

HUMANE SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

**Service Project Activities
for 5th-8th Graders**



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Hello! Thank you for deciding to help homeless animals for your service learning project. Please complete each of the activities under your age level. Then, send all of your worksheets to the Humane Society of Broward County and we will send you a letter of completion and a certificate! Be sure to include your full name, address and phone number! Questions? Call 954-266-6848.

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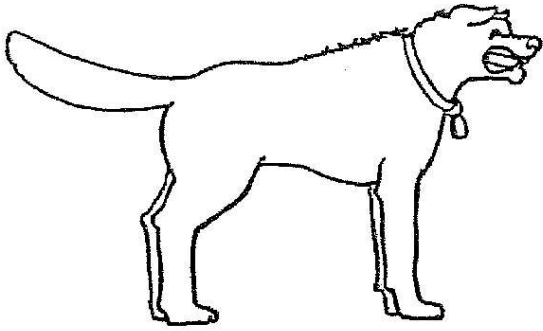
Activities for 5th and 6th Graders

1. How do dogs and cats communicate or talk to us? They mostly use body language. That means you can tell how they are feeling by looking at the way their body is positioned. How do dogs and cats tell us when they are happy, sad, scared, angry, or sick? Complete the “Dog Talk” sheet on page 3 and see if you can guess what each dog is trying to say. What is it about the dog’s body language that makes you think that? Observe your dog or cat and explain their body language. Check your answers with the key on page 21.
2. Discover the importance of identification for your pet. Learn about the different types of identification: I.D. tags, tattoos and the microchip. Discuss the pros and cons of each type of identification. Find out which of the three is the most beneficial in reuniting a lost pet with his family. Using the blank tag on page 4, design a tag that includes all the information a person who finds a lost pet would need to contact the pet’s family. Check to see if each of your pets has identification. If they don’t, get one made at your local pet supply store or at HSBC today! What would you do if your pet got lost? Read the tips on page 5 and talk about them with your family.
3. How much does it really cost to get a dog? The cost of a pet is only the beginning of the money you will spend caring for the pet. On page 6, determine how much it actually costs to get a dog. To find the prices, visit a local pet supply store, call a veterinarian, or search online.
4. Learn about safe toys for your pets on pages 7 and 8. Create a safe toy for your own pet or make one for a shelter pet!
5. Create a first aid kit for your pet. Check out the ideas on page 9. Compare the contents between a human first aid kit and a pet first aid kit.
6. Is your pet a “good citizen”? See page 10 to learn about laws that pertain to pets. Why are these laws important? What if there were no such laws? Talk about them with your family. Color the coloring sheet on page 11.
7. What is the difference between a domesticated animal and a wild animal? Are dogs and cats domesticated or wild? Read the information on page 12, and then design a poster to be hung at the Humane Society to educate people about why they should never abandon a pet.

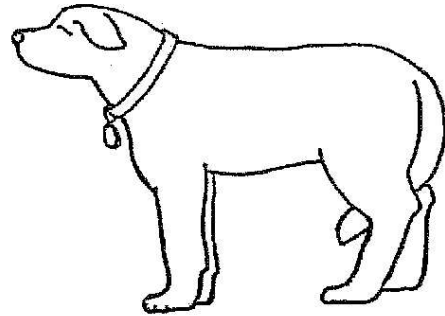
DOG TALK

What Are These Dogs Saying?

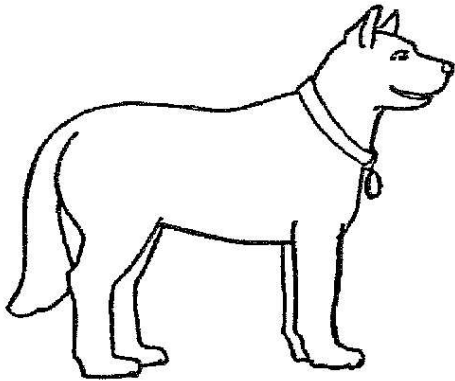
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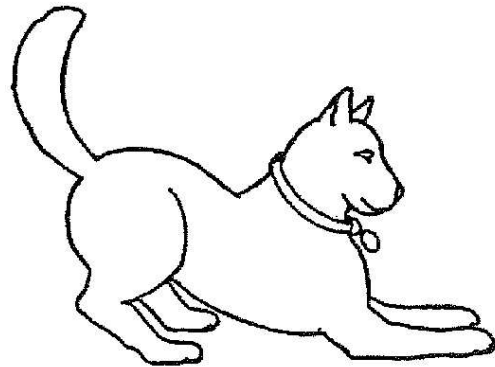
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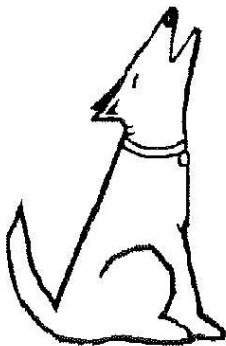
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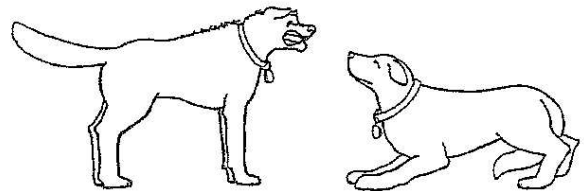


