



Key Stage 1 Lesson Plan – Betty finds a home

Main welfare aims

An understanding of how Blue Cross helps animals in their care.

Resources needed

[‘Betty’s Story’ to read aloud](#)
[Sequencing card pictures printed off and cut up.](#)
[Large picture of grown up Betty](#)

Curriculum links

English Programme of Study. Pupils should be taught to:

- develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:
 - » listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
 - » discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known
 - » discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related

PSHE links with personal responsibility and living in the wider world



Starter

- Show the picture of 'Grown up Betty'
- Read 'Betty's Story' aloud, stopping to explain any words that the children may be unfamiliar with.

Main

Explain that today's activity is going to be based around 'Betty's Story', as we have a number of pictures that show 'Betty's Story' from being a puppy in a Blue Cross Shelter to being a fully grown dog in her new home. Their task will be to put the pictures in order and write underneath a short explanation of the picture so that 'Betty's Story' is told again. Read 'Betty's Story' aloud at least twice to the children before asking them to order the photos.

Plenary

Look at the finished stories. Did they all put them in the same order? Are there any places where not quite having them in the same order doesn't matter too much? Are there any pictures where it really matters where the picture is placed in the sequence?

Differentiation

Have a look at the following [video on YouTube about how to rehome a pet from Blue Cross](#) and try to write some questions you might like to ask someone who would like to rehome a pet. Would they be different types of questions for different pets? The children can then interview each other as if one is a prospective pet adopter and the other works in a Rehoming Centre.

Betty's Story

I was born in a Blue Cross Rehoming Centre in Southampton. My mum was thrown out of her home when her owners realised that she was going to have puppies. They didn't want to have to find a home for more Staffie puppies so she had to wander the streets until a kind person found her and brought her to Blue Cross. I can't remember any of that though – that was before I was born. The first thing that I can remember is being snuggled up with my sisters in a nice warm bed.

To start with I just spent a lot of time with my sisters, but as we got older the Blue Cross team wanted us to be prepared for living in a home, so lots of new experiences were given to us.

We were taken for walks outside on the grass so we knew what it felt like. There were lots of new smells for us to investigate and games we could play together outside.

Then we were introduced to children and other dogs so we wouldn't be frightened of them when we went to our new homes.

We even got to play behind the Reception desk at the rehoming centre so that we were around people as much as possible. I liked getting cuddles and listening to people speak on the phone.

Sometimes the vet would visit. She was very kind and checked me all over to make sure I was healthy. One day she poked a needle into me, and I didn't like that, but the Blue Cross team said it was a special injection of medicine so I wouldn't get poorly, so not to worry, and I got fed treats while it happened so that I didn't notice it as much.

Then one day I was taken away from my sisters to meet a nice lady by myself. She was a lot of fun. She came quite a few times to visit just me and I felt very special.

One special day the nice lady came with a new collar and lead and a nice blanket to wrap me up in and said I was 'going home'. We went in a car and when we got out again we were next to a house that had my very own garden.

I'm a very happy dog now. I'm all grown up and I've learnt lots of tricks and I know how to sit very smartly in the garden while my photo is taken.





