

What Do Pets Need?

Caring for a pet is a BIG responsibility! Pets depend on us to keep them healthy, happy and safe. Find and circle the following things that we need to care for our pets:



BED	LEASH	TOYS
BRUSH	LITTER	TRAINING
COLLAR	LOVE	TREATS
EXERCISE	MICROCHIP	VETERINARIAN
FOOD	SHELTER	WATER

A L P M B D Q E L C O B O N J R
I J J N M H W R F O L I O A A V
E X E R C I S E Q G V J B I Q A
Q C W H I Z R A A M S E E R F R
D Z C C H T R E T T I L D A E M
I H W O H X A S K P F M F N L F
G T O L H S B P I D H Y L I N O
S H O L G U A H N B B O X R Z O
S H K A W S C E T V B T X E I D
X Y E R M O L R L R Q R I T H X
S Z V L R D E A K H V A L E K G
H Q U C T A J H S X N I W V W Y
F N I H T E B U X O X N F Y A F
E M J S K I R L W Z O I H P T J
H E C K O B K O A D Q N W D E C
R S I P T O Y S G S I G S R R T

Help a Pet Feel Loved!

Even though pets cannot speak using words, they still communicate with us. As humans, we share our emotions with each other using our facial expressions and our body language. Animals also share their emotions using their bodies. Key areas to watch are their eyes, ears, tails, and body posture. By observing pets and learning how they communicate their feelings to us, we can help them feel loved and understood.

Instructions:

Step 1: Find a pen or pencil.

Step 2: Study the behavior guides on the next pages.

Step 3: Quietly observe your pet's body language at home, or watch one of these videos:

Dog Body Language



Seattle Humane Youtube -
Meet Micah

https://youtu.be/a_MupBgeZgo



Cat Body Language



Seattle Humane Youtube -
Meet Saffron

<https://youtu.be/OKGZhwdDDco>

Step 4: Record what you observe on the included Animal Observations page. If you are observing your own pet, see how they react to different situations.

Example: When I hugged my dog, he licked his lips. When I released him, he shook himself like he was wet. These are signs of stress.

Remember to be kind, and do not do anything to a pet that you know will be upsetting, like pulling their tail or popping a balloon next to them.

Step 5: Share your observations with your friends and family!

CAT LANGUAGE



INTERESTED



FRIENDLY



ATTENTIVE



RELAXED



TRUSTING



FRIENDLY, RELAXED



CONTENT



CONFLICTED, CAUTIOUS



PLAYFUL



EXCITED



"THIS IS MINE"



ANXIOUS



PREDATORY



WORRIED



FRIGHTENED



THREATENED



TERRIFIED



SUPER TERRIFIED



IRRITATED



DISGUSTED

DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"
look away/head turn



STRESSED
yawn



STRESSED
nose lick



"PEACE!"
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE"
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED
scratching



STRESS RELEASE
shake off



RELAXED
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"
play bow



"READY!"
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS
head tilt



HAPPY
(or hot)



OVERJOYED
wiggly



"MMMM...."



"I LOVE YOU,
DON'T STOP"

Animal Observations

Pet's Name:



Behaviors (Licking lips, shaking, purring...)

Other observations (Dog barking on TV, birds outside)

I think this pet is feeling...