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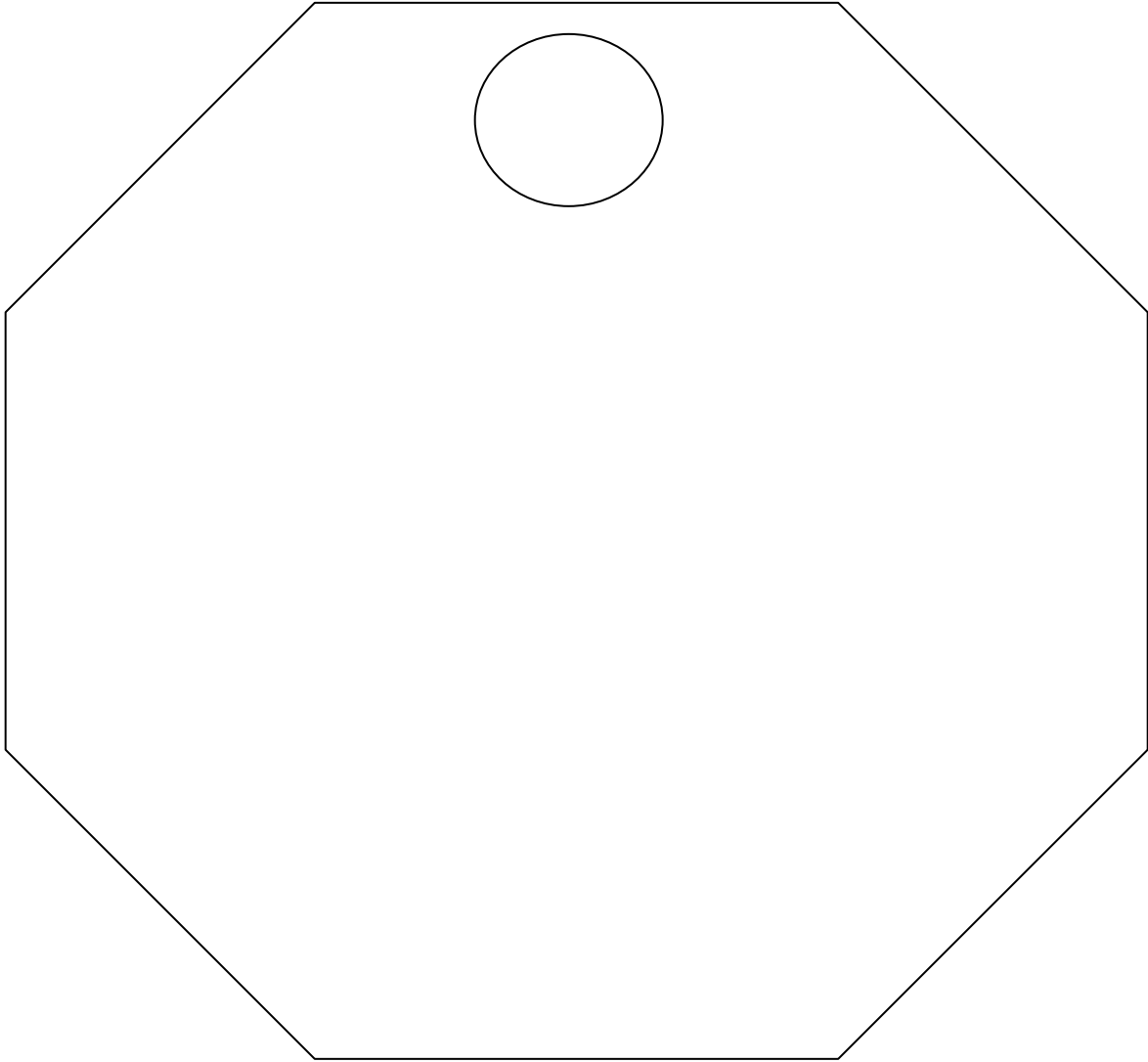


6. Dog #1 _____

Dog #2 _____



Design an I.D. tag for a pet



Fill in the above I.D. tag with all the information a person who finds a lost pet would need to contact the pet's family.

My pet is lost! What should I do?



- * Go look for your pet right away!
- * Look all over your neighborhood, in bushes, up in trees and on top of roofs (if your pet is a cat or a bird). Call your pet's name and shake his treat bag or squeak his toy. Ask your neighbors if they have seen or heard an unfamiliar pet. Often, pets will come out at night when they feel safer.
- * Make a flyer that includes: a clear photo of your pet, the date he was lost, the nearest major intersection near where he was last seen, the color of his collar, his breed, age, and whether he is a boy or a girl. Also include information about a reward if you are offering one, and your phone number! Put the flyers all over your neighborhood, at local stores, schools, churches, and pet supply stores.

Go to the Humane Society of Broward County and to Broward County Animal Care and Regulation to fill out a lost pet report. Be sure to bring photos of your pet! Look at all of the animals they have to see if your pet is one of them. Go look each day if possible.

- * Post an ad on online lost pet registries/bulletin boards.
- * Put an ad in the newspaper. Offer a REWARD!
- * Don't give up! Pets can turn up at shelters weeks or months after they are lost.

How Much Does It Really Cost To Get A Dog?

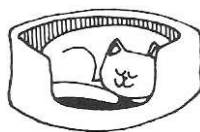
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Cost of the dog	\$ _____
Leash	\$ _____
Collar	\$ _____
I.D. tag	\$ _____
County license	\$ _____
Microchip I.D.	\$ _____
Training classes	\$ _____
Food and water bowls	\$ _____
Flea control	\$ _____
Brush	\$ _____
Heartworm disease preventative	\$ _____
Toys	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____
Deworming	\$ _____
Spay/neuter surgery	\$ _____
Vaccinations	\$ _____
Grooming	\$ _____
Check-up at the vet	\$ _____
Boarding	\$ _____
Bed	\$ _____
Crate for training	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

Pets can be expensive! It is important to carefully consider the true costs of getting a pet **BEFORE** you get one!

Did you know...when you adopt a dog or a cat from the Humane Society of Broward County, the low adoption fee includes the pet's up-to-date vaccinations, license, microchip I.D., and spay/neuter surgery! What a great deal!

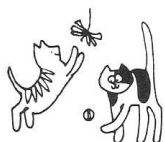


Safe Games And Toys For Your Pets!

