



## Tuesday December 10, 2019

Read the feature topic on owning a pet in today's ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.



- List at least four things that potential pet owners need to consider before deciding if getting a new pet is a good idea.
- According to Dr. Claus, what is the best thing about having a pet?
- What are some things people can do to help them deal with the loss of a pet?



- Predict, in order, what are the three most common pets that people in your class own. Then, do a class survey. Was your prediction right?
- Does anyone in your class have an 'unusual' pet? What is needed to care for it?
- Search an online map to find where in WA the interview children live. How far away are they from your suburb?



- Discuss what the term 'domesticated' means, then investigate when, where and why the first animals were domesticated.
- Unfortunately sometimes pets can become stray or feral animals that have no one looking after them. Explore the impact of feral animals on the environment. Create a table, such as the one below, which summarises your findings:

<i>Feral animal</i>	<i>Impact 1 (eg. Kills native animals)</i>	<i>Impact 2</i>	<i>Impact 3</i>
Cat	✓		



- If you were to get a new pet, what would it be? Find out how long this type of animal usually lives for, and imagine you got one as a pet this Christmas. How old would you be and what you might be doing in your life when your pet would be old and frail? Do you think you would be in a position to look after your aging pet at that time in your life?



- Draw a made-up pet animal. Label its special physical features and write a paragraph explaining how it behaves and what qualities it has that makes it a great pet.
- Write a diary entry from the point of view of a pet dog who has been left home alone while its owners are at work and school. What might this dog get up to, and what might it be thinking and feeling while it is unsupervised for the day?



- Flick through *The West Australian* or go online to find news stories about dogs, cats or other pets. What are some common reasons that pets might feature in the news?