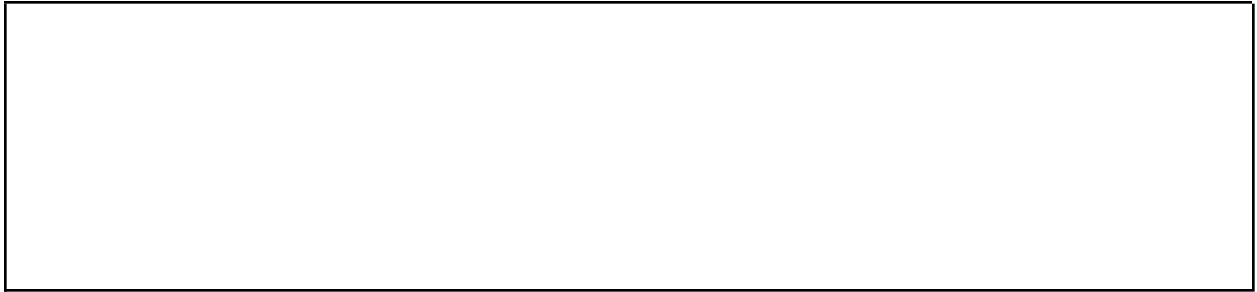


Pets on the Green
Animal Explorer Workbook – Compact Edition

Name: _____

1) Write or draw what you think animal assisted therapy means. How can animals help people feel calm, confident, or happy?



2) Meet our animal friends!

2a) Animal name: African Pygmy hedgehog.

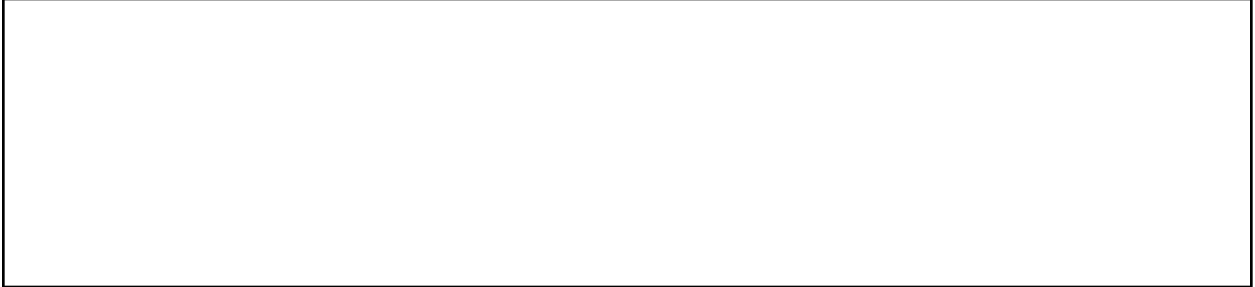
What does this animal look like? Draw or describe.



Fun fact: Did you know hedgehogs, despite their small size, are not rodents? They are actually in the order Erinaceomorpha distantly related to shrews and moles.

2b) Animal name: Lutino galah cockatoo.

What colour is this animal?



Fun fact: Due to a galah cockatoos noisy and silly personality the term “galah” in Australia is used to describe a person acting like a clown.

2c) Animal name: Sugar glider

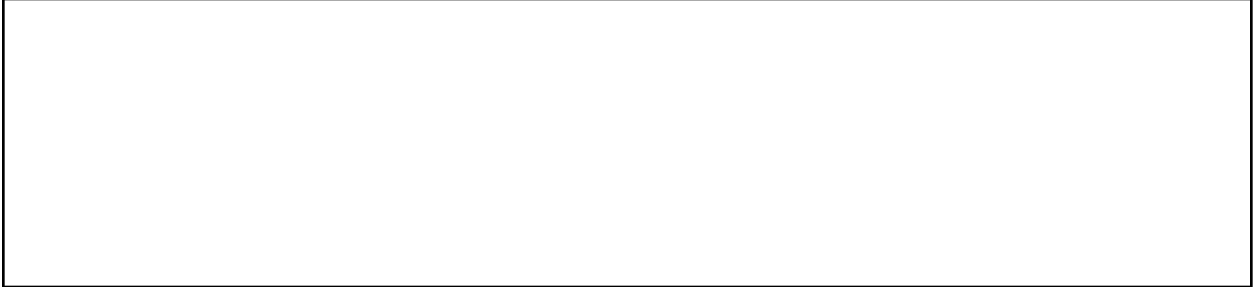
Why do sugar gliders have extra skin between wrists and their ankles?