It's important to take time to play with your pets each day - they get bored just like you do and tend to gain weight and become depressed if they don't get enough activity. Pets can also become rambunctious and destructive if they don't get enough exercise. Put aside a half-hour each day to play with and exercise your pet. Choose one of the suggested games or create your own safe toy for your pet to play with.

Safety First!

- ♥ Never let your cat play with ribbon, yarn, string or tinsel! If they swallow it, it could cause major damage to their intestines. (For the same reason, make sure dog don't eat dental floss from bathroom garbage cans!)
- ♥ Don't let your dog play with small cat toys, small balls, or other small items that he could swallow and choke on.
- ♥ Many cats love to play with laser lights but be careful not to shine it in their eyes.
- ♥ Don't give your pet bones left over from dinner. He could chew them up and eat them and they could puncture his stomach.
- ♥ Don't let your cat play in plastic bags!



Toy and Game Ideas to Try

Knot a tennis ball in an old sock and throw it for your dog!

Fill a small sock with catnip and cotton. Stitch the end up, and watch your kitty go crazy!

Stuff a Kong toy with peanut butter and it will keep your dog busy for hours.

Decorate a paper shopping bag (remove the handles if it has them) and cut a few holes in it – your cat will love to hide in it.

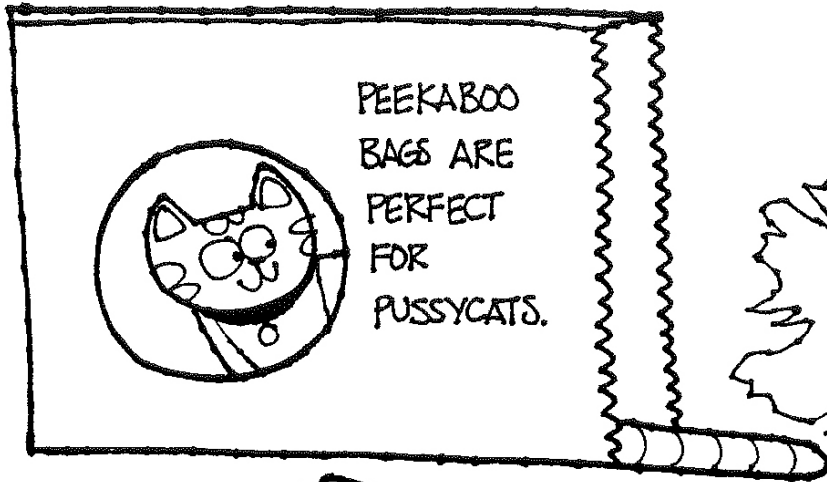
Blow bubbles for your dog or cat to chase.

Play hide-and-seek with your dog! Have your dog sit and stay, then you go hide some where in the house (make it an easy place first). Have a treat in your hand. Then, call your dog to come to you. When he finds you, praise him and give him the treat.

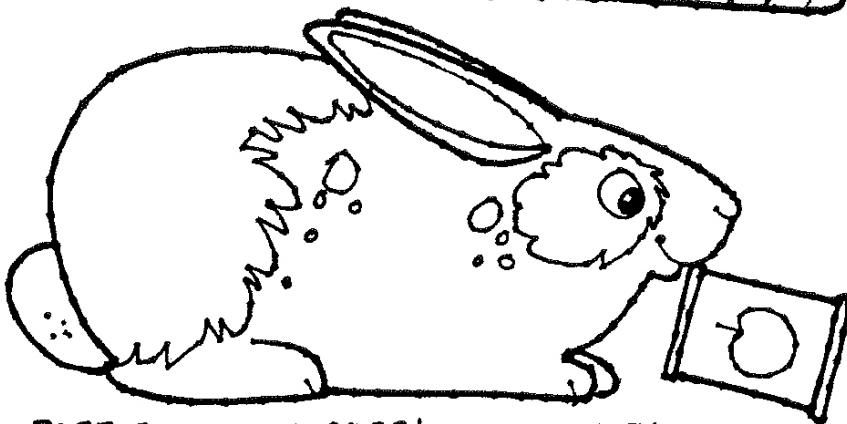
Some dogs and cats may enjoy having their own stuffed toy or animal to snuggle with, carry around, or wrestle with.

Check out the following page for ideas of toys for pets other than dogs or cats!

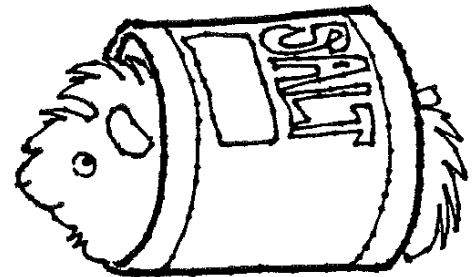
MAKE A TOY FOR YOUR PET.



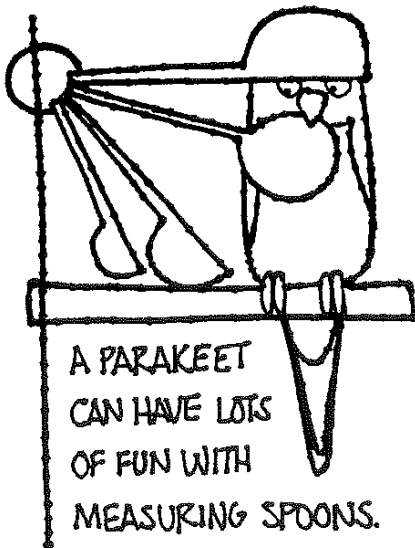
GIVE YOUR HAMSTER AN ALMOST-EMPTY ROLL OF TOILET PAPER TO SHRED.



