

Our Own Council's Try-It: Pet Love



Do four activities to complete this Try-It.

1. Love Your Pet: Discuss with your troop ways you show your pet, or one that you know well, how you love it and care for it and how it shows love in return. Make a list of the different pets your troop has. Which is the most popular and which is the most unusual? What do you do or would you do to care for your pet?
2. Pet Collage: From newspapers, magazines, old calendars and pet food coupons, make a pet collage. Try to have your troop's collages displayed in a public place during National Pet Adoption Week.
3. Pet Stories: Take several pieces of paper and write a story or create a story with pictures about your pet or a pet which you wish you could have. It can be a true story or one of fantasy. If you write the story leave room on each page to draw pictures to go along with your story. You can cut pictures out of a magazine to illustrate your story. Bind your book by punching holes on the left edge and lacing a ribbon through to tie. Give your story a title and sign your name as author and illustrator. Share your story with your troop.
4. Pet Helpers: How do pets help people? Ask people who have pets; young people, old people, handicapped people; how their pets help them. Write down what you learn and discuss this with your troop. If available in your area, find out how dogs are trained to aid blind and deaf people.
5. Pet Sculpture: Follow the directions for dough art on pages 170 and 171 in your Brownie handbook, make a sculpture of your pet or one which you wish you had. You may like to paint your sculpture the same color as your own pet.
6. Pet Food: Have your troop collect pet food and pet food coupons and bring them to your local Humane Society or Animal Shelter. Be sure to check with the shelter to see if there is something special they need. Have the Shelter Representative explain how their job is helpful to the animals and to people, and why spaying and neutering are important.

*Developed by: Brownie Troop 531
Central Elementary School, Low Moor, Virginia
Heide Mulcahy and Jan Warren, Leaders*