **group**, discuss each card and decide if this applies to your animal.



3. If the card **does** apply to your animal. Stick this to your sheet.



If you can't understand the card or are not sure - ask for help or put to one side.



Plenary & Summary

How hard is it to look after a pet?

Why have some of the pet posters got more needs attached to them than others?

- o Does this mean that some pets are more difficult to look after than others?
- o Are there any pets that don't have any needs attached to them?



ALL pets have needs and it is OUR responsibility to meet those needs

Did you know?

In the wild, budgies and canaries live in large groups so it is unkind to have just one bird.

From a very young age a female guinea pig can produce up to five litters a year.

The average lifespan of a dog is 12 years and a cat 14 years, although many live for much longer.

How do you feel about people who don't care for their pets properly?



Do you feel you might do something differently as a result of this activity?

What have you learnt about keeping a pet?

