



The cost of keeping a pet

Main Welfare Aims

To understand the cost of keeping a pet and how an owner must ensure they provide everything that their pet needs.

Curriculum Links

Key Stage 1 Maths:

Pupils should be taught to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combining amounts to make a particular value.

Pupils should become fluent in counting and recognising coins. They read and say amounts of money confidently and use the symbols £ and p accurately, recording pounds and pence separately.

Resources Needed

A selection of real/toy coins for the children to look at.
'Carl's Cat' worksheet

Starter

- Talk as a class about keeping a pet. Ask individuals what they must buy for their pet. How much might those things cost?
- Revise the different coins we use in the UK and how many pence make a pound.



Main

- Ask the children to work through the 'Carl's Cat' worksheet. There are three extension problems at the end for the more able.

Plenary

- Who was able to work out how much it cost to buy everything needed for Carl's Cat? Was that more than they thought it would be?
- Remind children that pets can cost a lot of money to get everything they need and to be looked after every week. Even though they might really want a pet, it is always a good idea to find out how much it will cost to look after it before deciding to get one.

Carl's Cat Worksheet

Carl has lots of things to buy for his new cat and goes to the pet shop to buy most of those things. Put a circle around the coins Carl would use to buy each thing on his shopping list.

Activites

1. The tin of cat food cost 85p



2. The bag of cat treats cost £1.20



3. The cat toy cost £3.50



4. The litter tray cost £4.80



5. Cat litter costs £3.40



6. The cat bed cost £9.50



7. The worming and flea treatment cost £7.50



Challenge!

8. How much has Carl spent altogether?
9. Carl had £40 to spend. How much does he have left now?
10. Carl was silly and only bought one can of cat food! That won't last long! If he bought ten tins, how much would that cost?