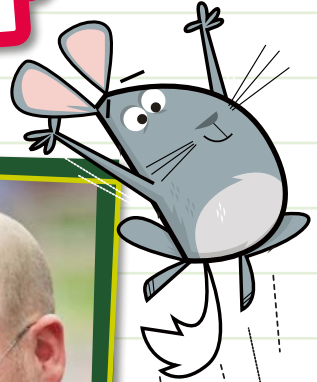


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Animal Carer activity badge



Care for an animal to get your badge!



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Name: _____

Hello!

Welcome to this workbook, where you'll find everything you need to get your *Animal Carer activity badge*.

To earn the badge, you'll need to complete three activities:

- ONE from Section A
- TWO from Section B

Along the way, you'll learn all about the 5 Welfare Needs of animals.



The 5 welfare needs

Here's what an animal needs from you to be safe and happy its whole life.

1. A safe place to live

Animals should have the right type of home, including shelter, space and opportunities to exercise, and somewhere comfortable to rest and hide.

2. Food and water

Animals need to have access to fresh, clean drinking water all the time and should be fed the right amount and type of food to keep them fit and healthy.

3. To behave normally

Animals should have enough space and the right sort of toys and housing so they can behave normally.

4. Having the right company

Some animals need to have friends of their own kind. Animals should have the right sort of company and some should be kept on their own – find out what is best before you get your pet.

5. Good health

Animals should be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease and should be treated by a vet if they are sick or injured.



Safety

Remember, it's important to wash your hands after handling animals.

Look out for the puzzles at the end of the workbook!



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SECTION A

ACTIVITY 1



Caring for a pet

To complete this activity you need to:

- Look after a pet for three months
- Know what food your pet eats
- Recognise common illnesses and know how to treat them

DID YOU KNOW?

Adult cats only miaow to people – not to other cats!

Pet's name:

Species or breed:

Diet:

Common illnesses:

Treatment:



Your pet should always have the right amount of food – ask a colleague in your local Pets at Home store for more info.



Caring for a farm animal



To complete this activity you need to:

- Look after a farm animal for three months
- Know what food your farm animal eats
- Recognise common illnesses and know how to treat them
- Understand the special care that's needed before and after the birth of farm animals

Species or breed:

Diet:

Common illnesses:

Treatment:

Special care needed before birth:

Special care needed after birth:

Mini quiz

What is the most common farm animal in the UK?

- a) Sheep
- b) Pig
- c) Cow

Answer:

answers on page 12



Wildlife diary

To complete this activity you need to:

- Observe bird, mammal or insect life in your garden or local park for three months
- Keep a record of your findings, in the form of notes and sketches

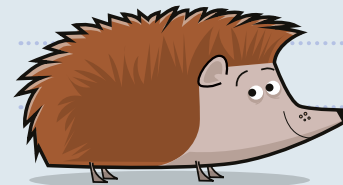


Use this space to make notes and sketches.

A large spiral-bound notebook with multiple pages of horizontal lines for writing and sketching.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hedgehogs can swim, run surprisingly fast, and even scramble up walls!



In the countryside, leave gates open or closed exactly as you find them.



If you're having a bonfire, always check the pile carefully for sleeping hedgehogs before you light it.



Zoo or wildlife park visit



To complete this activity you need to:

- Visit a zoo, wildlife park, or other animal attraction
- Find out about the natural habitat and feeding habits of three of the animals you see

Where did you visit?

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What did you find out?

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Mini quiz

Which of these animals eats a mix of meat and plants?

- a) Brown bear
- b) Lion
- c) Tiger

Answer:

answers on page 12



Join a group or society

You can help wild animals too!



To complete this activity you need to:

- Join an animal group or society
- Take part in one of its activities, or make progress in an award scheme it offers

Name of group or society

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Activity

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DID YOU KNOW?

The RSPCA is the oldest animal welfare charity in the world – it was founded in 1824!





Animals in the countryside

To complete this activity you need to:

- Learn about dangers in the countryside that threaten wildlife
- Design a poster or leaflet about threats to wildlife, or tell other Cub Scouts about what you've found

Use this space to sketch out some ideas for a poster or leaflet.

Mini quiz

Which of these animals spends much of its time in water?

- Badger
- Shrew
- Otter

Answer:

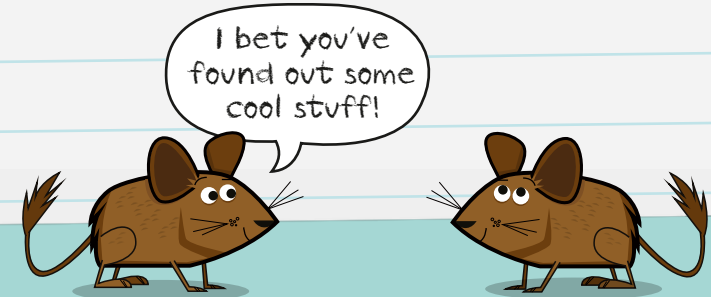
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If you find an injured wild animal, don't touch it – call a vet or the RSPCA first.

