



# Humans' Best Friends



## Activity 1: Describing an animal

### Personality:

- Friendly
- Temperamental
- Shy
- Cuddly
- Skittish
- Calm
- Energetic
- Silly
- Lovable
- Difficult
- Trainable
- Smart
- Sleepy
- Cunning
- Loyal

### Feeling:

- Soft
- Furry
- Scaly
- Prickly
- Wet
- Warm
- Cold
- Rough

### Size:

- Tall
- Chubby
- Small
- Tiny
- Long
- Short
- Chunky

## Activity 2: Flashcards

*With a partner, choose adjectives that describe your favorite animals on this list! Create a presentation then share with the class.*

### Dog



**Cat**



**Bird**



**Fish**



**Frog**



**Turtle**



**Hamster**



**Rabbit**



**Guinea pig**



**Ferret**



**Hedgehog**



**Horse**



**Rat**



**Mouse**



**Gecko**



**Iguana**



**Snake**



**Activity 3: Draw a picture of your ideal pet**

*Draw your ideal pet and write a little describing its personality, feeling, and size. Share with a partner and then present each other's pets.*



For example:

My ideal pet would be a soft, furry cat.

My cat would be friendly and cuddly.

He would be chunky and smart.

I would teach him tricks and he would sleep all day.

**Activity 4: Matching Pets and Pet Care**

*Do you know how to take care of different pets? Pets are lots of fun but most will need a lot of care along with lots of love. With a partner, match the animal to the type of care it needs!*

a. Fish	1. This pet is a good friend. Microchip and vaccinate it when you get it and also put a collar on it. Take it for long walks twice a day. It needs a bed to sleep on and some toys to play with. You should feed it a good diet of meat and special biscuits. It needs lots of water to drink.
b. Dog	2. This pet needs a warm home like its natural habitat. It should live in a large tank with special lights. It needs rocks and plants to climb on. You should feed it insects, spiders, mice or rats. Give it water to drink and also water to have a bath in.
c. Cat	3. This pet needs a large tank of water called an aquarium to swim around in. Put some plants and rocks in the tank to make it more interesting. You need to change the water and clean the tank every 3 or 4 weeks. Feed your pet special food once a day.
d. Lizard	4. This pet needs a big cage and a wooden perch to sleep on. Clean the cage once a week. Put some toys and a bell in its cage. Let your pet fly outside the cage regularly – but don't forget to close the windows! Feed your pet seeds and give it water to drink.
e. Parrot	5. This pet needs a cage where it can run around. It needs a quiet place and a box to sleep in during the day. Put a wheel in the cage for it to exercise in at night. Feed it seeds, nuts, fruit and vegetables and give it water to drink.
f. Hamster	6. This pet is very friendly. Microchip and vaccinate it when you get it. It sleeps a lot so it needs somewhere quiet and warm. You should play with your pet every day with special toys. It likes fish and milk, but you should feed it special meaty food or special biscuits, with water to drink.

**Activity 5: How do you care for your pets?**

Explain how you care for your pets like in the paragraphs in the last activity. If you don't have a pet, imagine how you would care for the pet you would want! Work with a partner and present your pet care plan to the class! Bonus: You can draw a picture of your pet's habitat if you would like to include it.

Example:

I would like to have a pet snail. I would build a terrarium with some soil and plants for it. I would feed it leaves, fruits and vegetables and eggshells for calcium. I would keep its habitat moist by spraying water. I would put some branches and leaves for the snail to climb and sleep under.

**Activity 6: Would you rather...?**

"Would you rather" means "Would you prefer". Answer these 'would you rather' questions with a partner then create your own questions to answer!

1. Would you rather feed mice to a pet snake or feed crickets to a pet lizard?
2. Would you rather walk a dog 4 times a day or have a cat that hides under the bed all day?
3. Would you rather have a smart, calm pet or an energetic, friendly pet?
4. Would you rather clean a snake's tank or clean a cat's litter?
5. Would you rather...(create some of your own!)

**Activity 7: Debate**

Which animal do you think makes the best pet? Let's have a class vote and the top two animals will need teams to represent them. Each team will compile reasons why they are the best pet and each team member will present their arguments. Use some of these expressions to help make your arguments stronger:

**Stating an opinion**

- \* The way I see it...
- \* In my opinion...
- \* As far as I'm concerned...
- \* If you ask me...

**Asking for an opinion**

- \* What do you think?
- \* Do you agree?
- \* Wouldn't you say?

**Expressing agreement**

- \* I agree with you 100 percent.
- \* I couldn't agree with you more.
- \* That's so true.
- \* You're absolutely right.
- \* Absolutely.



- \* That's exactly how I feel.
- \* Exactly.
- \* I'm afraid I agree with James.
- \* I suppose so. / I guess so.
- \* You have a point there.

**Expressing disagreement**

- \* I would have to disagree with that.
- \* That is not correct, actually.
- \* I don't think so.
- \* No way.
- \* I'm afraid I disagree.
- \* I totally disagree.
- \* I'd say the exact opposite.
- \* Not necessarily.
- \* That's not always true.