

Guidance notes...

This pack contains worksheets, each designed for children in Years 1 through to 6 (5 to 10 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 the most commonly kept pets like 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 able to be used alongside existing SPCA Auckland education resources like:

- Dog Bite Prevention
- Pet Care Worksheets- Early Years
- Animal Worksheet Years 3-8
- 'What I Did At'
- 'What I've learnt about'

Each worksheet looks at aspects of responsible pet ownership such as food and water, exercise, veterinary treatment, housing, handling and companionship.

Children should be encouraged to read and discuss the worksheets and respond appropriately by writing statements, filling in missing words 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 photocopied; you may want to enlarge them to A3.

(This publication has been adapted from the RSPCA publication "Pet Care Worksheets – Key Stage 1")