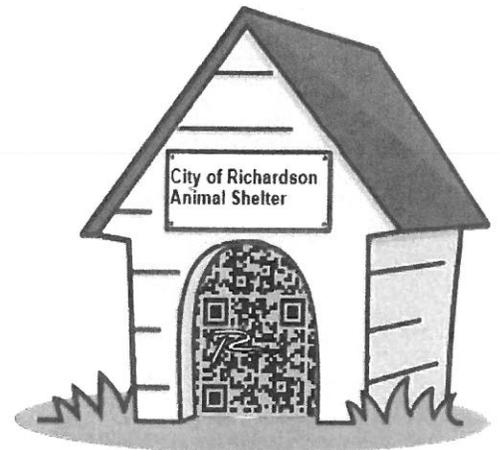


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Animal Safety Tips

- Never attempt to touch an animal you do not know.
- Always ask the owner before petting an animal.
Make sure the animal sees you before you touch.
- If confronted by a stray dog, remain calm and slowly back away. Get an adult and call Animal Services.
- Remember if you run away a dog will chase you.
- Never attempt to touch or feed wildlife.
- If you are bitten by any animal tell an adult immediately and call Animal Services.
- Dogs must always be on a leash outside the house or backyard.
- Outside dogs need shelter, food, and water all the time.
- Never leave any animal in a car unattended, it gets extremely hot very quickly even with windows down.
- Always keep a collar and tag on your dog or cat.

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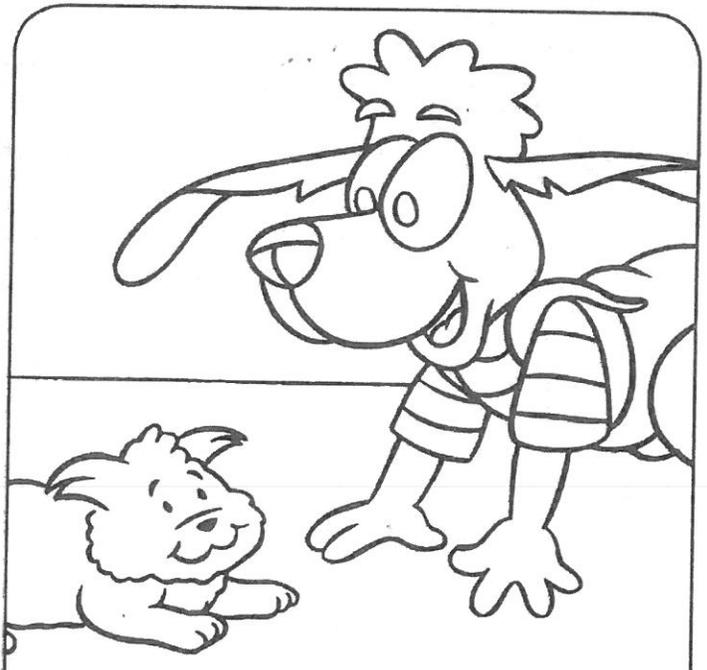
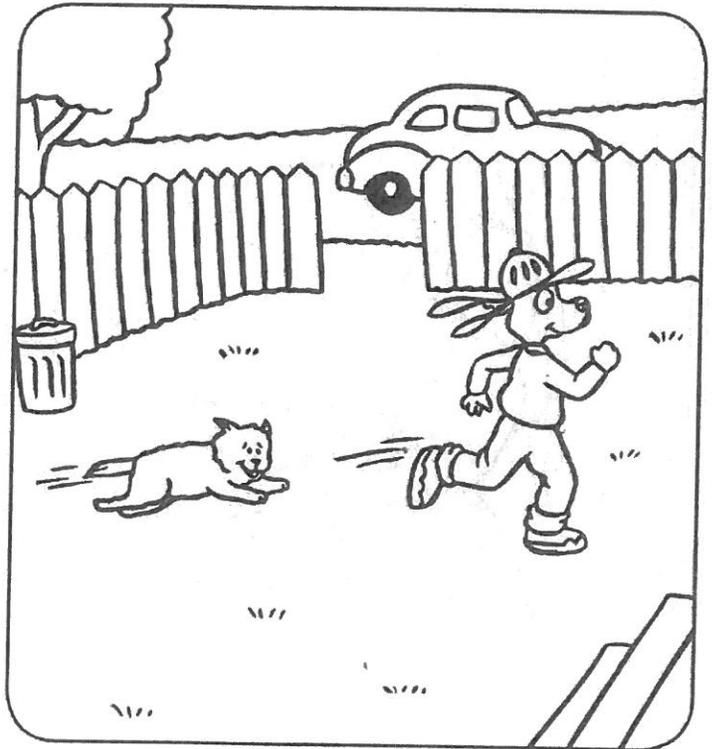


