



Safety in Schools Week May 17th to 21st 2004

RSPCA Activity

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Activity Title

Keeping your Pets Safe

Curriculum Framework Activity Outcomes

Learning Area	Learning Outcome	Specific Learning
Health & Physical Education	Knowledge and Understanding	Students know and understand how to keep your pets safe.
English	Speaking & Listening Writing	Students demonstrate an awareness of the needs of animals by writing a pet questionnaire.
Science	Life and Living	Students understand that all living creatures have needs. Awareness of the responsibility involved in owning a pet

Phases of development

The presentation can be changed to suit the developmental level of the children.
Presentation aimed towards children in grades 4-7.

Activity resources required

- Paper/pen
- Video, "Animals and Us"
- RSPCA Pet Care Sheets

Procedure

RSPCA Lesson will include:

DISCUSSION

- Discuss with students the needs of pet animals.

VIDEO

- Students watch video, "Animals and Us". Containing information on pet care and responsible animal ownership.

ACTIVITY

- Before deciding to have a pet, a family should discuss the commitment involved. By devising questions, the students demonstrate an understanding of the responsibility involved in owning a pet.
- Students produce a questionnaire of at least 8 questions that all families should answer at home before deciding if they should have a pet.
- Once the questionnaires are produced, students should be selected to interview a 'family' made up of other students. A discussion can follow, including whether the questionnaire asked the right questions, whether the 'family' should get a pet, and what type of pet would be most suitable, if any.

Community Links

How could the school involve the local community in Safety in Schools Week?

- Invite an RSPCA Officer, to bring in animals and teach students about responsible pet care and correct animal handling.

Involvement of Parents and Seniors:

- Students make and display posters in the local community on responsible pet ownership.

Policy and Procedures

Are you aware of the schools written Health and Safety Policy? If not: -

- Check with administration
- Refer to the Department of Education Risk Management Policy,
- Visit the Safety Rules OK! website for guidelines

www.safetyrules.health.wa.gov.au

Visit the RSPCA website for information regarding Companion Animals under Policies and Position, www.rspcawa.asn.au

Other resources available

Teachers Workbook with lessons, 'Responsible Pet Ownership'

- P-P to Grade 3 booklet
- Grade 4-7 booklet

Video, "Animals and Us"

Website: www.rspcawa.asn.au