

**SPCA Auckland Education
Teacher Guide Sheet**



'Adopting an Animal' Year 9 & 10 English Curriculum
Level 4 Transactional Writing

'Write instructions, explanations, and factual accounts, and express and explain a point of view, in a range of authentic contexts, organising and linking ideas logically and making choices appropriate to the audience'

Adopting an Animal

So, you love animals and wish to adopt a cat and/or a dog. Read the 10 wishes of a dog during its lifetime.

Make a chart of 10 wishes of a cat during its lifetime. Then fill in the SPCA animal adoption form (for cats/dogs/guinea pigs/rats/rabbits).

On a separate sheet of paper, explain why each specific detail is needed e.g. accommodation type.

Fill in the SPCA dog/puppy adoption questionnaire. Why are their extra questions when you want to adopt a dog?

On a separate sheet of paper, explain why each specific detail is needed e.g. how are you intending to contain the dog within your property?



The 10 wishes of a dog

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be painful. Remember that before you adopt me.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me – it's crucial for my well being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as a punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I only have you.
5. Talk to me sometimes. Even though I don't understand your words. I understand your voice when you speak to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me I will not forget.
7. Remember before you hit me that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones of your hand, but that I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being "uncooperative" or "obstinate" or "lazy", ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old, you, too will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys, especially the last one. Never say "I can't bear to watch" - everything is easier for me if you are there.