Responsible Pet Ownership

1. Pets are a lifetime responsibility: they need love, attention, and we have to keep them healthy. If you can't make the commitment, don't get the pet.
2. Just like we get sick, our pets do to and we need to care for them just like our family would care for us.
3. Make sure to get your pets spayed (female) or neutered (male) and have them vaccinated yearly. This will help keep our pets happy, healthy, and extend their lives.
4. Make sure your pets are always wearing a collar and tags with your current information on it. So if they get lost the person who finds your pet can call you.
5. When you take your pet out for a walk always have them on a leash. It's the law and it will keep your pet safe from getting lost or getting hurt.
6. When you are looking to get a pet-- ADOPT. There are so many animals that need our help and adoption is great.

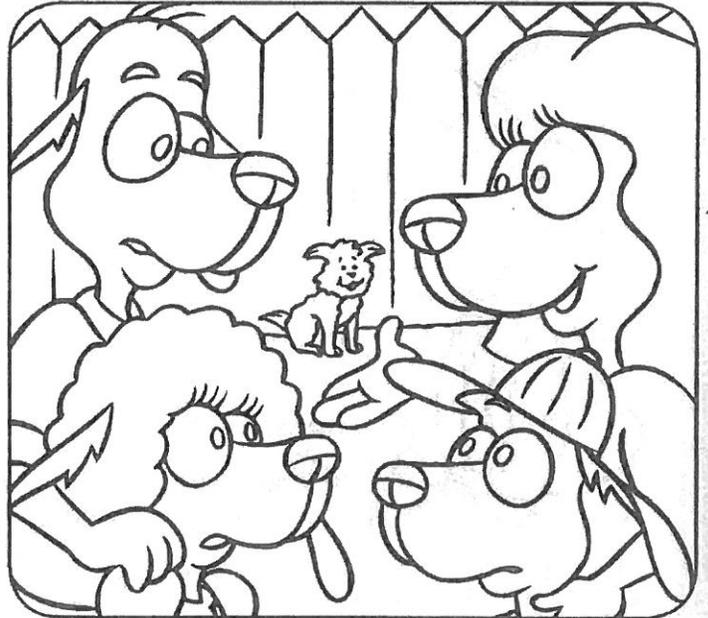
7. When choosing a pet make sure you have the time and money to care for all its needs. Choose a pet that fits your lifestyle. Don't get a high energy dog, if you don't have the time to exercise him. If you can't afford grooming or can't do the grooming yourself, pick a low maintenance dog.
8. Be aware of weather conditions. Leaving your dog in the car on a hot day or in the yard without shade or water is risking your dog's life.
9. Make sure your home is "pet" safe. Pesticides, medications, household cleaners and some houseplants (dieffenbachia, philodendron, hyacinth, and mistletoe) can be deadly to your pet. Keep them out of reach.
10. Provide your pet the proper diet. Obesity can be as deadly as malnutrition. Be aware that some foods can be deadly, such as chocolate, and fatty foods can cause pancreatitis.
11. Be kind to your pet and show him with love... remember you are his world.

Kip sees a puppy. He does not see her owner. What should he do?



Answer: Don't go near a loose animal. Don't run. Calmly go tell a grown-up.

Mom calls Animal Control. Officer Adams takes the puppy to the shelter.



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WORKSHEET #1
Hi! My name is Sam.
Draw what you need to take care of me.



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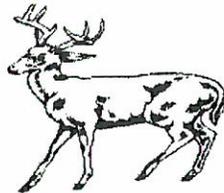
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WORKSHEET #2
Circle the animals that can be pets in a house.



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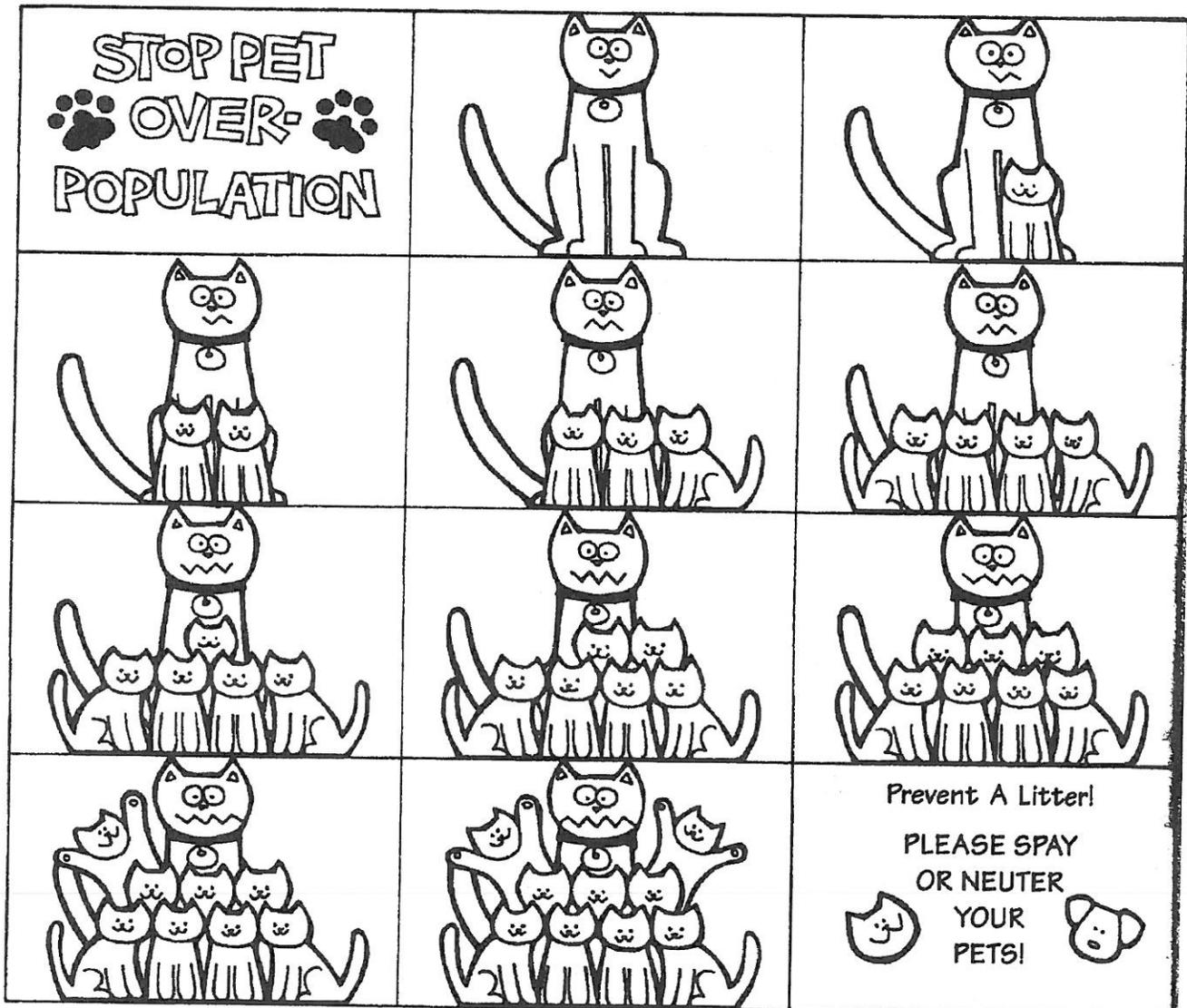
Solving a Problem

Pet overpopulation is a BIG problem! There are too many pets and not enough homes to go around. By having pets spayed or neutered, we can reduce the number of

unwanted puppies and kittens. Help spread this important message by making flip books and giving them to others.

Flip Book Directions

1. Cut out the 12 pages, and stack them in order.
2. Staple the pages together on the left side.
3. Flip quickly through the book. Watch the picture change!



The Right Path for Pets

Karalee is adopting two dogs from an animal shelter.

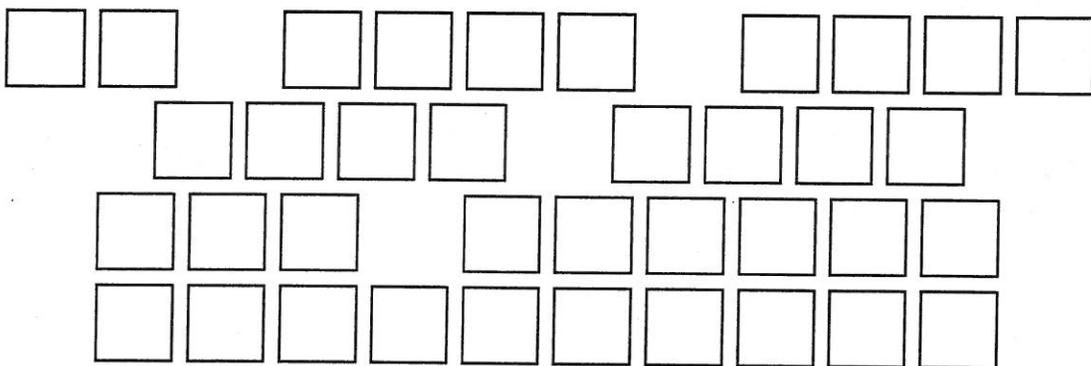
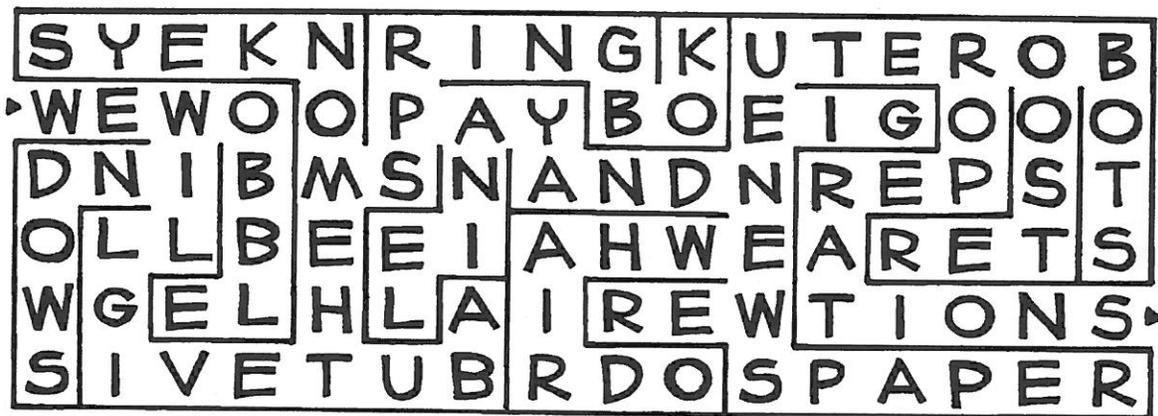
Before bringing their new pets home, Karalee's family went shopping. They bought dog food, dog toys, a brush, leashes, collars, and ID tags.



"That's great," they answer. "There are just two more things your pets will need before they go home. They are not something you can buy at a pet supply store. But we will give your pets these two things right here."

It's finally time to go to the animal shelter. Karalee is very excited. She tells the people at the shelter all the things she has for her new pets.

What are they? Draw a line along the correct path in the maze. Write the letters your line passes through.



Spaying and neutering are operations that keep pets from having babies. There are already too many pets without homes. The operations also help keep pets healthy.



Draw a picture of Karalee playing with her two new friends.

Visit from a Vet



Hi! Joe Sly, private eye, here. Help me crack "The Case of the Visiting Vet." Here's the situation. Dr. Hart, a

local veterinarian, visited our school yesterday. She asked the following question:

What one thing can you do to make your cats and dogs...

- less likely to bite?
- less likely to roam, run away, or get into fights?
- less likely to spray and mark their territory?
- become better, friendlier companions?
- AND live longer, healthier lives?



Use the grid to find the answer. Each letter in the alphabet has its own two-digit number. The first number marks the *row* in which you'll find the letter. The second number marks the *column* it's in. We've done the first one, 44, for you. (We found row four, then followed it across to column four. The letter in that box is S.)



	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	J
3	K	L	M	N	O
4	P	Q	R	S	T
5	U	V	W	X	Y



We can S _____ them!

44 41 11 55 35 43 34 15 51 45 15 43



Using the grid above, make up your own puzzling pet puzzle. Challenge family and friends to crack the code!

Sound Advice

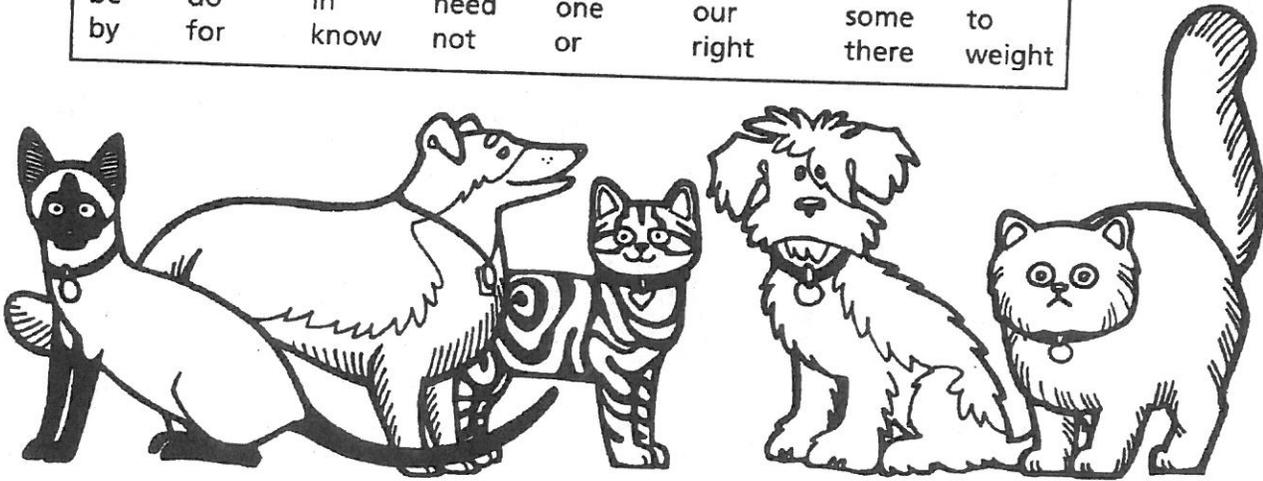
Spaying and neutering are operations that keep pets from having babies. That's important, because there are not enough homes for all the kittens and puppies who are born. To learn more, read the paragraph below. Replace the

underlined words with their homophones. (Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings, like *pair* and *pear*, or *sale* and *sail*.) Write the correct words in the blanks. Use the word box if you need help.

Four () every won () person born in the United States, seven puppies and kittens are born. That means their () are more pets than owners to take care of them. Dogs and cats knead () to be spayed or neutered. Sum () towns charge less money to license a spayed or neutered pet. Spay and neuter operations should bee () performed buy () a veterinarian. The operations do knot () make pets less friendly or playful. They dew () not cause pets to gain wait (). In fact, spayed and neutered pets are less likely two () get certain diseases later inn () life. All pets need the write () amount of food and exercise to stay healthy. More pet owners need to no () about the importance of spaying oar () neutering their cats and dogs. Talking to hour () friends and neighbors can help.

Word Box

be	do	in	need	one	our	some	to
by	for	know	not	or	right	there	weight



Writing to Correct a Wrong

Anna and Adam volunteer at an animal shelter that's planning a low-cost spay and neuter clinic. (Spaying and neutering operations keep pets from having unwanted babies.) On the day of the clinic, people will be able to have their pets spayed or neutered at a lower price.

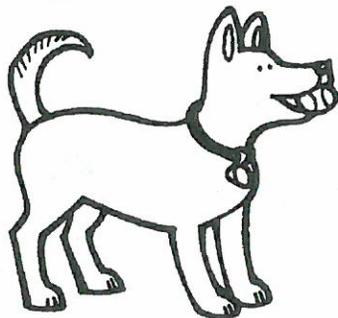
Anna and Adam have been asked to write an announcement about the upcoming clinic. The

announcement will be read on the radio. Help the kids organize their notes below, choose what information to include, and write the announcement. Use your imagination, and add any information you think is important. Be sure to include the name and phone number of the animal shelter. Also tell where and when the clinic will be held.

Spayed or neutered pets are less likely to bite or wander away from home.



Having your cats and dogs spayed or neutered helps stop pet overpopulation.



Spaying and neutering are operations that keep cats and dogs from having kittens and puppies.



Pets who are spayed or neutered are often healthier. They have a smaller chance of getting some kinds of cancer.



Every pet deserves a good home. But there are not enough homes for millions of puppies and kittens born each year.