



PET CARE

Learning

1. List the animals that you think would be excellent pets and why.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
2. From your list, choose one animal that you already have (or would like to have) as a pet. Read about this animal in a book or on the Internet to find out how to care for it. List all the care that this pet needs.

Kind of pet

Care needed

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3. Even if you can get this animal for free, there are costs to owning a pet. List the items that are required to take care of this pet and the cost of each item. Some of the items you only need to get or do once, but others, like food, need to be replaced as they get used up. To help you think about all the items needed for your pet, think about what it needs in each of the following categories and list them in the chart below.

- living/sleeping place
- water/food dishes/bottles
- vitamins/medicine
- licence
- food
- toys
- vet care

Items Needed	Cost
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What is the total of the *start-up* costs?

What is the total of the monthly on-going costs?

4. Good pet owners train their pets so that they behave in a proper manner. Read a book, check the Internet, or talk with a knowledgeable person to find out what can be done to train pets. List two different types of pets from your list in **Learning 1** and three ways each can be trained.

Pet number 1

- a.
- b.
- c.

Pet number 2

- a.
- b.
- c.

Doing

1. Visit a pet clinic or store and talk with the veterinarian or a clerk in the store who cares for your type of pet. Ask what shots or special care is required for this pet. Make a list of the items mentioned and compare this to the list you made under **Learning 2**.

Name of clinic/store

Kind of pet

Care needed

Differences between your list and his/her list

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2. Fill in the pet care chart on the next page to show when and how often you cared for your pet during a two-week period of time. Depending on the type of pet you have, you may modify the care list in the chart using things you wrote in **Learning 2**.

If you are unable to get a pet, you may prove to your counsellor, parent, or guardian that you have been responsible for taking care of a pet by volunteering one hour each day for two weeks at one of the following: an animal rescue shelter; a pet store or clinic; or pet sit for a friend, neighbour or relative. Fill in the pet care chart on the next page with what you did as a volunteer.

3. Fill in the heading of the training chart with the ways you are going to train your pet. You can use what you wrote in **Learning 4** or use other ones. These can be basic training items. If your pet is already trained in the basics, work on something new, like learning tricks. Spend two weeks training your pet and complete the chart showing the amount of time you spent in training and the progress your pet is making.

If you don't have a pet, ask at the place where you are volunteering if you can try to train one of their pets.

4. Invite your counsellor over to see your pet. Show your counsellor where you keep your pet, the equipment you use to care for your pet, and have your pet demonstrate the ways you trained it.

5. Ask a facility such as a retirement home, hospital, or day care centre if you can bring your pet to visit. Make sure your pet is well behaved. If it is not possible to get into a facility, take your pet to a park or ask an elderly person if they would like a visit from you and your pet. Allow others to play with your pet and see what it can do. Tell your counsellor about this experience.

If you are unable to do this requirement with your pet or you do not have a pet, write a 75-100 word report on the use of pets in retirement homes or health care facilities and what effect visiting pets have on the people who live there.

Ask your Counsellor to sign below and arrange for the presentation of your badge.

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Pet Care Chart

Pet Cared For	Food (amount/ time fed)	Water (amount/ time done)	Exercised/ Played (how long)	Vitamins/ Medicine (amount/when)	Groomed (how long)	Cleaned Up (living area)
Sunday						
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						

Pet Training Chart

Type of Pet Being Trained

	Training #1	Training #2	Training #3
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
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Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
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