



Rights & Responsibilities



Starter

Complete the Quiz
Pets and the law



Can you identify all 5 of
the **Welfare Needs**?



Question

What do you think all pets need
to be happy and healthy?

**Animal Welfare Act -
5 Welfare Needs**



ACTIVITY SHEET

Pets and the law quiz

Circle one answer for each question:

- You can legally own a pet from the age of 10. True/False
- If you are looking after someone else's pet, you are not legally responsible. True/False
- It is illegal to keep your cat inside all the time. True/False
- It is against the law to buy and sell endangered species. True/False
- By law, you must take your animal to the vet at least once a year. True/False
- Pet birds do not need to be able to fly in their cages. True/False
- Dog fighting is legal as long as you have a licence. True/False



Task - Identifying & Discussing Issues



Task 1

Read the factsheet **Big Cat in Peckham** in small groups or pairs.



Task 3

Read the factsheet **Non-domestic (exotic) pets**

Task 2

Now read the **RSPCA Statement** and discuss the issues from both documents.



What are your thoughts on people keeping exotic animals as pets?



Scenario Work

There is a local problem with people buying non-domestic pets and then struggling to meet their **needs**.



A number of young people are buying these pets but they don't always have the knowledge, time and money to care for them properly.

Some of them are under 16 and are too young to **legally** buy a pet.

16+

The **local authority** and the **RSPCA** are having to rescue and rehome a number of animals.



The main issue is that people **don't know or understand** their **responsibilities** under the **Animal Welfare Act 2006**.



Scenario Work

It has been decided that a **local forum** will be set up to address the problem



Once you have been given your 'role', discuss the issue from this point of view

In groups of 5, use the **role play cards** to form five expert 'groups' that will send a representative to the forum

The 5 groups are:

- RSPCA
- Environmental services officer
- Owner of an iguana
- Breeder of non-domestic (exotic) animals
- Local person who will act as chairperson

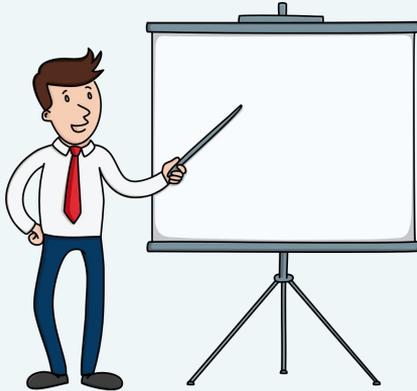
The **chairperson** runs the role play using the **Agenda**

END GOAL - The **forum** should create an action plan to resolve the issue



Plenary & Summary

In your groups of 5, **present** your action plan to the class.



Who do you think is **responsible** for ensuring the needs of pets are met? Why?

Questions to think about:

What measures would you put in place to ensure that only those people who were **able to provide the care that pets need** were able to purchase them?

Would these measures require a **new law** or do you think these can be achieved using alternatives methods?

Extension

Could you set up an animal welfare forum for animal welfare issues in the **school**? Perhaps it could be part of the school council?