

SPCA Auckland Education Teacher Guide Sheet



'The History of Pets' English Curriculum Year 10 - Level 5

'Use and combine verbal, visual and dramatic features to communicate information, ideas, narrative, or other messages for different purposes and audiences'

It is assumed that the students will be familiar with the following terms:

Language Techniques

Rhetorical question
Repetition
Minor sentence
Personal pronoun
Imperative

Visual Techniques

Lettering
Colour
Border
Illustration
Balance

**SPCA Auckland Education
Secondary School Level**

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Level 5 Year 10 English

From this study you will learn how animals became pets, and how they have helped civilisation.

Materials

A3 paper
Pet video e.g. Pets and their wild relatives,
A wolf in my backyard
Books about dogs, cats etc
Internet



Activity

1. Make a list of animals that have been domesticated over a long period of time.
2. Form groups of 3 and choose one animal to research its history. You must answer the following questions:
 - Where (what part of the world) was the animal domesticated?
 - When this animal was domesticated (time period)?
 - Why was this animal domesticated?
 - What was happening in this part of the world at that time (wars, ruling empires, inventions, popular art and music, scientific discoveries)?

- How did civilisation begin to change as a result of these animals being domesticated?
 - What were/are some of the myths surrounding the animals?
 - Do these animals have the same job today as they did then? How have their jobs changed?
 - How has society benefited from these animals?
 - How have the students in the group benefited from these animals?
 - How have animals benefited from domestication?
3. Each group will write their information on A3 paper, including a timeline.
 4. The posters will be displayed in the classroom.



The following definitions will help you in your research:

Domesticated - A species that has been specifically changed to suit the purposes of humans.

Feral - From a domesticated species, but has not lived with humans.

Wild - A species that has not been domesticated by man.