Record sheet

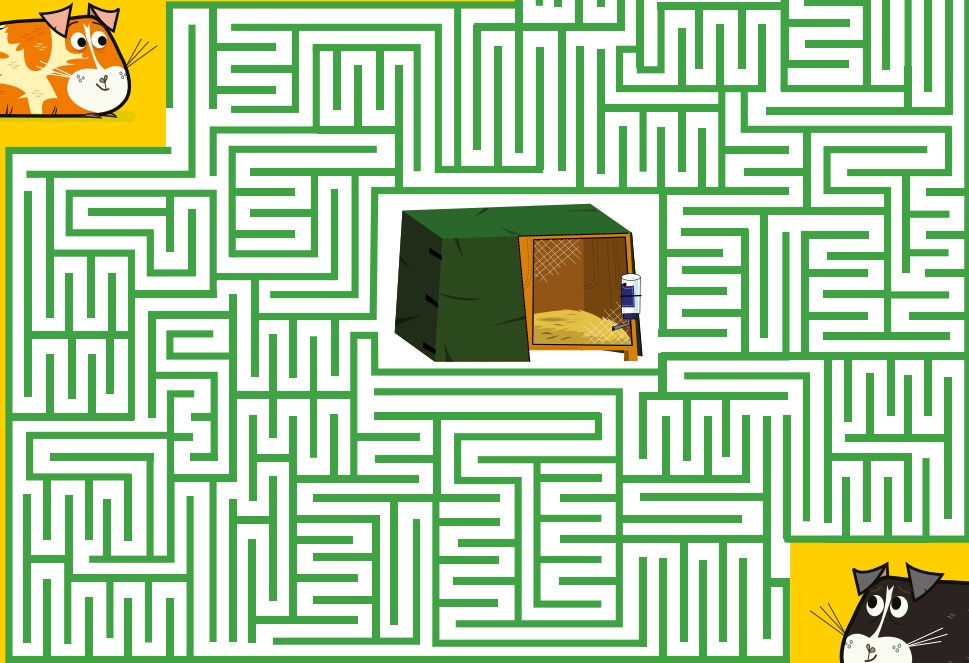
Record any extra findings you make while doing your activities here.



Puzzles

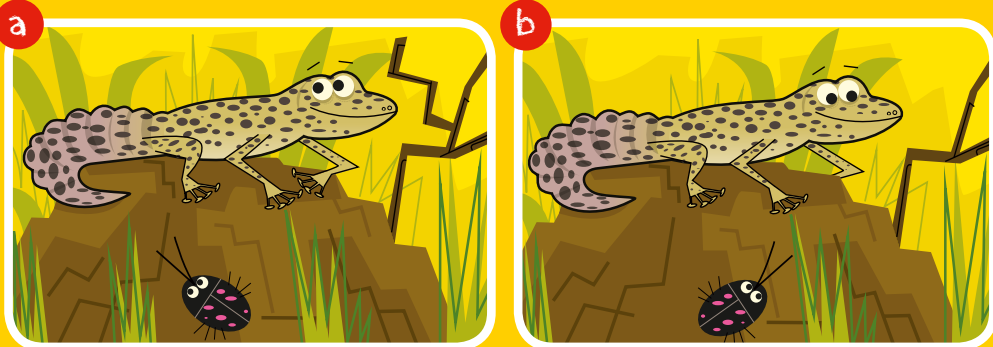
GUINEAS GO HOME!

Find a way through the maze so that both guinea pigs can reach their home.



LEOPARD SPOT

Can you spot five differences between these two leopard gecko pictures?



FOOD MIXER

Unscramble the names of these animals' foods, then match them with the right picture.



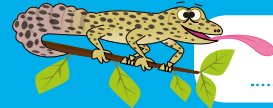
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FINDING FISH

Can you find all these fishy words hidden in the grid? They can run up, down, left right or diagonally!

- Aquarium
- Filter
- Fin
- Flakes
- Gill
- Gravel
- Pump
- Scales
- Tail
- Water

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Animal Welfare

For more information on animal welfare, you can contact any of these organisations:

- The Blue Cross**
 Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire
 OX18 4PF
 0300 777 1897
bluecross.org.uk
- People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA)**
 Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9PQ
 0800 731 2502
pdsa.org.uk
- WWF-UK**
 The Living Planet Centre, Rufford House, Brewery Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 4LL
 01483 426444
wwf.org.uk
- Cats Protection**
 National Cat Centre, Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath, Sussex RH17 7TT
 0300 12 12 12
cats.org.uk
- The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)**
 Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 9RS
 0870 33 35 999
rspca.org.uk
- World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)**
 World Animal Protection UK, 5th Floor, 222 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8HB
 0800 316 9966
wspa.org.uk
- Dogs Trust**
 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ • 020 7837 0006
dogstrust.org.uk



CHECK OUT my PetPals ACADEMY

This fun online programme is designed to teach children about the 5 Welfare Needs of animals.

There's a wild quiz to do in teams, activity plans covering popular pets and common wildlife, certificates and puzzles to print out, and more.



Find it all online at mypetpalsacademy.com

Answers

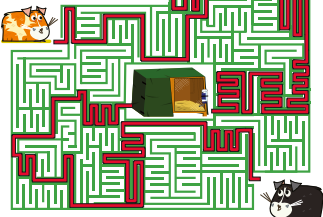
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Leopard spot:



Food mixer: Fish flakes – 3, Cricket – 2, Hay – 1, Carrot – 5, Broccoli – 4

Finding Fish:



For more details please contact your local Pets at Home store or visit petsathome.com

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