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Part 1: Animals and us

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Activity title	Answers		
Amazing animals			
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Activity title	Answers
Origins of domestic species	cow – auroch sheep – mouflon dog – Eurasian grey wolf cat – African wildcat goldfish - carp
Darwin and species changing	Pigeon racing poses many welfare risks. Racing pigeons may be susceptible to predator attack from birds of prey or other animals during the race. The races usually cover very large distances (several hundred kilometres) which places high physical demands on the pigeons. RSPCA Australia advocates the regulation of pigeon racing competitions to prevent races from being held over excessive distances, in adverse weather conditions or over unsuitable terrain. It is believed that a number of birds do not return due to going off course, being affected by inclement weather or falling prey to predators. The fate of these birds is unknown but given that they have been maintained in an aviary environment and that they may be in unfamiliar territory, they are likely to face significant challenges to survive.
	Migrating birds including racing pigeons pose a major biosecurity risk in relation to the spread of infectious bird diseases. As racing pigeons travel large distances, they may carry diseases from one geographical region to another.
	Issues of overcrowding and housing management also need to be addressed. Codes of practice for the keeping and racing of pigeons do currently exist, however these are voluntary and therefore not enforceable by state or territory governments or the RSPCA.

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Activity title		Answers				
What's in a breed?	Dog Breed	Purpose				
	Golden retriever	famous for herding cattle over long distances and rough terrain				
	Miniature schnauzer	used to guard sheep and other livestock				
	Labrador	these hunting dogs were used to collect ducks and other water birds				
	Australian cattle dog	often appeared on sailing ships, saving sailors who had fallen overboard				
	German shepherd	very efficient rat catchers!				
Communicating with	Flat ears and hissing: G	io away, about to attack				
cats	A fast, twitching tail: Angry, about to attack					
	Rubbing its face against you or a piece of furniture: Cats have scent glands in					
	their face and the secretion from the glands marks their territory or 'property'					
	A high tail with little movement: Happy					
	A deep rumbling sound known as a 'pur': Happy, content, can also be made in					
	aggression	aggression				
	A low pitched meow, a	A low pitched meow, accompanied with a low crouch: Attack pose				

Activity title	Answers				
Farming methods (meat production)	Organic: The chickens are able to roam in areas which are free from pesticides and given feed that does not include anything artificial. Free-range: The chickens have access to the outdoors, but are kept in sheds				
	or barns at night. The amount of space provided can vary, however the RSPCA recommends 1500 hens per hectare.				
	Barn: The chickens can move about in large indoor spaces.				
	Intensive/factory: Chickens are kept in more confined spaces (cages), however less land is required.				
Farm fresh	chickens: Meat, eggs				
	non-dairy cattle: Meat, (veal, beef), milk, dairy bi-products such as cheese,				
	yoghurt, cream etc				
	sheep: Meat (lamb, mutton), fleece (wool), hide (sheepskin or lambskin).				
RSPCA approved farming	Visit rspcaapproved.org.au and research the different farm animals involved in the program. Tick the minimum standards for them to be RSPCA-approved produce.				
	Intensive/ factory/ caged				
	meat chickens				
	pigs				
	layer hens				
	turkeys				
	salmon				
	dairy calves				

Activity title	Answers		
Support animals	 pulling a wheelchair helping people to balance if they have walking difficulties turning on light switches moving the arms or legs of people who are paralysed opening and closing doors, drawers and fridges assisting with making beds retrieving or picking up items like mobile phones or keys pushing pedestrian crossing buttons picking up clothing and helping take washing from a machine paying cashiers barking to alert their owners to danger alerting people to seizures (sometimes before they occur) or other medical issues, such as low blood sugar in a diabetic child finding and leading another person to the owner or affected child (Source: https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/assistance-dogs) 		
Support animals – Evaluate	Student's own response.		
Social media stars	Student's own response.		
Cruel circuses	Aerial stunts, clowning, acrobatics, contortion, fire eating, music, juggling, etc.		
Old to new zoos	Student's own response.		

Part 2: Working for animals

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Activity title	Answers
Changing animal lives	Answers include:
for the better	Dog: Tail wagging, relaxed ears, rolling on their back to show their belly,
	playful.
	Cat: gentle purr, relaxed body and whiskers, licking or rubbing owner, will
	actively play with owner or other cats/pets.
	Horse: Body is relaxed, resting legs, relaxes muzzle and closed mouth, playful
	with other horses and is happy to share hay.
	Guinea pig: Rapid bouncing up and down, like popcorn popping, a whistling or
	deep purr sound.

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Activity title	Answers			
The Five Freedoms	1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst: By ready access to fresh water and			
	a diet to maintain full health and vigour.			
	2. Freedom from Discomfort: By providing an appropriate environment			
	including shelter and a comfortable resting area.			
	3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease: By providing appropriate			
	preventative measures, along with rapid diagnosis and treatment.			
	4. Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour: By providing for species			
	specific requirements with respect to space, enrichment and social			
	needs.			
	Freedom from Fear and Distress: By ensuring species specific			
	conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.			
Police for animals	Student's own response			
Work with us	RSPCA values: compassionate, professional, ethical, customer focused,			
	espectful			