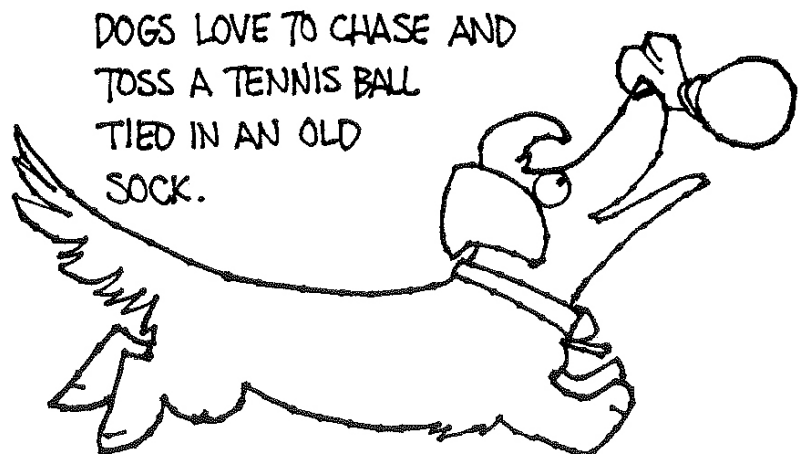
RABBITS LOVE RATTLES! MAKE ONE BY TAPING PEBBLES INSIDE A SMALL JUICE CAN.



GUINEA PIGS LIKE TUNNELS.



A PARAKEET CAN HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITH MEASURING SPOONS.



DOGS LOVE TO CHASE AND TOSS A TENNIS BALL TIED IN AN OLD SOCK.

KIDS & CRITTERS

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Make A First Aid Kit For Your Pet!

If your pet gets hurt, he will depend on you to get him the help he needs. This will probably mean taking him to a veterinarian. Sometimes pets only have very minor injuries (such as a minor scratch or a tick bite) which is where having a pet first aid kit would come in handy. Below is a list of things that make up a good pet first aid kit. The time to put your first aid kit together is TODAY, before your pet gets hurt!

- Medical Tape Roll
- 4 Gauze Pads (4" x 4")
- 4 Gauze Pad (2" x2")
- 2 Gauze Roll (2" wide)
- Examination Gloves
- Instant Cold Pack
- Tweezers
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Alcohol Pads
- Antiseptic Towelettes
- Pet First Aid Guide – VERY IMPORTANT!
- Leg Splints/Tongue Depressors
- Cotton swabs
- Elastic Bandage 2" ("Ace Bandage")
- Sting Relief Pads
- Eye wash
- Hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting)
- Rectal Thermometer

Also include important phone numbers:

Your veterinarian: _____

24-hour emergency animal hospital: _____

ASPCA Poison Control Hotline: 888-426-4435



Note: Never try to handle an injured pet yourself. Animals that are in pain may bite out of fear, even if they know you. It is best to let an adult or medical professional tend to the hurt animal. If the animal's injuries are more than minor, have an adult take the animal to a veterinarian immediately!!!

Is Your Pet A “Good Citizen”?

Most communities have laws concerning pets. These laws are meant to maintain the health and safety of the people and animals in the community. Read the important information below with your family and discuss the answers to the questions. The laws listed below are similar to those commonly found in communities throughout the U.S. They all apply in Broward County, Florida.

Leash law

Dogs are not allowed to run loose off their owner’s property. They must be kept indoors or in a fenced yard. If they are off of their owner’s property, they must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Imagine if people were allowed to let their dogs run loose. Would it present a danger to people? In what way(s)? Would it present a danger to other animals? There is no leash law for cats. Do you think there should be? Why or why not?



“Pooper Scooper” law

People must immediately clean up their pet’s waste if their pet defecates (goes to the bathroom) on someone else’s property.

Why is it important for people to clean up after their pets? What if no one ever did?

Rabies Vaccination Requirement

All dogs and cats that are four months and older must be vaccinated against rabies. Rabies is a serious disease that is contagious between animals and humans. It is extremely rare for a person to catch rabies from a dog or a cat, though, largely because rabies vaccines are required for dogs and cats throughout the U.S. and this has kept the disease under control.

How has dogs and cats being vaccinated for rabies helped humans?



“License Law”

All dogs and cats that are four months and older must wear a license on their collar. The license is issued through the county where the pet lives. A license is also called a ‘tag’. The license is used to help identify a pet if he becomes lost or stolen. It is also used to keep track of which pets have received the required rabies vaccine. Also, counties use licensing to keep statistics on owned pets. Owners often must renew their licenses yearly.

“Nuisance law”


Pet owners must not allow their pets to bother or be a nuisance to other people. For example, it would be considered a nuisance for a person to allow their dog to bark all night, every night, in the yard. And, it would be a nuisance for a person to allow their cat to dig up plants in a neighbor’s garden each day.

Do dogs and cats always know how we want them to behave? Whose responsibility is it to make sure that pets do not bother others?

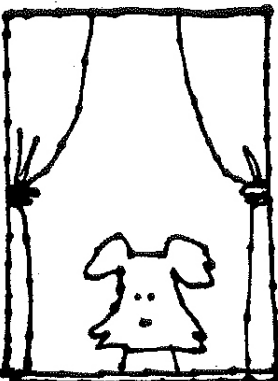


IS YOUR DOG A GOOD CITIZEN?

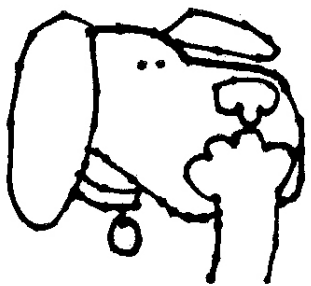
DOES HE HAVE A CURRENT LICENSE AND I.D. TAG? DOES HE WEAR THEM?




IS HE KEPT IN A HOUSE OR YARD, OR ON A LEASH? LOOSE DOGS CAUSE PROBLEMS AND AREN'T SAFE.



