

Lesson 4



- I CAN make a responsible decision about providing for a pet for its entire life.

Review



- Remember our last I CAN statement?
 - I can make sure my pet is healthy and safe; I can be safe around dogs and cats?
- Do your pets have a current rabies shot?
- Are your pets being treated to prevent heartworm and fleas and ticks?

Activity 1

Safety for you and your pet worksheet.

- Fill in the blanks using the words in the Word Bank.
- Cross off each word as you use it.
- There will be four extra words.
- Can you form a sentence with them?

SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR PET

- 1) The five basic commands your dog should know are: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- 2) Leave an animal alone when it is _____ or _____ a toy.
- 3) Always _____ the pet's owner if it is OK for you to pet his dog.
- 4) Keep your pets away from house and garden plants. Some are very _____.
- 5) Dogs like their own space; they are very _____.
- 6) Let a pet _____ your hand, shoes and clothes until it feels safe with you. Then pet the dog or cat under its _____.
- 7) Avoid _____ with a strange dog.
- 8) Keep you pets away from dangerous foods like _____, _____, and _____.
- 9) Tell an _____ if you get bitten by an animal.
- 10) Always keep your pet on a _____ when you take it for a walk.
- 11) Never try to break up a _____.
- 12) If you see an animal that is hurt, _____, or _____, ask an adult you trust to call Moore County Animal Control.
- 13) If a strange dog comes up to you aggressively, make like a _____.
- 14) If the dog knocks you down, act like a _____.
- 15) If you come upon a pack of dogs, throw a _____ away from you to distract them and then walk very _____ in the other direction.
- 16) If one German Shepherd bites someone, it doesn't mean that all German Shepherds are bad dogs. Blame the _____, not the _____.
- 17) What about cats? "Heads" wins over "Tails" every time, so always approach a cat from the _____, not from the _____.
- 18) So that your pet can be returned to you if it gets lost, make sure it has an _____ on its collar and a _____.

Word Bank

abused	chocolate	friends	log	<i>slowly</i>
adult	come	front	make	<i>small item</i>
ask	deed	grapes	microchip	<i>sniff</i>
back	dogfight	great	neglected	<i>stay</i>
breed	down	heel	pets	<i>territorial</i>
chewing	eating	ID tag	raisins	<i>toxic (poisonous)</i>
<i>chin</i>	<i>eye contact</i>	<i>leash</i>	<i>sit</i>	<i>tree</i>

There are four extra words. Use them to form a sentence.

Activity 2

Dollars and Sense:

- Can we afford a pet?
- Which kind of pet fits our family budget?

One thing to think about is cost.



Making a good sense decision



Do I want a puppy?

Things to consider



Do I know how to train it?

Can I afford to insure it?

Have I got time for it?

Can I afford to feed it?

Have I researched the breed?

Do I have time to walk it?

Will it fit with my life in 2, 5, 7 years?

Am I prepared for the bad bits.. pee, poo, chewing?

Is this a family decision?

Can I give a lifetime commitment to it?

If the answer to ANY of these questions is **NO**

You Don't Need a Puppy!

If not a puppy, then maybe another kind of pet or maybe no pet at all?

Sometimes, not getting a pet for now is the best decision.

Dogs who are a mix of different breeds make wonderful pets too.



Check out the local shelters.

Save a life!

Activity 3

GOOD NEWS!



A Tale of Two Pets

Pit bulls and black pets are often passed over at the shelter but Snowball and Barney were both adopted!

YAY!

Two Tales

The Pilot Newspaper

Mason's friend Michelle, reads about Snowball in the Newspaper and adopts her!

4th Grade Student,
Mason adopts Barney from the Animal Center.

Now that we're adopted, what does it cost to keep us?

Activity 4

Things you'll need for your new pet

Pets cost money.

Can you think of ways to save money on some of the items on this list?

Which items are ongoing expenses? Circle items you need to buy every week or every month.

THINGS YOU'LL NEED FOR YOUR NEW PET		
		
Cost for Snowball	Items for Your Pet	Cost for Barney
\$85.00	Adoption from The Animal Center of Moore County includes: Spay or Neuter Rabies shot Microchip	\$65.00
\$17.00	Heartworm and Flea Medication (month)	\$16.00
\$24.00	Collar and ID Tags	\$24.00
\$12.00	Leash	XXXX
XXXX	Litter and Litter Box	\$20.00
\$27.00	Large Bag of Dry Food	\$19.00
\$12.00	Water & Food Dish	\$12.00
\$30.00	Bedding	\$20.00
\$10.00	Brush	\$10.00
\$6.00	Toys	\$6.00
Priceless	Training	Playtime
<u>\$223.00</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>\$192.00</u>