Fun fact: They can go into something called torpor which is similar to hibernation. Gliders in torpor lower their body temperature and heart rate to conserve energy during food scarcity.

2d) Animal name: Fancy mice

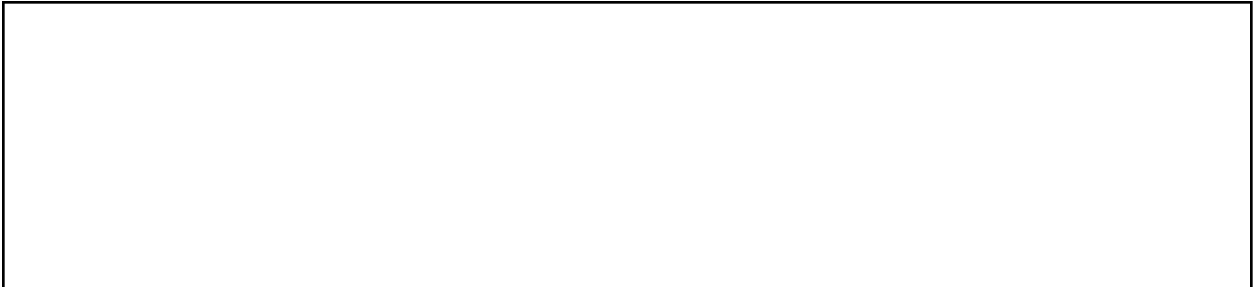
What does this animal look like?



Fun fact: Male mice sing high pitched songs, similar to birdsong, to attract females.

2e) Animal name: Guinea pig

Write or draw one vegetable Guinea pigs enjoy eating.



Fun fact: Guinea pigs eat their own poop; this is called coprophagy. While it may seem unnatural or “weird” it is a health and essential part of their digestive process. They eat lots of food and their digestive system is super quick so sometimes they can’t catch all the good stuff (vitamins and energy) the first time it goes through, therefore their poop is then packed with all the vitamins they missed.

2f) Animal name: Skinny pig

What part of the body do skinny pigs generally have hair? Write or draw your answer.



Fun fact: As skinny pigs have very limited fur they have to use lots of energy to keep themselves warm, because of this they eat and drink twice as much as a regular guinea pig! Which means twice as much poop...

2g) Animal name: Netherland dwarf rabbit

Do rabbit teeth ever stop growing? Write your answer.



Fun fact: This type of rabbit nearly went extinct after World War II, only 17 of these tiny rabbits were left in the world. Thankfully they were carefully repopulated and are now one of the most popular pets today.

2f) Animal name: Orchid mantis

Why does this insect look like a flower? Write your answer



Fun fact: To pull off the disguise, they perform a tiny “dance” where they sway back and forth. This makes them look like a pet blowing in the breeze.

2g) Animal name: Giant Malaysian leaf insect

What does this animal look like?



Fun fact: Their bodies mimic a leaf so well they even sometimes have jagged edges and brown spots that look like bite marks or decay. This makes them look like a “dead” or “eaten” leaf so predators don’t think they are fresh food.

2h) Animal name: Whites tree frog

Can a frog drink through their own skin? Write your answer

Fun fact: When this frog catches a bug, they don't have strong muscles in their throats to swallow, so they retract their eyes down into their heads to push the food down their throat. If you watch one eat, it looks like it's giving you a big slow blink.

2i) Animal name: Corn snake

Why will Skyla the corn snake flick her tongue out at you? Write your answer

Fun fact: There are two main reasons for how the corn snake got its name. With one being if you flip one over their belly has a beautiful pattern that people thought looked very similar to checkered kernels on a cob of Indian corn. As well as farmers used to find them in their corn barns all the time - the snakes weren't there for the corn, they were there to eat the mice that was trying to steal the corn.

2j) Animal name: Blue Tongue skink

What colour is their tongue? Why might they show it?



Fun fact: They have very short, stubby legs. When they want to move fast, they often tuck their legs against their sides and slither like a snake through the grass.

2k) Animal name: Royal python

What happens when a snake gets too big for their skin?



Fun fact: They are called the royal python because legends say that Queen Cleopatra and other African royalty used to wear them around their wrists and necks like living jewellery.

2l) Animal name: African bullfrog

How big will this frog get? Circle your answer.

Grape size. Apple size. Dinner plate size. Marble size. Car size.

Fun fact: When the African sun gets too hot and the ground dries up, they don't just hide - they make a cocoon out of their own dead skin. They bury themselves underground in this "sleeping bag" and can stay there for years until the rain returns.

