

Lesson Plan 2: My Animal Companion Needs Me

Lots of people live with animals. Some have dogs or cats, and others have hamsters or goldfish. No matter what kind of animals you live with, to be sure that they are happy and have everything they need, we should put ourselves in their fur, feathers or fins.

Think about an animal who lives with you. If you don't live with an animal, just imagine that you do! Make a list of everything he or she does in a day:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Done that? Great! Now that you know your animal inside and out, imagine that you *are* him or her. Are you happy? Is there anything you would like to do that you can't? Are you left alone in a flat all day when you would rather be out taking a long walk? Would you like someone to play with you or brush you? Would you like to run around instead of being stuck in a cage? Do you need a larger play area?

If you were your animal, what things would you need to be happy and healthy?

1. _____
2. _____
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Now jump back into your human skin. Do you do everything you can to make your animal happy? List three things you could do to make his or her life better.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Contract

I promise that I will make _____'s life better by _____

Signed: _____