

My Pet Friend - Third Grade

OBJECTIVE

To understand what a pet (cat or dog) needs to be healthy and happy.

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Students will learn what it's like to care for a pet dog or cat and how to write in a journal. This activity requires the participation and assistance from the student's parents and family.

MATERIALS

- Stuffed Dog and Cat Toys (one of each)
- Notebook

DISCUSSION

- Ask the students if they know how to take care of a pet. What are some of a pet's needs and what must be done to take care of a pet?

LESSON

- Explain to students that each will be able to take one of the stuffed animals home for 2 days (starting on a Monday and omitting weekends works best). They are to care for the pet and with their parent's help, write a few sentences about the pet's activities in the journal while in their care. If they want, students may also draw a picture or take a photograph of the pet doing something it likes. At the end of two days, the pet and journal should be returned so that another student may complete the lesson.

POST DISCUSSION

- Ask the students what they did to care for their pet.
- Ask what are some of the things the students liked to do to take care of their pet and some of the things they don't like (maybe the pet had an accident and the student had to "clean up" after them).
- What would happen if they didn't care for their pet?

ACTIVITY

After all the students have had a turn caring for their pet, assemble the journal and any drawings or photos in an album. Read all of the journal entries and share the drawings or photos as a class.