2m) Animal name: Panther chameleon

Draw a chameleon using its Tongue. How long do you think it is.



Fun fact: Chameleons can move their eyes separately at 360 degrees, meaning they can look at a tasty locust in front of them with one eye and watch for a sneaky bird behind them.

2n) Animal name: Leopard gecko

Why do leopard geckos drop their tail?



Fun fact: Unlike most geckos, leopard geckos have tiny claws instead of sticky pads. This makes them very good at digging and running on the ground but not very good at climbing.

2o) Animal name: Crested gecko

Draw the environment you think a crested gecko would live in, in the wild.



Fun fact: They have long soft spikes over their eyes that look like long eyelashes. Scientists believe these “eyelashes” act like a built-in umbrella or sun visor to protect them from the shade and getting poked by branches.

2p) Animal name: Leachianus gecko

What does a leachie gecko skin look/feel like? Write your answer



Fun fact: They can grow up to 36 centimetres long and weigh as much as a can of soup, making them the largest living gecko species on earth.

2q) Animal name: African land snail

How does a snail move? Write your answer.

Fun fact: They are the largest land snail on earth reaching length of up to 20 centimetres, which is about the size of a large adults hand.

Not all animals at pets on the green will be on the number 2 question.

3) Name 5 different groups of animals. Write your answer

3a) Name 1-3 different types of animals for each group classification you list above. Write your answer.

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4) What does animal husbandry mean in your own words?

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5) Write the four things you think animals need to survive in captivity?

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6) Think of your favourite animal here at Pets on the Green and write me a checklist on how to care for it. Examples include food, water, cleaning, suitable enclosure and decorations.

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7a) What do adaptations relating to animals mean in your own words?

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7b) Write two examples of animals here at Pets on the Green who have adaptations you can think of and why they would need them.

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8) Can you create your own animal? What does it look like? What special abilities and adaptations does it have? What does it eat?



9) I am giving my hedgehogs cooked scrambled eggs for a treat. However they can only have 5 grams each. I want to give 13 hedgehogs scrambled eggs. I'm not sure how much to make, how many grams of scrambled egg do I need to feed 13 hedgehogs.



10) Sugar gliders can have calcium twice a week, the rest of the week they do not need it. Can you write me a schedule to give to a pet sitter on what days they have calcium and what days they cannot.



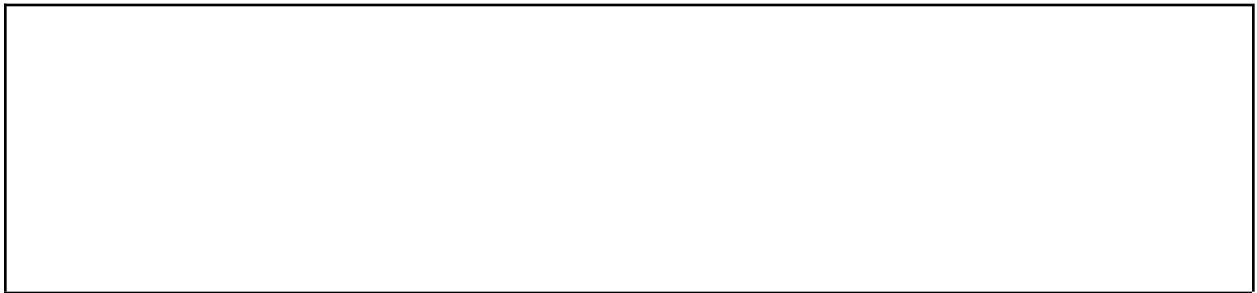
11) A African Pygmy hedgehogs gestation period is 34-37 days can you calculate the rough due date if she became pregnant on 6th October?

12) Make an enrichment plan for your chosen animal. Tell me why you have chosen these ideas of enrichment for that animal and why they could be beneficial. Write the plan for Monday to Sunday. You can repeat the same enrichment ideas but try and make at least 3 different forms of enrichment.