10 YEARS



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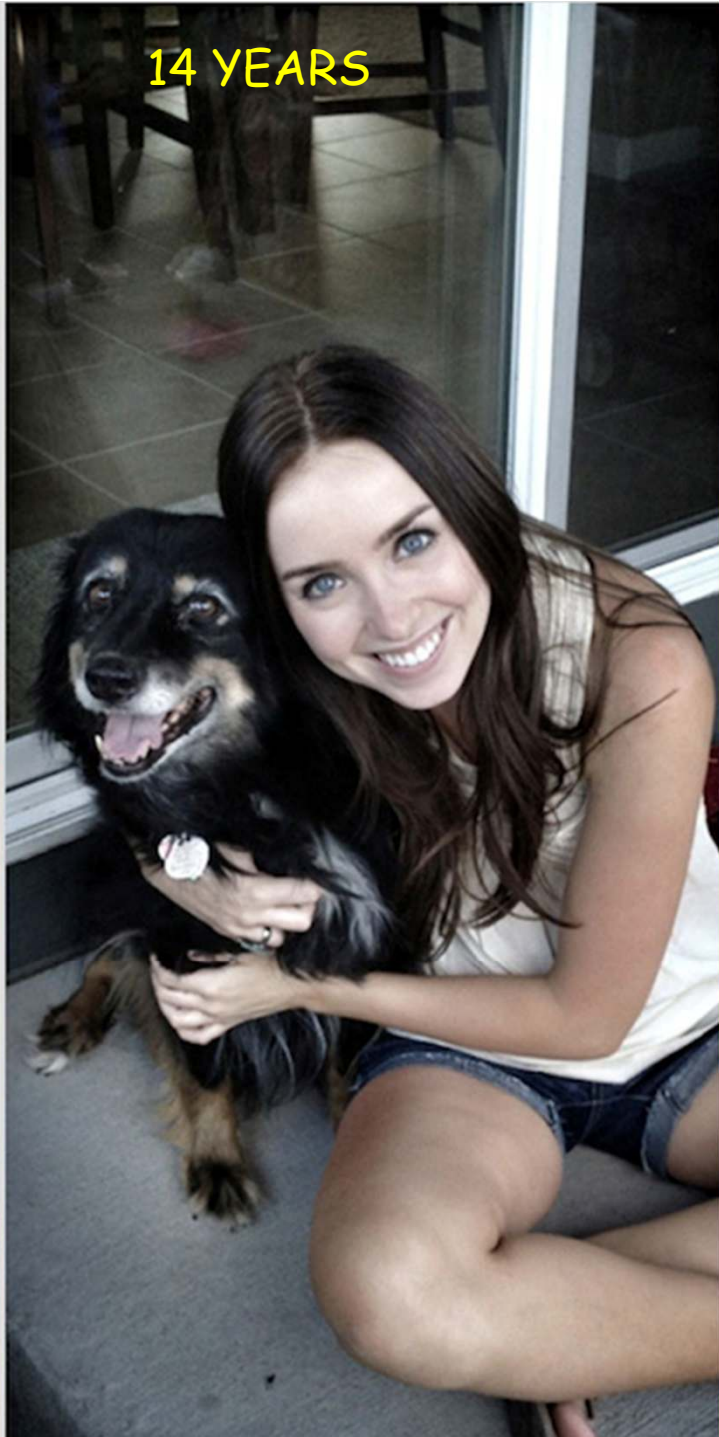




11 YEARS



14 YEARS





17 YEARS







21 YEARS



Activity 5: Make your best guesses!



How long will I be RESPONSIBLE for my pet?

How long do pets live?

Match the pet with the number of years it may live.

Small Dog	3 years
Guppy	3 years
Parakeet	5 years
Horse	6 years
Medium Dog	9 years
Hamster	9 years
Rabbit	9 years
Gold Fish	13 years
Cat	17 years
Pony	17 years
Large Dog	30 years
Guinea Pig	40 years