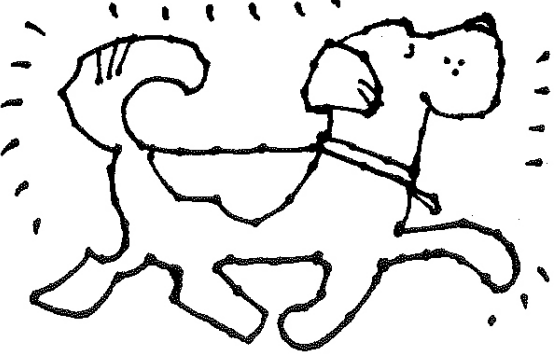
HAS HE BEEN TAUGHT NOT TO MAKE EXCESSIVE NOISE, LIKE BARKING WHEN LEFT ALONE?



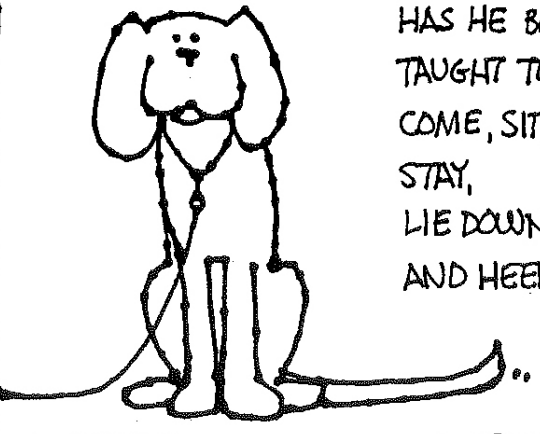
DO YOU PICK UP AFTER HIM WHEN HE GOES TO THE BATHROOM?



IS HE KEPT CLEAN AND HEALTHY?



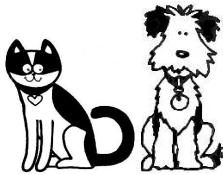
HAS HE BEEN TAUGHT TO COME, SIT, STAY, LIE DOWN, AND HEEL?



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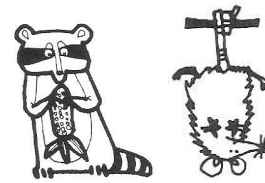
Why Our Pets Depend On Us

Dogs and cats depend on humans in order to survive. Thousands of years ago, dogs and cats were wild animals. They had the instincts to hunt, find shelter and to fend for themselves against the dangers that they faced in the wild. But then humans realized how wonderful these creatures were and decided that they wanted to keep them around and take care of them. They gave the dogs and cats food, water, and shelter, and protected them from harm. After thousands of years of being cared by humans, dogs and cats forgot how to do these things for themselves! They are no longer wild animals. They are now what we call domesticated animals. That means that they depend on us to provide them with food, water, shelter, medical care and grooming, and they need us to protect them from harm.



Domesticated

vs.



Wild

Dogs and cats that are forced to live on the streets live very short, sad lives. Since they have no one to feed them, they have no choice but to eat rotten food from garbage cans, which can make them very sick. Since they have no one to give them clean water, they are forced to drink dirty water from puddles on the street. Many of these animals die from starvation. While on the streets without humans to care for them, many dogs and cats get hit by cars or are attacked by other animals. Many of them will suffer from injuries and disease. Sometimes, cruel people will intentionally hurt animals they see roaming the streets. For this reason, it is very important that people do not abandon their pets on the street or anywhere else. Abandoning a dog or cat is such a bad idea that it is in fact against the law. Instead, people should call the Humane Society to assist them with finding their pet a new home.



Design a poster to educate people about the dangers of abandoning pets. Bring it to the Humane Society when you visit for your tour and we will hang it on our wall!

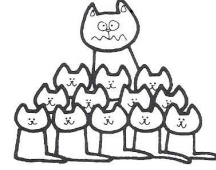
Activities for 12-13 year olds

1. Help a homeless pet find a home! Go to our website (www.humanebroward.com) and choose a dog, cat, or rabbit that is up for adoption. If possible, choose a pet that may have a harder time finding a home, such as one that is several years old or has all-black fur. Design a colorful, eye-catching flyer “advertising” the pet for adoption. Include important information about the pet, including where the people can call for information. The more attractive your flyer is, the more effective it will be! Make lots of copies of your flyer and pass them out in your neighborhood, at the store, at school, at your local pet supply store – get creative! You may help a homeless pet find a home!
2. The Humane Society of Broward County offers three animal behavior mini-seminars that are free and open to the public. They are approximately one hour in length and are usually held on Saturday mornings. They are called Bow Wow Basics, Meow Basics, and Bunny Basics. For more information or to find out the upcoming meeting dates, please call 954-266-6848.
3. Have a toy drive for the animals at the Humane Society! Why do you think the Humane Society gives toys to the dogs, cats and rabbits in their care? Toys help to keep the animals from getting bored while they wait for a new home. Toys brighten their day! But, the toys at the Humane Society wear out quickly and need to be replaced constantly. Why not encourage your friends and family to donate a new toy or two? The toys that work best are: Large rubber toys for dogs, ping pong balls for cats, and small plastic cat toys with a bell inside for rabbits. Imagine how happy the animals will be!
4. There are too many homeless pets! As you read this, tens of thousands of dogs, cats and rabbits sit in shelters across America, hoping for someone to adopt them. There are already so many homeless pets...find out what you can do to stop more from being created on page 14.
5. The truth about dogs, cats and bunnies...test your knowledge about our furry friends on page 15! Check your answers on page 22.
6. Learn and talk about why pets lose their homes and what measures can we take to prevent our family from having to give up our pet on page 16. Check your answers on page 23.
7. Compare and contrast the differences between Broward Animal Care and Regulation and the Humane Society of Broward County on page 17.
8. Making the pur-r-r-r-r-rfect match...It's not easy to find loving, lifelong homes for animals. Pretend you are a pet adoption counselor and match the right pet up with the right person on page 18. Check you answers on page 24.
9. Learn about the tragedy of puppy mills and what you can do to stop them on pages 19 and 20.