Activity title	Answers
Live export	Student's own response
Animals in research	Student's own response
Animal fashions?	Kevlar: able to prevent cuts, abrasions and is heat resistant, used in protective
	clothing such as gloves, jackets and vests
	Polyester: wrinkle resistant and maintains it shape, used in everyday clothing
	such as shirts and pants
	Nylon: light weight, strong and can have a silky feel, In clothing, used to make
	clothing items like stockings
	Spandex: can stretch to suit the shape and size of the wearer, used in fitness
	clothing like leggings, bike shorts and swimwear
Cruelty free	Student's own response

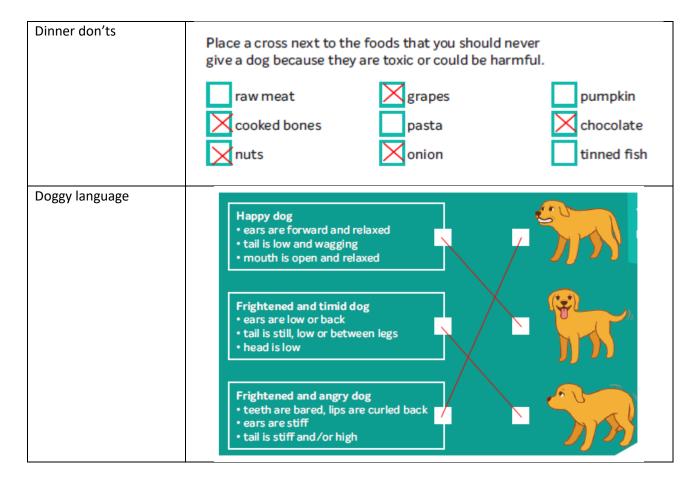
Activity title	Answers
Do you <i>really</i> want to	Answers include:
pat the tiger?	Animals taken from the wild, small/ barren cages, lack of water, no
	enrichment, chained/restrained to one area, inadequate veterinary care,
	punishment based training, forced to interact with humans for hours,
	unnatural behaviours, fighting events, unlicensed, etc.
Ethical animal tourism	WHALE SHARKS, BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS, AUSTRALIAN SEA LIONS, WESTERN
	SWAMP TORTOISE
World animal welfare	Student's own response

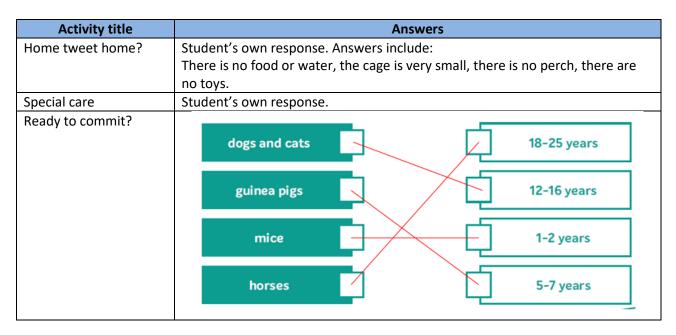
Part 3: Perfect Pets

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Activity title	Answers					
What's in it for me?	Student's own respone. Possible answers include:					
	benefit	physical health	mental health	lifestyle	social	
	Active pets, like dogs, encourage you to exercise.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
	Pets provide companionship and comfort.		\checkmark			
	Growing up with pets may strengthen the immune system.	\checkmark				
	Owners may join pet related clubs and associations.				\checkmark	
	Caring for a pet helps children learn about responsibility.			\checkmark		
	Pets may help you get to know your neighbours and community.		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
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Activity title	Answers
Popular pets	1. dogs
	2. cats
	3. fish
	4. birds
	5. rabits (and other small mammals)
	6. reptiles
Purr-fect pals	Student's own response
Designer dogs?	short-muzzle spinal and neurological problems, severe pain, difficulty walking
	large head, broad shoulders and narrow pelvis difficulty breathing, lack of oxygen, overheating
	disproportionately short legs (chondrodystrophic) major difficulty giving birth
Top dog	food, water, bedding, vet care, training, exercise, toys, company





Activity title	Answers
Age advantages	You know what you're getting
	2. Puppies and kittens can be a real handful!
	3. Many older animals are young at heart
	4. It's a feel-good choice
Racing retirees	Student's own response. Answers include:
	Healthy treat, physical reaction like petting, vocal response – 'good dog!'
Puppy farms	Student's own response. Answers include:
	Did the breeder plan ahead for this litter ensuring there were enough
	good homes for all the puppies?
	 Does the breeder let you visit the breeding place and meet the mother dog (and father too, if he's around)?
	 Are you impressed with the standard of care and living conditions for all the dogs?
	 Is the breeder genuinely concerned about the welfare of their dogs, open to questions and able to provide a complete history of the puppy?
	 Have the puppies been health checked by a veterinarian, vaccinated, microchipped, and treated for internal and external parasites like intestinal worms and fleas?
	 Does the breeder make sure that you and the puppy will suit each other? Do they ask you questions to make sure you will be a responsible owner?
	 Is your puppy bred to be a healthy pet, with a suitable temperament and free from known inherited disorders?
	 Does the breeder offer to provide on-going support and information after purchase and do they provide a guarantee? A good breeder will offer to take back unwanted animals within a specific time period after sale, or at any point in the future if the animal has problems arising from an inherited disorder.
	 Does the breeder talk to you about desexing, training, socialisation and local government registration requirements?
	 Does the breeder provide references to back up what they have told you?
	 Is the breeder meeting all legal requirements? Legal requirements vary from state to state so contact the local council in the breeder's area and ask whether breeders have to be registered with them and if there is a code of practice or guidelines they should be following.