



Amazing Animals – Pets!

By participating in Play K at the library with the Amazing Animals playscape, your child had experiences with vocabulary and concepts centered on the theme of animals as pets. The best way to help your child learn new vocabulary and concepts is through repeated practice over time. Here are five ideas for practicing your child's new learning at home. Enjoy!

1. Use the new words your child learned from this playscape in conversation, as often as possible. For example, "I know you were learning about pets at the library. Pets are living creatures, and they have needs, just like you. They need to eat and drink and have air to breathe, so that they will grow and be healthy." (Relate this info to your own pet, if you have one.) The more times your child hears and uses new vocabulary and concepts, the easier they are to learn!
2. Play the following guessing game about pets with your child:

*I'm thinking of a pet that has four legs, two ears, and barks. Can you name that pet?
I'm thinking of a pet that has four legs, two ears, and meows. Can you name that pet?
I'm thinking of a pet that has fins and swims in water. Can you name that pet?*

3. Sing this song from Storytime together:

Love, Love, Love Your Pets (Tune, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Love, love, love your pets
Love them every day,
Give them food, and water too,
And let them run and play!

4. Log-on to **Bookflix** for free, courtesy of your public library and PowerLibrary.org! This wonderful site allows your child to read e-books and play games related to a variety of themes. All you need is your library card. Here is the link and a list of the titles related to animals as pets:
<http://kids.powerlibrary.org/Remote/Remote.asp>

Fiction: *Bark, George*

Nonfiction: *Pets at the Vet*

5. Here are some additional books your child may enjoy. Ask your librarian for these and other titles related to animals as pets!