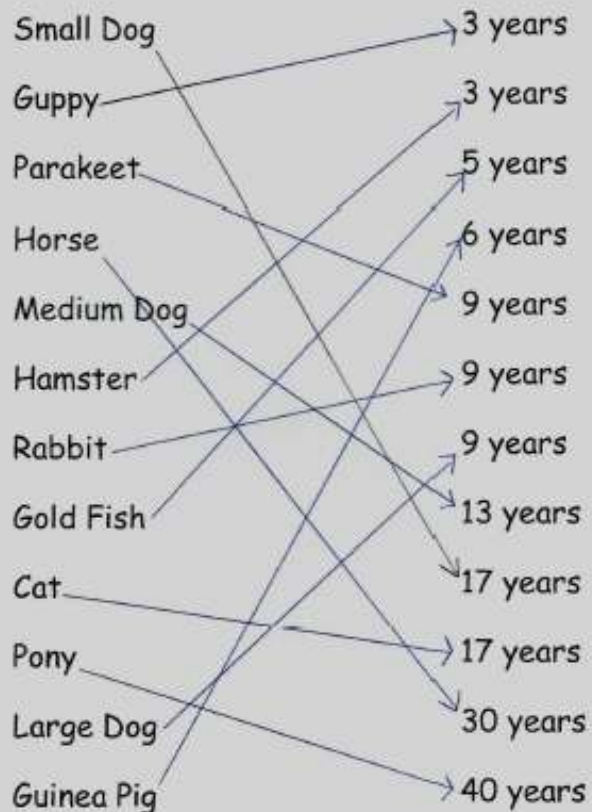
Activity 5



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Match the pet with the number of years it may live.



An animal's lifespan is a **VERY IMPORTANT** thing to consider before adopting.

A responsible pet owner promises to care for a pet as long as it lives.

Use these lifespans to complete the next activity.

Activity 6 How long pets live

How old would you be if you owned a small dog for its entire life?

How about a pony?

PET	ACTUAL LIFESPAN		HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?		HOW OLD WILL YOU BE?
HAMSTER		+		=	
GUPPY		+		=	
GOLD FISH		+		=	
GUINEA PIG		+		=	
PARAKEET		+		=	
RABBIT		+		=	
CAT		+		=	
SMALL DOG		+		=	
MEDIUM DOG		+		=	
LARGE DOG		+		=	
PONY		+		=	
HORSE		+		=	

Activity 7



HUMAN VS. PET YEARS

If you and your pet were born on the same day, how old (in pet years) would your pet have been when you were seven? Cat _____ Small Dog _____

Medium Dog _____ Large Dog _____

Human Years or Calendar Years	Cat	Small Dog Under 20 lbs	Medium Dog 20-50 lbs	Large Dog 50-90 lbs	Big Dog Over 90 lbs
1	15	15	15	14	12
2	25	23	24	22	20
3	29	28	29	29	28
4	33	32	34	34	35
5	37	36	38	40	42
6	41	40	42	45	49
7	45	44	47	50	56
8	49	48	51	55	64
9	53	52	56	61	71
10	57	56	60	66	78
11	61	60	65	72	86
12	65	64	69	77	93
13	69	68	74	82	101
14	73	72	78	88	108
15	77	76	83	93	115
16	81	80	87	99	123
17	85	84	92	104	
18	89	88	96	109	
19	93	92	101	115	
20	97	96	105	120	

Depending on their size, cats and dogs age at different rates than we do.

If you have a medium sized 10-year-old dog, your dog is not young, like you. He's like a 66-year-old senior citizen!

OFF THE CHARTS!

The oldest cat in the world: "Crème Puff", a 38-year-old tabby cat.

The oldest dog in the world: "Bluey", a 29-year-old Australian Cattle Dog.

Activity 8

I CAN Statement

Review the I CAN statements for Lessons 1 - 4 and think about all you have learned so far.

Pet Responsibility Folder

Belonging to:



Snowball



Barney

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THE PET RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

"I CAN" STATEMENTS

"I CAN" HELP SOLVE THE "SAD PROBLEM" IN MOORE COUNTY.

LESSON 1

"I CAN" BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER.

LESSON 2

"I CAN" HELP STOP PET OVERPOPULATION IN OUR COUNTY.

LESSON 3

"I CAN" MAKE SURE MY PET IS HEALTHY AND SAFE; I CAN BE SAFE AROUND DOGS AND CATS.

LESSON 4

"I CAN" MAKE A RESPONSIBLE DECISION ABOUT PROVIDING FOR A PET FOR ITS ENTIRE LIFE.

LESSON 5

"I CAN" BE AN ADVOCATE FOR ANIMALS.

LESSON 6

"I CAN" HELP SOLVE THE "SAD PROBLEM" IN MOORE COUNTY.



Pet Responsibility Word List

Adopt

Cents

Environment

Expensive

Identification

Lifespan

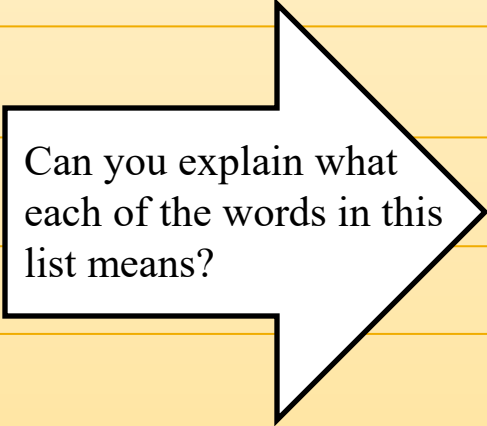
Microchip

Purebred

Rescue

Sense

Time
Consuming



Can you explain what each of the words in this list means?