Too Many Pets!

America has a serious pet overpopulation problem. That means that there are far more pets than there are people to give them homes. Where did all these “extra” animals come from? They come from people who give up their pets and people who allow their pets to have litters of babies. People abandon SO MANY pets at shelters that sometimes shelters have no choice but to euthanize (painlessly put to death) the pets that nobody wants. To see just how serious the problem is, please complete the exercise below:

For each person born in America, 15 dogs and 45 cats are also born. In order for every one of these dogs and cats to have a home, each person would have to care for 15 dogs and 45 cats in their lifetime!



How many pets would YOUR family have to care for?

Write the number of people that live in your house: _____

Multiply the number of people in your house by the number of dogs they would have to care for:

$$\text{_____} \times 15 = \text{_____}$$

Now, multiply the number of people in your family by the number of cats they would have to care for:

$$\text{_____} \times 45 = \text{_____}$$

Add the answers from the dog and cat problems:

$$\text{_____} + \text{_____} = \boxed{}$$

The people in your house would have to care for $\boxed{}$ dogs and cats in their lifetimes! You can see that this is not possible.

So, what can you do to reduce the number of homeless animals?

- ♥ Spay or neuter your pets! Spaying (for females) and neutering (for males) are operations that a veterinarian can do so that a dog or a cat cannot have unwanted babies.
- ♥ Don't get a pet unless you are willing to keep and properly care for him for his entire life.
- ♥ Adopt an animal from a shelter! Save the life of a precious dog or cat by adopting from a shelter. There is no need to spend hundreds of dollars at a pet store or breeder when you can get an amazing, lovable pet at your local shelter. You'll be glad you did!



The Truth About Dogs, Cats and Bunnies

Read each statement below and circle either True or False. Check your answers using the Answer Key on page 22. Good luck!

1. When a cat scratches his claws on the furniture, it is because he is trying to be a bad kitty. True or False
2. The best thing to do when you meet a dog is to stare him directly in the eyes. True or False
3. Cats and dogs can eat people food instead of dog and cat food. True or False
4. Dogs and cats do not need identification tags on their collars. They are smart and can always find their way home, like in the movies. True or False
5. Dogs prefer to live outdoors. True or False
6. Spaying or neutering your dog or cat will make your pet healthier, happier, and might help him live longer. True or False
7. It is okay to leave your dog in the car while you go shopping. True or False
8. When meeting a dog, always ask the owner's permission before you pet the dog. True or False
9. The Humane Society of Broward County receives an average of about 300 dogs and cats each week. True or False
10. When your pet is sleeping, eating, chewing on a bone, or in his crate, you should leave him alone. True or False
11. If you don't want your pet rabbit anymore, just let him go in the woods. True or False
12. Animals don't have feelings so if you give your pet away or abandon him at a shelter, it won't really affect him. True or False
13. Cats that live on the street have a lifespan of about 3-5 years, while cats kept indoors usually live about 11-14 years. True or False
14. You can give your pet people medicine like aspirin or Tylenol when they're sick. True or False
15. If you see someone mistreating an animal, just look away. The animal belongs to them so it's none of your business. True or False



Prevent YOUR Pet From Becoming Homeless!

About 300 dogs, pups, cats, kittens, and rabbits are brought to the Humane Society of Broward County by their owners every week. Sadly, most pets lose their home not because of something they have done wrong, but rather because their family did not act responsibly or didn't try very hard to make the situation work.

Read the reasons people give up their pets and think of what the family could have done to prevent that situation from happening in the first place. Check your answers using the Answer Key on page 23.



I'm giving up my pet because...	...this problem could have been prevented by...
A. My pet had babies and I can't find homes for them.	
B. I can't afford my pet.	
C. He got too big.	
D. She jumps up on people and goes potty in the house.	
E. My brother is allergic to him.	
F. We're moving.	
G. We don't have time for her.	
H. We had a new baby.	
I. The landlord said we're not allowed to have pets.	
J. He's too active.	

What's The Difference?!?

There are two large animal shelters that serve the pets and people of Broward County: The Humane Society of Broward County and Broward Animal Care and Regulation. People often get the two confused since both offer some similar services. However, they are two completely separate agencies. Fill in the blank spaces below to compare and contrast the differences between the two agencies.

Hint: Contact The Humane Society of Broward County at www.humanebroward.com or 954-989-3977 and Broward County and Broward Animal Care and Regulation at <http://www.broward.org/animal/> or 954-359-1313.

The Humane Society of Broward County

Broward County Animal Care and Regulation

Receives about 20,000
animals a year



Picks up stray dogs

Funds come from donations and
fundraising events



Investigates animal cruelty

Has lots of awesome
pets for adoption!



Offers a low-cost
spay/neuter program

Is a private, non-profit
organization



The Purrrrr-fect Match

At the Humane Society of Broward County, we want to find permanent, loving homes for the animals in our care. Our Adoption Counselors try to match the right person or family up with the right pet for them.

Pretend you are an Adoption Counselor and read the descriptions below and determine what kind of pet may be best suited for the people and their lifestyle at this time. Write the letter of your choice in the space provided. There may be more than one correct answer for each. Check your answers using the Answer Key on page 24.

A. Puppy



B. Adult cat



C. Kitten



D. Adult dog



E. This may not be the right time to get a pet

1. _____ An elderly woman that lives alone.
2. _____ A married couple that is expecting a baby.
3. _____ A family with 3 kids under the age of 4.
4. _____ A family with a 7-year-old and a 10-year-old, and a stay-at-home mom.
5. _____ A busy college student that lives in an apartment.
6. _____ A man who lives alone and is out of the house 8 hours each day.
7. _____ A single woman who works from home.
8. _____ A family that is getting ready to move across the country.
9. _____ A family with six-year-old twins in which one parent works part-time.
10. _____ A loving family whose landlord says pets are not allowed.

