

Playful Pets

Want a
"dog bones" recipe
for owner and
pet?
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Having a pet to come home to at the end of the day is something we really can look forward to. A pet can be the special friend we all need.

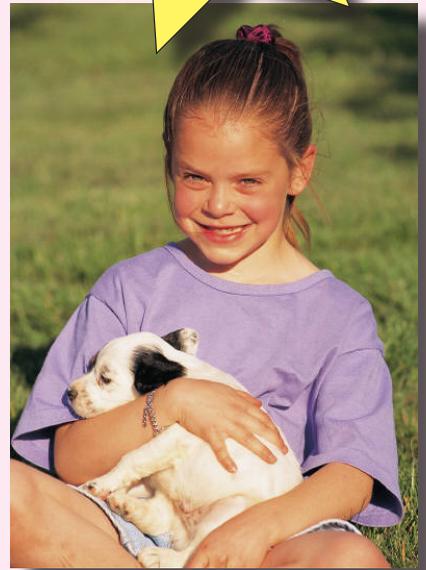
Owning and caring for your pet is an important responsibility. You must make sure it is properly fed, has a clean, comfortable place to sleep and has necessary health care.

Pet Babies

Use the words below and place the baby animal name next to the adult pet:

bunny, chick, foal, fry, hatchling, kit, kitten, pup, puppy

1. Dog _____
2. Cat _____
3. Bird _____
4. Turtle _____
5. Rabbit _____
6. Horse _____
7. Fish _____
8. Gerbil _____
9. Ferret _____



Did You Know?

Every known dog has a pink tongue — except the chow, which has a black tongue.

A cat can jump as much as seven times its height.

Dogs can donate blood to other dogs, and cats can donate blood to other cats.



ANSWERS: 1. puppy, 2. kitten, 3. chick, 4. hatchling, 5. bunny, 6. foal, 7. fry, 8. pup, 9. kit

Character Connection

Pets teach us loads of responsibility:

- They need food and water every day.
- They need to be played with and loved.
- They need to be taken to the vet for vaccines and medications.

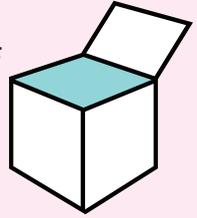


By taking care of a pet, we learn how to be responsible for the pet. A pet gives us love. We need to give the pet a safe place to live.

Science Adventure

Many pets have a very good sense of smell.

- Hide a treat and see if your pet has a good sense of smell. You will need three solid plastic containers with lids and a bag of treats. Select one container to place the treat inside. Do not let your pet see which container you used to hide the treat. Place the three containers in a row. Release your pet and let the pet sniff away. Did your pet find the treat?
- Test your dog, cat or other pet's sense of smell by hiding a treat in a secret place. See if your pet can locate the smell.



Can You Find the Mistakes?

Read this paragraph and circle the six errors (proofread it):

Dogs are man's beet friend. Dogs can be trained to be the iyes of a blind person or the ears for a deaf person. Dags are used for huning, for therapy and as guards and detectives to find durgs, bombs and criminals. Dogs are also trained to search and rescue people.

ANSWERS: best, eyes, dogs, hunting, drugs, people

Recipe of the Month

Dog Bones

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup peanut butter,
- 1/2 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder,
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs, finely crushed
- 1 tablespoon honey

Directions:

Combine peanut butter and dry milk in a large mixing bowl. Add honey, and mix well. Divide dough into six pieces. Mold each piece into the shape of a dog bone. Sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs on both sides. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator.



Color the bones.

Cat Fun Facts

- Cats can be right-pawed or left-pawed.
- A cat has a total of 24 whiskers, 4 rows of whiskers on each side.
- Domestic cats purr both when inhaling and when exhaling.
- Cats walk on their toes.

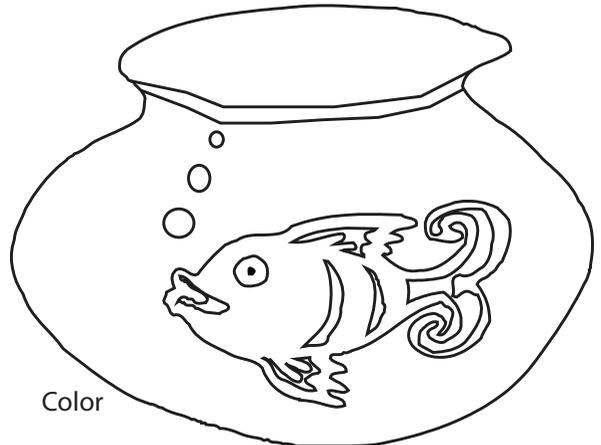


Get Moving — Physical Fitness

Pretend to Be a Pet

With a group of friends, pretend to imitate how pets move, sound and act.

- Pounce like a cat. (Did you know cats can run up to 30 miles an hour?)
- Slither like a lizard. (Lizards smell with their tongues.)
- Push a stick like a dog. (A dog's nose has about four times as many scent cells as a cat's and 14 times more than a human's.)
- Soar like a bird. (Birds do not have teeth.)
- Run like a hamster. (Hamsters have very poor eyesight and use scents, or their sense of smell, to find their way.)
- Swim like a fish. (Fish can taste without opening their mouths.)



Color

Which Will Fall the Fastest?

Items to test:

Test 1. a feather and a 6 inch piece of yarn

Test 2. a tennis ball and a rubber ball

Test 3. a pet collar and a pet leash



Guess which will fall the fastest. Drop the items at the same time. Record your results in the graph below.

	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Guess			
Result			

Be of Service



- Offer to walk your neighbor's dog.
- Volunteer to pet sit.
- Bathe a senior's pet.



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