

## Lesson Plan 3: Caring for Animals

Animals have feelings and need to be treated with care and kindness, just like you do! In your group, choose an animal that people often have as a 'pet'. You could choose a cat, dog, rabbit, hamster, mouse, rat or fish – or maybe a different animal altogether.

Now ask yourself these questions and discuss the answers with your group:

1. What does my animal need to be healthy and happy?
2. How can I make his or her life better?
3. What sorts of foods would keep him or her healthy or unhealthy?
4. What about exercise?
5. Does my animal need friends?
6. Could my animal get bored? How could I change that?
7. What if he or she gets ill?
8. How will my animal's needs change when he or she gets older?
9. What happens when we go on holiday?
10. Why is it important to look after animals properly?

Can you think of anything else that you would need to do to make your chosen animal happy?