What Is A Puppy Mill?

Imagine a dog being forced to live in a small wire cage for most of her life. She never gets to run and play, or have a toy or a soft bed. Nobody ever pets her. She is exposed to extreme temperatures in the winter and summer. There is little hope that she will ever know a loving home. Instead, she is forced to have puppies, litter after litter, until she physically cannot have any more, and then she is put to death.

And for what?



So pet stores can make money!

Welcome to a puppy mill, a place that breeds dogs to supply pet stores and online dealers. The people who run puppy mills are primarily concerned with making money and show little concern for the health and well-being of the dogs they create. They often produce sick puppies as a result of inbreeding, disease, the breeding of dogs with genetic problems, a lack of veterinary care, and poor quality food and water. Also, the puppies produced are often taken away from their mothers far too soon, causing them to suffer from socialization and behavior problems later in their lives.

The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 90% of all pet stores get their pups from puppy mills. It is the cheapest way to get puppies to sell, since so little money is spent on the care of the puppies. Pet stores in turn sell the pups to the public for hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars. Of course, pet stores don't admit that their puppies come from puppy mills because then you might not buy one! Instead they will say they get them from reputable breeders. However, reputable breeders would NEVER sell their puppies through a pet store. Reputable breeders insist on meeting and interviewing the potential new owner, seeing where the puppy would live, and making sure the owner is responsible and committed to giving the puppy the best possible life. Pet stores, on the other hand, will sell a puppy to any person that walks through their door with money.



The suffering created by puppy mills is heartbreaking, but it is something we have the power to change!

What can YOU do to stop puppy mills?



Don't buy puppies from pet stores or online! This is the most important thing you can do to stop puppy mills! If the pet stores aren't making money, the puppy mills will go out of business. If you want to give an adorable puppy a home, adopt one instead! There are thousands of loving, healthy pure-bred and mixed-breed dogs (and cats!) in our community that would LOVE to be your pet!



Tell your friends and family what you have learned about puppy mills. Most people would never knowingly support animal cruelty, but they don't know better. Unless you tell them about puppy mills, they might not know.



Write letters to your elected officials to let them know that you want them to crack down on puppy mills. Visit this page to get the names and addresses of your elected officials:
http://action.humanesociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=electedOfficials_federal



If you happen to be in a pet store and see sick puppies, report it to the authorities.



If your family insists on buying a pure-bred puppy, only go to a reputable breeder. You should be able to go to the breeder's house and see the mother and father dogs, see proof of genetic testing and veterinary records. Most reputable breeders will not even breed their dogs until top-quality homes are lined up for the puppies. Also, don't be fooled into thinking a puppy is "better" or worth more financially because it has papers or is registered with one of the kennel clubs. Puppy mills and breeders have been known to file false paperwork to get these certifications, and kennel clubs are not able to verify every litter of puppies that is born.

Your assignment:

- ♥ Educate one person on what you have just learned about puppy mills.
- ♥ Write to one of your elected officials and let them know that you are against puppy mills.

To learn more about helping the dogs in puppy mills, visit www.Stoppupmills.org for more information.



Dog Talk Answer Key (Activity #1)

1. I'm angry, so back away. My hair is standing up, my tail is up and my teeth are showing. I might be growling. Leave me alone!
2. I'm scared! My eyes are half-closed, my ears are back and my tail is between my legs. I might even crouch down on the floor and roll onto my back. I'm afraid, so please give me my space.
3. I'm a happy dog! My ears are up and my body is relaxed. My tail is up. I'm approachable!
4. Let's play! My rear end is up in the air and my tail is up and wagging. My paws are on the ground as if I'm bowing to you. My ears are forward and my face looks happy. Come on! Let's play!
5. I'm lonely! I'm all by myself and I want some company so I'm howling like a wolf to try and attract my family to come to me. If I am your dog, please spend more time with me!
6. Dog #1 – I am an angry dog! My hair is standing up, my tail is up and my teeth are showing. I might be growling. I am showing Dog #2 that I am the boss!
Dog #2 - I am REALLY scared! My ears are pinned back, my eyes are closed and my tail is between my legs. I am crouching down to show Dog #1 the HE IS the boss of me!

The Truth About Dogs, Cats and Bunnies Answer Key

1. False – Cats do not scratch to be bad – it is normal cat behavior. Keep your furniture safe by teaching kitty to scratch on a scratching post. Need help with a scratching cat? Call 954-266-6851.
2. False – NEVER stare directly into a dog's eyes. In dog language, this is an aggressive thing to do.
3. False – Pet foods are made to meet the specific needs of pets. People food is not healthy for animals and it could make them sick and overweight.
4. False – Pets are not always able to find their way home. Identification tags could save your pet's life if he got lost! If your pet doesn't have tags, get him some today!
5. False – Dogs prefer to live indoors with their family! How would YOU like to live outdoors?
6. True – Pets that are spayed or neutered tend to be calmer pets who are better listeners, and are less likely to run away from home. They are also less likely to develop certain illnesses.
7. False – Your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke if left in a hot car. NEVER leave an animal alone in a car!
8. True – This is a great way to stay safe around dogs!
9. True – The Humane Society of Broward County receives hundreds of pets each week. If you are looking to adopt a pet, the Humane Society is a great place to get one!
10. True – Just like people, dogs sometimes like to be left alone.
11. False – Pet rabbits starve quickly when abandoned in the woods. Better yet...find him a new loving home or call the Humane Society.
12. False – When a pet loses their home, they feel hurt, confused and scared.
13. True – Life on the street is hard for animals. Living indoors with people is the safest place for them!
14. False – Never give human medication to pets unless your veterinarian advises you to do so.
15. False – Always speak up if you see a pet being mistreated. The pet cannot call for help himself. You may be saving the pet's life!

