



# WHAT DO PETS NEED EVERY DAY?

Pets need us to give them everything they need to be happy and healthy, and to make sure they feel safe. We are going to help you to develop a list of points for pet owners that explains how to be kind to their pets. This will be the pet owners' Kindness List, which says what they need to do for their pets every day.

All pets need five things to be happy and healthy, these are known as the **five welfare needs**:



## 1 Food and water

Fresh, clean water at all times and food that is the right kind for them.



## 2 Bed and shelter

A good environment; a home with a nice safe place to rest, and some pets may need a place to climb, sun themselves, or hide.



## 3 Health

To be protected from pain and harm, by seeing the vet when they are feeling unwell, or to get their regular injections to keep them healthy.



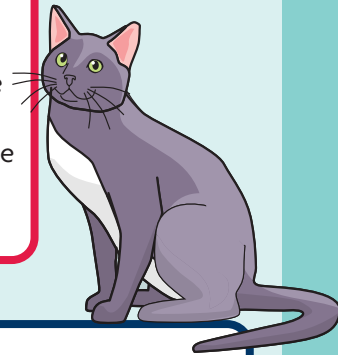
## 4 Natural behaviour

To be able to do things that are natural for them, like playing, walking, or sunning themselves. They may need the right kind of toys for them to chew on or scratch too.



## 5 Company

The right kind of company for the type of pet that they are; some pets get very lonely when left alone for too long.



### TIP 1

Include points about how to act in a way that does not scare or harm the pets. For example: sit on the ground when meeting rabbits, so that you look smaller and less scary to them. This fits into their home and natural behaviour needs.

### TOP TIPS

### TIP 2

Try to list the positive things we CAN do rather than what we CAN'T do.

For example:

1. *Talk quietly around pets, rather than don't shout*
2. *Be gentle, rather than don't hit pets.*



# Are you ready to make your very own Kindness List?

**STEP 1** Think about a pet in your home, or a pet that you visit at someone else's home.

**STEP 2** Write down points that owners and visitors must follow to be kind to that pet, so they feel safe and have all their needs met every day. Try to think of points to include in your list that link to the five welfare needs.

**STEP 3** Remember to include points that will help the owner know how to act around the pet so they feel safe and happy.



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