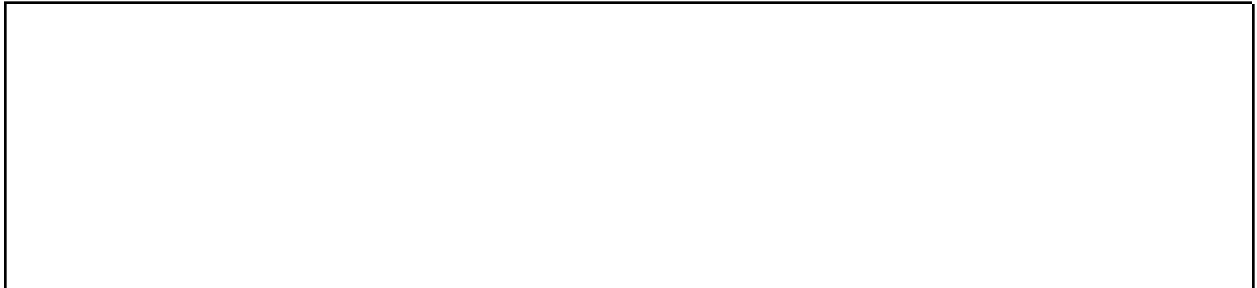
13) If you were a (animal name) where would your favourite hiding spots be when you want to take a quiet nap? Draw it or describe it



14) When you are happy you smile. When a rabbit is happy it does a binky jump. Draw a picture of you and your animal friend happy together.



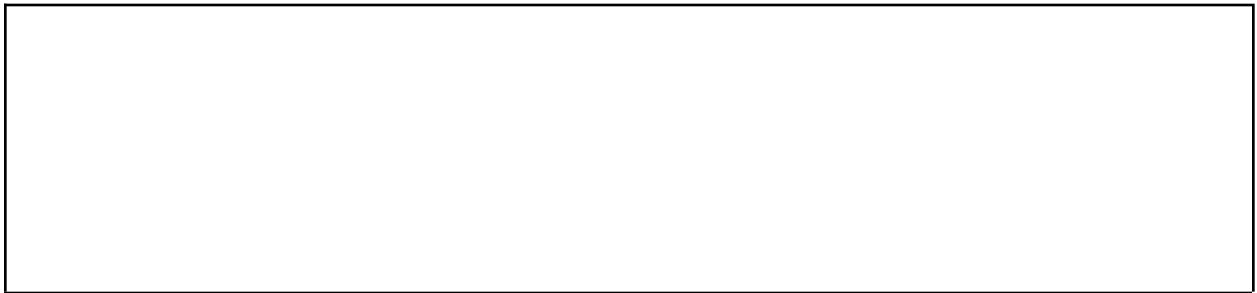
15) Animals use their bodies to talk. If a (animal name) is hiding in the corner, what is its body telling you? How can we help it feel braver?



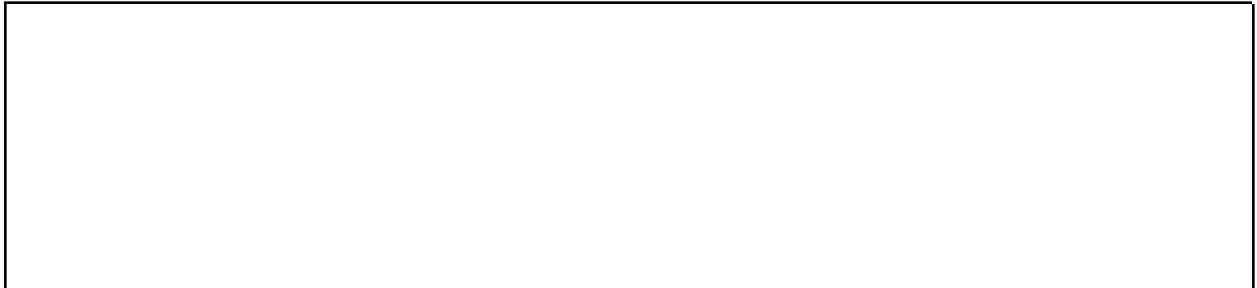
16) Imagine you are building a dream home for a crested gecko. Why do they need branches to climb instead of just flat ground? Describe a dream home for a crested gecko or draw one



17) Imagine you are an architect! Why does a leopard gecko need a warm side and a cool side in its home? How does it use them to feel better?