Prevent YOUR Pet From Becoming Homeless! Answer Key

I'm giving up my pet because...	...this problem could have been prevented by...
A. My pet had babies and I can't find homes for them.	The family should have had their pet spayed so she wouldn't have had babies.
B. I can't afford my pet.	The family should have made sure they were ready for the financial commitment of having a pet before they got one. Also, many communities have low-cost services to help pet owners who have temporary financial problems. The family could have utilized these services to get them through their rough time.
C. He got too big.	The family should have done research to find out more about the dog they were getting before they got him.
D. She jumps up on people and goes potty in the house.	Jumping and house soiling are normal behaviors for a dog that has not yet been trained. All dogs need training! The family should have trained their dog. Many places including the Humane Society offer low-cost dog training.
E. My brother is allergic to him.	The family should not have gotten a pet if they knew someone was allergic. However, many people with allergies live comfortably with pets if they follow some simple tips (not letting the pet in the room where the allergic person sleeps, bathing the pet regularly, etc.) Also, a number of effective allergy medications exist to help allergic animal lovers keep their pets.
F. We're moving.	Just because a family moves doesn't mean their pet has to lose his home! They should seek advice from their local Humane Society on how to move with a pet. The Humane Society might also have a listing of pet-friendly apartments, if needed. If a family loves their pet and wants to keep him, they will take him with them when they move. It only takes a little extra planning!
G. We don't have time for her.	Having a pet is a huge time commitment. This is something that must be considered before a family gets a pet. Even when the family gets busy, they still must spend with and care for their pet. If a family is not able or willing to do so, they should not get a pet.
H. We had a new baby.	Lots of people successfully keep their pets when they have a new baby-it just takes a little knowledge and preparation. The people could have sought out advice on how acclimate their pet to the arrival of a new baby.
I. The landlord said we're not allowed to have pets.	If a family has a pet, they should not move to a place that doesn't allow pets. There are lots of apartments and homes for rent that allow pets. The family should have made more of an effort to find pet-friendly housing (including calling their local Humane Society!) Of course, if they live in a place that doesn't allow pets and they don't already have one, they shouldn't get one.
J. He's too active.	Some animals, especially those that are young, have lots of energy. They need exercise to burn their excess energy! It is true what dog trainers say-a tired pet is a well-behaved pet! A family should research the energy levels of different breeds before getting a pet. They should get an adult pet rather than a pup or a kitten. With any pet, a family should set aside time each day to exercise the pet.

The Purrrr-fect Match Answer Key

Possible correct answers	Explanation
1. B – Adult cat	A calm, adult cat (preferably over the age of 5) would make a wonderful companion for an elderly person. A pup, kitten or dog may be too much work for an elderly person.
2. E - This may not be the right time to get a pet	This couple is about to have a major change in their lives which will require all their time and attention. This may not be the best time to get a new pet.
3. D or E – Adult dog or This may not be the right time to get a pet	3 kids under the age of 4 must take up all their parents' time and attention! They may not have the energy supervise puppy or a kitten. And, a small child could easily injure a pup or kitten. An adult cat would probably be frightened by the young kids. If the family insists on getting a pet, an adult dog that has lived with small kids might be an acceptable choice, or even better, the parents should wait until the kids are older before getting a pet.
4. A,B,C or D – any of the pets	This family has kids that are old enough to help take care of a pet. And, one of the adults is usually at home, so she could supervise and train the pet.
5. E - This may not be the right time to get a pet	College is a hectic time and students often move from place to place. A student may not be able to provide a stable home for a new pet.
6. B – Adult cat	An adult cat (preferably over the age of 5) would be all right if left alone during the day, unlike a pup or kitten who might get into trouble, or an adult dog who might not be able to “hold it” 8 hours or more and may have a housetraining accident!
7. A,B,C or D – any of the pets	A person who is home most of the time would probably be able to provide the needed supervision and training for a dog or cat of any age!
8. E - This may not be the right time to get a pet	A cross-country move is a very busy time and may not be the best time to bring a new pet into the household. Why not wait and adopt a pet in their new community?
9. A,B,C or D – any of the pets	The kids in this family are old enough to start learning how to help take care of a pet, and at least one of the parents is home a lot of the time and can supervise and train the pet.
10. E - This may not be the right time to get a pet	If a person or family is not allowed to have pets where they live, then they should not get a pet! If they get one anyway and then get caught, the pet will become homeless.



Note: The Humane Society of Broward County does not necessarily refuse the adoption of animals based on the explanations above. In an effort to make a lasting match that will benefit both the people and pet, we encourage people to consider their own circumstances as well as the needs of the pet while making the decision of whether or not to adopt a particular pet.



Humane Society
of Broward County
Wish List



The Humane Society of Broward County is a non-profit organization that relies on donations to care for the thousands of animals we receive each year. Here are some items we are always in need of:

- ♥ **Monetary Donations.**
- ♥ **Bath Towels, Blankets & Wash Cloths.**
- ♥ **Dog & Cat Treats.**
- ♥ **Toys** - Big rubber dog chew toys, ping pong balls, hard plastic cat toys, ferret tunnels, toys for bunnies and ferrets.
- ♥ **Guinea Pig Food, Rabbit Food & Ferret Food.**
- ♥ **Timothy Hay.**
- ♥ **Small Ceramic Food Bowls.**
- ♥ **Office Supplies** - scissors, copy paper, craft supplies.
- ♥ **Misc. Supplies** - paper towels, dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, powdered bleach, disinfecting wipes, rubbing alcohol,

KMR (kitten milk replacer), Esbilac (puppy milk replacer),
canned puppy & kitten food, hand sanitizer.

*Nestle Purina generously donates food for the dogs and cats
in our care, therefore, **we do not need dry dog and cat food.***



🐾 **Thank you for your support!** 🐾



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