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Pet Care!

Pets are a part of many children's lives. Pets can be a large or small. They can require a lot of care or just a little. Pet ownership has many advantages, and caring for a pet can help nurture positive social and relationship skills. See a related video on the Library's YouTube Channel at <http://bit.ly/APLvideos>.

Books and media:

Title	Author / Performer	Call Number:
<i>Amazing Animals - Pigs</i>	Wilsdon, Christina	J 636.4 WIL
<i>Parrots</i>	Howard, Fran	J 636.665 HOW
<i>Learning to Care for a Bird</i>	Lowenstein Niven, Felicia	J 636.68 NIV
<i>Caring for Dogs</i>	Gagne, Tammy	J 636.7 GAG
<i>How to Choose a Dog</i>	Jeffery, Laura S.	J 636.7 JEF
<i>Caring for Cats</i>	Gagne, Tammy	J 636.8 GAG
<i>Cats, How to Choose and Care for a Cat</i>	Jeffery, Laura S.	J 636.8 JEF
<i>Caring for Hamsters</i>	Gagne, Tammy	J 636.9332 GAG
<i>Caring for a Fish</i>	Gagne, Tammy	J 639.34 GAG
<i>Chinchillas</i>	Roder-Thiede, Maike	636.93593 MAI
<i>My Pet Ferrets</i>	Gelman, Amy	J 636.974 GEL
<i>PBS Kids 15 Pet-tastic Tails! (DVD)</i>	(PBS Kids)	DVD FAMILY PBS

Websites:

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/pet-central/
https://www.aacap.org/aacap/families_and_youth/facts_for_families/fff-guide/pets-and-children-075.aspx

Vocabulary

Pedigree – The family tree of a purebred animal.

Animal Shelter – An organization that cares for homeless pets.

Veterinarian – A doctor trained to take care of animals.

Schedule – A plan telling when things will happen.

Life span – The number of years a certain kind of plant or animals usually lives.

Neuter - A medical procedure on a male animal so it is unable to produce young.

Spay - A medical procedure on a female animal so it is unable to produce young.

Having a pet is a joy. If you are considering getting a new pet or already have one, here are some critical thinking questions for you to consider:

What are some daily jobs that you will need to do to care for your pet?

What does it mean when your cat wags its tail? What does it mean when your dog wags its tail?

What should you do to keep your pet healthy?

What kind of games can you play with your pet?

(Sources: National Geographic.com; American Academy of Pediatricians.)

Take Away Kit: Animal Bookmarks

Bag Contents:

- 3 bookmarks
- 1 pencil
- 2 pieces of paper

Each of the bookmarks has an unique animal that you can practice drawing. The step-by-step directions makes this super easy and fun. After you are done with the drawing, you can color your animal in fun and interesting ways.

Making art, taking care of animals, and looking after a pet are all great ways to engage yourself in activities that help your brain and your body stay healthy. To learn more about animals and how to take care of pets scan the codes or follow the links below.



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