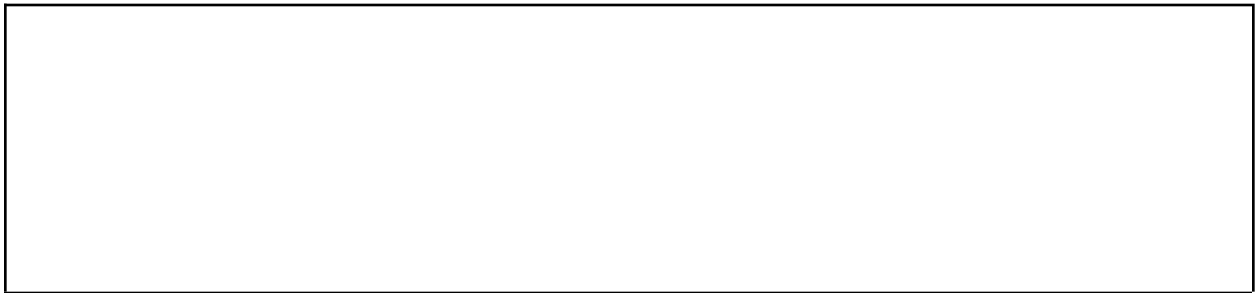
18) Sugar gliders need calcium to keep their bones strong. Can you name 2-3 food or drinks you can have that have calcium in them too?



19) If you are feeling fast and loud how does the animal react? If you are feeling slow and quiet, does the animal change its mood too?



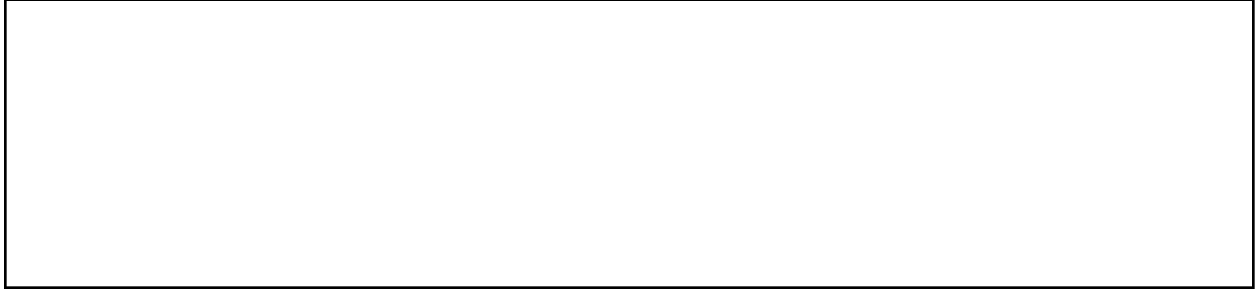
20) Find something in the rabbit cage that is rough, something smooth, and something soft. Why might the rabbit benefit from these being in the cage?



21) Draw a snail made out of your favourite things (like sweets, toys, pillows)



22) Count how many times a rabbit can wiggle its nose in ten seconds



23) Draw two hearts . One for your heart rate at the start of the session , and one for now. Is the second one bigger and calmer?



24) Should we ever pull the skin of a shedding animal who has only started shedding that day?



25) Draw your favourite animal you have seen today. Then label 3 body parts.



26) Circle the correct answer to the statement, true or false.

Reptiles are cold blooded. True / False

Mammals feed milk to babies. True / False

All reptiles can lay eggs. True / False

Rabbits can breathe underwater. True / False

All animals eat the same food. True / False

Birds use their beaks to climb. True / False

27) Match the food to the animal.

Insects / Seeds / Leaves / Rodents

Snake _____

Parrot _____

Chameleon _____

Tortoise _____

28a) How is a rabbit different from a snake?

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28b) How is a rabbit similar to a snake?

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29) Write three rules to give to someone who's never handled animals before to be able to safely handle them.

30) Guess the animal (give 1-2 examples).

Has scales, Cold blooded, Sheds skin

31) If 5 hedgehogs each eat 3 locusts and 2 cockroaches how many locusts and cockroaches are eaten?

32) Write a short story imagining you own all the animals as pets on the green and have to look after them for one whole day. Include : which animals you cared for (pick 3-5) , what jobs you needed to complete, a problem you had to solve, and how the animals made you feel.

33) A session at Pets on the Green lasts 60 minutes. You are booked for 4 sessions that day. How many minutes together ? How many hours together?

34) Create your own animal maths problem and solve it.

35) Why do reptiles need heat lamps or heat sources?

36) Finish the sentence. Being kind to animals is important because ...

37) Animal detective - clue challenge

Read the clues and guess the animal.

1 - I climb with sticky toes, I have gorgeous “eyelashes” and I shed my skin. I am a _____

2 - I curl into a ball and I have tiny spikes. I am a _____

3 - I glide between trees at night and carry babies in a pouch. I am a _____

4 - I change colour and move my eyes separately. I am a _____

38) Write what you should do for the following problems .

