

Pet Care Memory Game

Test your memory skills with this fun pet care game. This can be a stand-alone activity or a follow-up activity to spcaLA's DIY Pet Care presentation, available for free download on our website.

MATERIALS

- Pencil
- Paper (optional handout provided here)
- 20 items (or photos of items) representing everything pets need to be happy and healthy. Examples:
 - Food: small bag of kibble; can of dog/cat food; jar of fish food; food bowl
 - Water: water bottle; water bowl
 - Shelter: toy house; fish bowl; bird cage
 - Vet care: vet doll; stethoscope; flea/tick medication
 - Grooming: brush; toothbrush/toothpaste; nail clippers; shampoo
 - Clean-up: poop bags; litter box, litter scoop
 - Exercise: toys; collar; leash
 - Safety: collar with ID tag; leash
 - Training: book/DVD on dog training; clicker; bag of dog treats
 - Information: books on different animals or breeds of animal
 - Money: picture of a dollar bill; piggy bank
 - Time: clock
 - Love: picture of a heart

PROCEDURE:

- Arrange all items in a single layer on a large table. Make a list of every item on the table so that you can reference it later on. Cover the items with a sheet.
- Bring participants to the table. Explain that they will have 2 minutes to look at the items, and they will try to remember as many of them as possible right after.
- Unveil the items, allowing 2 minutes for participants to look around without touching anything.
- Once 2 minutes are up, cover all of the items with a sheet again. Instruct participants to write down as many specific items as they can remember on their sheet.
- Go through the list of items you previously prepared. Read each item on the list out loud. Participants should track how many of the items they were able to remember and write down on their list as you are reading off

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the items. If more than 1 participant, option to tally up points to determine a winner!

- Discussion questions:
 - What do all of these items have in common? (pet care items)
 - What does each item represent? (e.g., the brush represents grooming; the toy represents play and exercise). Recap why these items are important for our pets, and how different animals might need different kinds of housing, toys, grooming, etc.
 - What do we think are the best parts about caring for a pet? What is challenging about this responsibility?
 - Sharing our homes with pets is incredibly rewarding, but pets are also a huge responsibility! They rely on us for everything they need to be happy and healthy. Make sure you are ready for this before choosing a pet to join the family. When you're ready, don't forget to adopt!





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Try to remember all of the items you just saw! Be as specific as possible and write one item per line. Good luck!

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