

Pets



Pets are important family members. They need love and care just like all other family members. This week we will learn about how pets fit into our families and how to care for pets.

Word of the Week

veterinarian • veterinaria

A *veterinarian* is a doctor for animals. Use the Word of the Week at home.

You might tell your child:

Dr. _____ is our veterinarian.
He takes care of our pets when they need a doctor.

Pet Care

If you have a pet let your child assume the responsibility for making sure the water bowl is filled with clean water each day. Point out the things you do to make sure your pet is healthy.

Name the Characters

Be sure to choose a book to read to your child every day. This week, choose to read a story with animal characters. Name and discuss the animals and determine if each animal would make a good pet.

Five in a Bag

Put a set of five small items (buttons or plastic bottle caps) into a bag. Have your child shake the bag and dump out the items. Count them together. Put the items back into the bag, shake and count two more times.
Ask: *Are there still five? Does it matter which one you count first?*

Move Like an Animal

Play a pet guessing game with your child. Choose a pet and show how it moves. Have your child guess what pet you are imitating. After your turn, have your child imitate a different pet and you do the guessing. Continue taking turns.

Pets in My Neighborhood

Walk around your neighborhood with your child. Use your eyes and ears to look for pets. Keep track of all the different kinds and sizes of pets on a notepad or piece of paper. When you return home, count the pets you saw.

More Words to Know

neighborhood • vecindario
pets • mascotas
care • cuidado
count • contar
responsibility • responsabilidad
healthy • saludable
characters • personajes

Coming Next Week: We will learn about our friends.