



Pets change lives  
We change theirs

# Key Stage 2 lesson plan – the five welfare needs

## Main welfare aims

The main aim of this activity is to give children the opportunity to consider the needs of pets and how they may differ from our own. It will provide them with an understanding that pets need lots of care and attention to ensure they are happy and healthy.

## Curriculum links

English Spoken Language Programme of Study

- Participate in discussions, presentations, performances and debates
- Consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others

Science Programme of Study

- Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food

PHSE links with personal responsibility and living in the wider world

## Starter (10 minutes)

- Draw a simple smiley face in the middle of the whiteboard.
- Ask pupils what they need to be happy and healthy and write these around the smiley face. You may need to discuss the difference between needs and wants.
- Turn the smiley face into the face of an animal by adding ears, whiskers, etc. Consider whether the animal needs the same things.

## Resources needed

Link to [Five welfare needs video](#)

## Main lesson

- Watch the *Five welfare needs* video. After the video ask the children to name one thing that they have learnt
- Get the children to pick a pet to draw on a piece of paper. Considering the five welfare needs ask them to draw or write the things that pet would need to keep happy and healthy.

