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Animal Carer Activity Badge

How to earn your badge

Take care of an animal for at least two months. Give it the correct foods, and learn to recognise common traits and habits including how to groom, clean and exercise the animal.

You could use our template for looking after your little buddy, and complete a diary showing when you took care of them and what you did.

You also need to complete **two** of these:

Find out about dangers that threaten wildlife in their natural habitat. Make a poster, collage or drawing or tell other Cub Scouts what you found out.

Arrange with a leader a suitable time to tell other Cubs about your poster, collage, or drawing!

Learn and understand what you need to do and be aware of when deciding to own a pet.

We've added some guidance which might help you.

Visit a zoo, wildlife park, animal sanctuary or rescue centre. Find out about some of the animals you see. What are their feeding habits and natural habitats?

If you choose to do this, why not take a picture of you with some of the animals and tell other Cubs about your visit?

Keep a record of bird, animal or insect life in your garden, local area or park. Do this for at least three months.

To complete this requirement, keep a diary of the different types of animals that you see, including pictures, drawings, photos, or videos.










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Checklist

To complete the badge requirements, tick off the checklist below with help from your parents, teachers, or family and friends. You should complete at least two of the items with an asterisk (*) next to them.

 Take care of an animal for at least two months	
 Learn how to recognise common traits and habits of the animal	
 Show you know how to groom, clean, and make sure they have exercise	
 Make a poster, collage, or drawing showing dangers that threaten wildlife*	
 Show you understand what's needed when deciding to own a pet*	
 Visit a zoo, wildlife park, animal sanctuary, or rescue centre*	
 Keep a record of bird, animal, or insect life over three months*	

Your name	Section (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts)	Today's date



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Taking care of an animal

Show us a photo, or draw a picture, of the animal that you're taking care of:

Their name:

Their favourite food:

What they like to do:



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Taking care of an animal (cont'd)

Each week, make a note of what you did to help your animal. You should include things like grooming them; cleaning out their habitat, enclosure, cage, or tank; and what exercise you've helped them with.

Week	What you did to support the animal you are looking after	Date
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		



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What to think about if you're getting a pet

To show you know what to consider if you're going to welcome a pet into your home or garden, choose any **three** of the following topics. Tell us what they are and why they are important to think about when you're getting a new pet in the spaces below.

Safety (do they need a secure outdoor enclosure away from foxes, etc)

Food (do they need specialist food, what if they have allergies)

Friends / socialising (are they a solitary animal or do they need friends)

Habitat cleaning (how often do their enclosures, cages, tanks, etc. need to be cleaned)

Access to a vet (do you have a vet nearby, and is there enough money to cover trips)

Exercise (do they need walking or to run about)

Pet insurance (do you need to look at dog or cat insurance in case they need medical help)

Training (do they need specialist training to make sure they and everyone else keeps safe)

Family members with allergies (does anyone in the household have allergies)

Holidays (who will look after them if you go away)