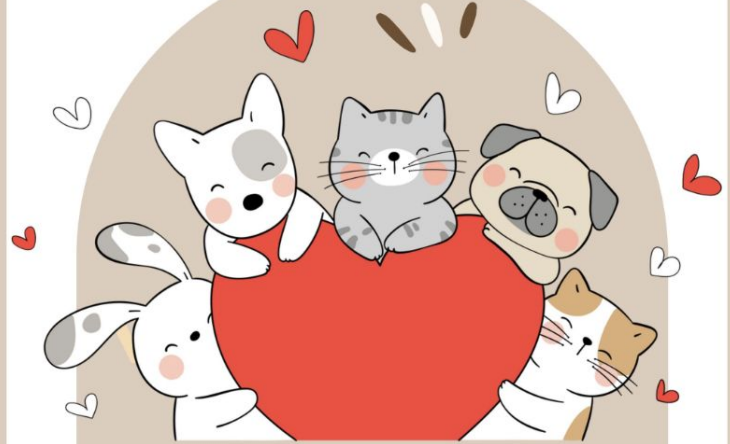


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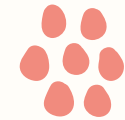
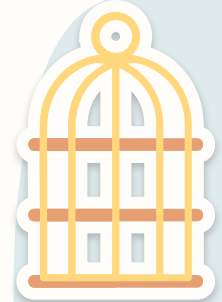
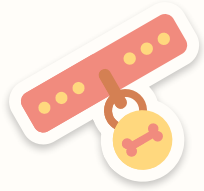
Nurturing Love for Pets

Through a series of fun activities, young readers will explore the world of pets, from dogs and cats to hamsters and fish, as they discover ways to care for and improve the lives of these beloved animal companions. With coloring pages, word games, and heartwarming stories of real-life pet heroes, this book not only entertains but also instills empathy and kindness in young hearts.

By Serena

Welcome!

Introduction to Pets: Understanding Our Animal
Companions





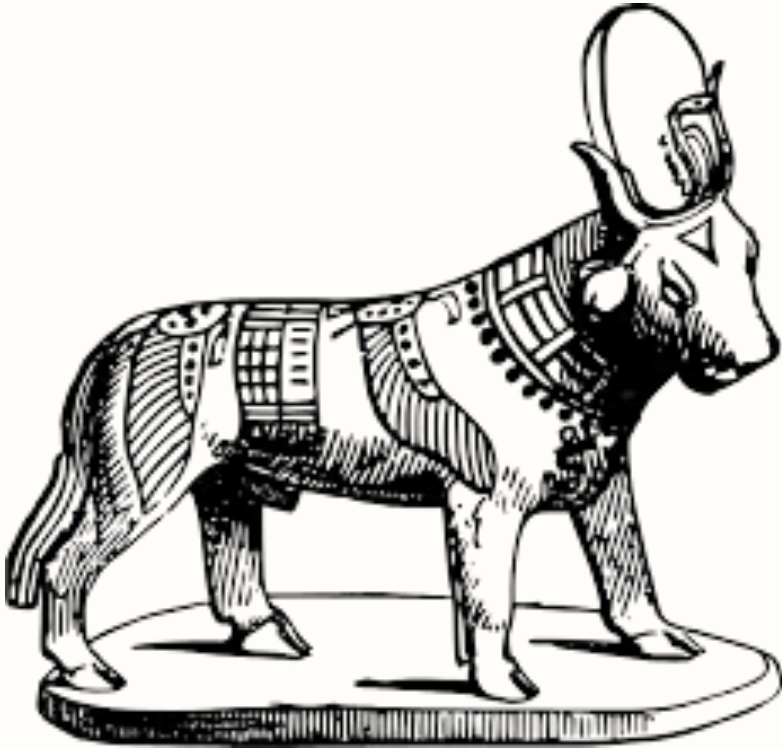
What is a pet?

- A pet is a domesticated animal kept for companionship, enjoyment, and sometimes assistance.
- Pets are cherished household members, offering emotional support, affection, and entertainment.
- The bonds with pets are typically strong, making them integral family members.
- Responsible pet ownership requires providing food, shelter, healthcare, and attention.
- Common pets include dogs, cats, birds, fish, rabbits, and small mammals such as hamsters or guinea pigs.





History of Pets



- Archaeological evidence suggests that dogs were among the first animals to be domesticated by humans.
- This partnership likely began over 15,000 years ago, with early humans and wolves forming mutually beneficial relationships.
- As time passed, other animals like cats also became domesticated and integrated into human households.
- Cats were revered in ancient Egypt for their role in controlling pests.

Farm Animals

- Pets are animals like dogs and cats that we keep in our homes because we enjoy their company. Farm animals, like cows and chickens, live on farms and have important jobs like providing us with milk and eggs.



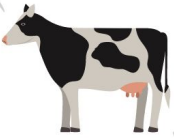
Exotic Pets

- Exotic pets, unlike typical pets such as dogs or cats, are unique animals often from various global regions.
- Common examples include reptiles (snakes), birds (parrots), mammals (sugar gliders), amphibians, insects, and special fish.
- Owning an exotic pet can be thrilling but requires extensive knowledge about their care, safety, and conservation of their natural habitats.
- Before acquiring an exotic pet, ensure compliance with local regulations and your ability to provide proper care.
- Examples of exotic pets are macaws, toucans, sugar gliders, capuchin monkeys, poison dart frogs, tarantulas, and scorpions.



Pet Classification Activity

Look at each of the animals below, and determine whether they are pets, livestock, or exotic pets. Cut around each and place in the correct column on the next page.



- Fantastic Pet Word Search
- Pet Sorting Bonanza!
- Pet Classification Activity
- Fur, Scales, or Feathers?
- How Long Can Pets Live?
- Match the Column!

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**See you in
the next
workshop!**