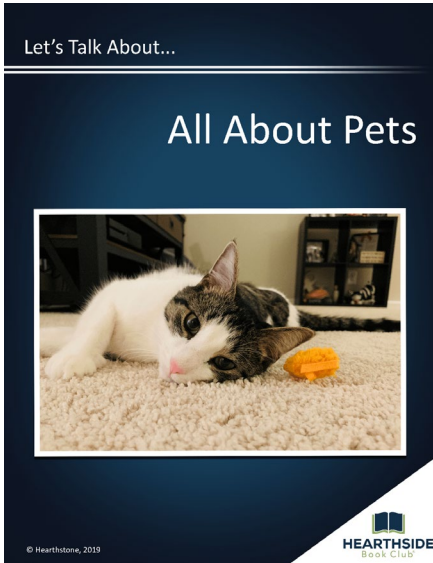


All About Pets

Ideas Sheet



Additional Topics for Discussion

- Would your participants like to own a pet? Why or why not?
- What does it take to be a good pet owner? Love? Time? Money? Knowledge? Something else?
- How many pets do your participants think is too many to own?
- Would your participants ever give a pet as a gift?
- What qualities make an animal a good pet? Obedient? Cute? Funny? Playful? Something else?

Possible Props (or Photos) to Bring

- Various pet toys, treats, and food
- Funny pet costumes
- Silly and cute pet photos
- Plush toys of various pets (turtles, cats, lizards etc.)

Music to Play

- "[How Much is That Doggie in the Window](#)" (Patti Page)
- "[Hound Dog](#)" (Elvis Presley)
- "[Cat's in the Cradle](#)" (Harry Chapin)
- "[I Love My Dog](#)" (Cat Stevens)
- "[Old Shep](#)" (Elvis Presley)

Experiences Later in the Day

- Make pet toys with your participants and donate them to a local shelter or other animal organization
- Have a pet therapist come and visit your participants
- Buy or make your own paw stamp and then use it to create paw print artwork with your participants
- Have a veterinarian or other pet specialist come in to talk to your participants about taking care of a pet
- Visit a local animal shelter or pet store with your participants and look at all the pets and/or pet supplies
- Make your own pet "houses" with your participants out of cardboard boxes and decorate them
- Draw, paint, decorate, or build your own pets

Pets can be a great source of love, companionship, and entertainment. From cats and dogs, to birds and fish, animals of all shapes and sizes fill our homes and our hearts. Their fun personalities and adorable appearances make them a popular addition to most families.