1 - A rabbit has no water left _____

2 - A reptiles heat light stops working _____

3 - A visitor is being too loud _____

39) Write a diary entry from the point of view of an animal here. An example includes "I am Reggie the chameleon and today I ..." Include how you felt, what you ate, and what you saw.

40) Match the situation to the feeling.

Feelings: Safe / Hungry / Stressed / Comfortable

Cold enclosure _____

Gentle handling _____

No food _____

Hiding _____

41) Define these words.

Habitat : _____

Nocturnal: _____

Enrichment: _____

Welfare: _____

Adaptation: _____

42: Observations. Watch one animal for 3 minutes. Write or draw 3 movements, 2 behaviours, and 1 sound they made.

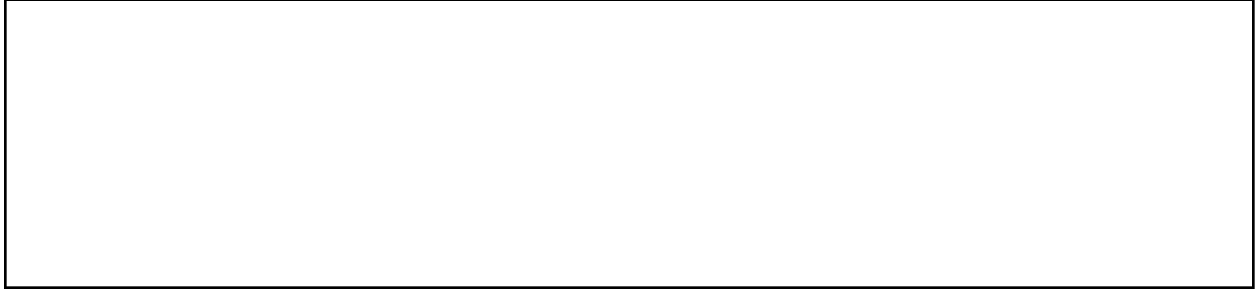
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43) Ask the animal keeper 3 questions . Write down these questions and the answers they reply with.

44) Observation skills. Watch one animal for 3 minutes. Record 3 movements, 2 behaviours, 1 sound.

45) Look closely at an animal. What do you see? Write or draw.

46) Draw your favourite animal.



46a) What is the correct group for your chosen animal? Is it a mammal, reptile, bird, amphibian or invertebrate.

Animal _____

Group _____

47) How do we keep animals safe? Circle the correct choices.

Quiet voices. Gentle hands. Chasing. Water. Food. Loud noises.

48) How did you feel today with the animals? Draw a face or write a word.



49) Look closely at a mammal and a reptile. What do you see? Do they look different? Write or draw.

50) Look at a cockatoo (Rosie). What shape is she? How does she look different from the other animals in the room?

51) Choose 3 animals you meet at pets on the green and complete the answers.

A) Animal: _____

What does its body feel/look like? _____

How does it move? _____

One behaviour you noticed: _____

B) Animal: _____

What does its body feel/look like? _____

How does it move? _____

One behaviour you noticed: _____

C) Animal: _____

What does its body feel/look like? _____

How does it move? _____

One behaviour you noticed: _____

52) How do you feel today? Circle the answer.

Calm. Good. Neutral. Anxious. Overwhelmed.

53) What might help you focus today? Circle the answer.

Quiet space. Interacting with an animal. Drawing. Talking.

54) Put each animal into the correct category.

Hedgehog. Gecko. Parrot. Frog. Rabbit. Sugar glider.

Mammals: _____

Reptiles: _____

Birds: _____

Amphibians: _____

55) Which group out of the following are cold blooded? Mammals. Reptiles. Birds.

56) Animals have special features that help them survive. Match the feature to the reason.

Spines | Sticky feet | Wings | Night vision | Strong back legs

Write the correct feature:

1. Helps a gecko climb glass → _____
2. Helps a rabbit escape quickly → _____
3. Helps a hedgehog stay safe → _____
4. Helps birds fly → _____
5. Helps nocturnal animals see in the dark → _____

57) Draw one animal carefully. Label:

- Head, body covering (fur/scales/feathers), feet, tail one special feature.



58) A rabbit is hiding and looks nervous.

What should you do? Circle the answer

- ☐ Pick it up quickly
- ☐ Sit quietly and wait

☐ Make loud noises

☐ Let it come to you

Why?

58) Animals can help people feel calmer. How did you feel when you:

Held an animal: _____

Watched quietly: _____

Learned something new: _____

One thing I did well today: _____

One thing I'm proud of: _____

59) Sketch your "dream enrichment toy" for an animal. Design idea: