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Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: Our Animal Friends

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

This week's standard:

- Students identify the needs of plants and animals. (Character Education: Caring)

Activities:

1. Draw a picture of your idea of a great pet. Paste newspaper words that describe your ideal pet to make a border around the edge of your picture.
2. Have a newspaper pet race with a friend. Each of you should have your own colored marker. Set a timer for five minutes. Go through the newspaper and circle words or pictures of animals that would make good pets. These should be pets you could keep in your home – no wild animals, please!
3. Ask friends and family members to tell you two important tips about having a pet. Make a list of the tips. Which tips were mentioned more than once? Did you learn anything new?
4. How are these important in having a pet: (a) exercising your pet, (b) trips to the veterinarian, (c) ID tags and (d) rescue shelters?
5. Select five people from news stories or comic strips. Paste their pictures or names down the left side of a piece of paper. Now, in the newspaper, find a word or picture for a pet for each person/character. Paste the pet name or picture next to the person/character. Share your choices with friends.

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