

## Guidance notes...

This pack contains educational materials in the context of animal care. They are designed for children from Preschool to Primary, Years 1-3 (5-7 years old).

The worksheets provide an excellent opportunity for developing children's awareness of animals as sensitive, living creatures which have needs.

The worksheets are based on four commonly kept pets – dogs, cats, guinea pigs and rabbits. By using these sheets, children will develop a greater understanding of the welfare of domestic animals.

The worksheets are intended to be used alongside existing Auckland SPCA education resources:

Family Animals Years 1-6  
Animal Worksheets Years 3-8  
Dog Bite Prevention

Each worksheet looks at aspects of basic responsible pet ownership such as food and water, exercise, housing, companionship and care.

The children should be encouraged to read and discuss the worksheets and respond appropriately by writing statements, drawing in the missing words, and to make complete sentences, drawing and colouring.

The worksheets offer young children an opportunity for extending early reading and writing skills.

The worksheets may be photo copied; you may want to enlarge them to A3.

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