

Looking after pets

worksheet

A. Pets have five welfare needs. Match the needs (1–5) and the explanations (a–e).

1. environment: pets need a suitable environment
 2. diet: pets need a suitable diet
 3. behaviour: pets need to be able to behave in the ways that are normal for them
 4. company: pets need to live with, or without, other animals
 5. protection: pets need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease
- a. This need is about giving your pet a safe and comfortable place to live. Different pets need different amounts of space and different equipment or toys.
 - b. This need is about giving your pet the right food, and the right amount of food, and water! Different pets need different types of special pet food, and most pets can't eat the same things as people.
 - c. This need is about letting your pet do all the activities which are usual for that animal and making sure it gets the right exercise.
 - d. This need is about making sure your pet doesn't get lonely and feels safe. Some pets like to be with other animals and some pets like to be only with people.
 - e. This need is about making sure you take care of your pet's health, helping your pet to stay healthy and safe and looking after your pet when it is sick or hurt.

B. Look at your lists. Which welfare need does each idea meet? Write 'environment', 'diet', 'behaviour', 'company' or 'protection' next to each idea.

C. Make a mind map with your partner or group for your pet welfare information poster.

