CATS

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Key learnings: Module 1





Cats are solitary animals who often prefer spending time by themselves. They are quite independent and unlike dogs are often happy to be left without company during the day.

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- Cats should have some means of identification. They should wear a collar with their name and your phone number on it in case they get lost. They can also have a small chip injected under their skin which has their name and description as well as your name address and phone number on it.
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Although cats can't talk they have lots of ways of communicating. They meow when they are trying to tell us something, for example that they are hungry. When cats are happy and contented they often purr. Purring is a soft vibrating sound made in their throat. When cats are angry or hurt they may hiss with their mouth open and sometimes make a growling sound too. If a cat hisses or growls when you are near it you should immediately stop what you are doing and slowly move away from the cat. Hissing and growling is a cat's way of telling you it doesn't like what is happening. It should be seen as a warning and not ignored.



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Key learnings: Module 2





Your new cat should have its own bed and not be encouraged to sleep on your bed or furniture. He needs his own safe place to go to when he needs some alone time.



It is important that cats are fed a balanced diet. Ideally they should eat prepared cat food and not food that is designed for humans or dogs. Cats must have meat in their diet to survive, unlike dogs they cannot be vegetarian, and despite what people think cats do not need to drink milk, in fact it can make some cats sick. Fresh, clean water is all they need.



Just like children most cats love playing with toys, but playing with the wrong type of toys can be harmful for your cat and because he doesn't know how to be gentle he may scratch or break your things if you let him play with them. Cats love to scratch and you can buy or make them a scratching post to keep them busy.



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Key learnings: Module 3





Just like us cats need to have vaccinations to stop them catching certain diseases. A vaccination is a special injection given by the vet. All cats should have regular vaccinations and a check up with the vet every year.



To keep our cats healthy we need to make sure we keep them free from fleas, ticks and worms. We can do this by using special medicines from the vet. Some worms that affect cats can be caught by humans too so it is important that you always wash your hands after stroking your cat or if you have helped clean out the kitty litter tray.

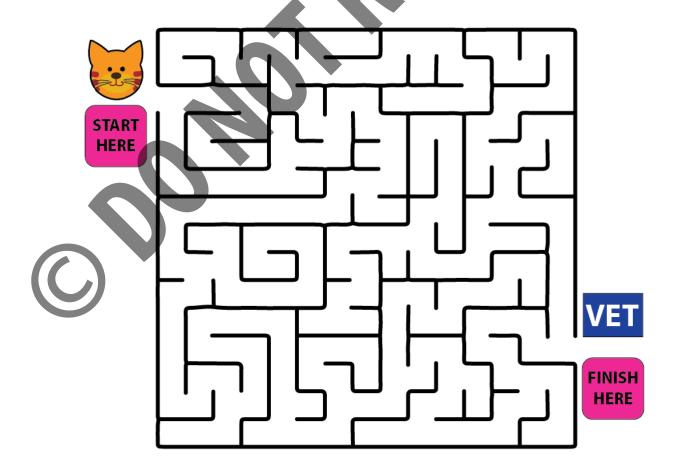


Despite our best efforts sometimes our pets do get sick. If you notice that your cat has stopped eating, has vomited, is limping or seems unwell in anyway, they should be taken to the vets to be examined.



MAZE:

Can you help your cat find its way to the vet?



Key learnings: Module 4





If cats escape or are left to roam the streets they can often be involved in car accidents. The type of injuries that result can vary but may include broken bones, internal bleeding and cuts and bruises.



Because cats sometimes eat things they shouldn't, it is not uncommon for them to be affected by household poisons such as cleaning products and rat killer. This can be very dangerous for them.



If you think your cat has been in an accident or appears injured you must be careful when approaching it. When cats are in pain they may bite or scratch people, even people they know. Always find an adult and ask them to help get the cat to a vet quickly.



COLOURING IN:

Colour in this picture of a cat eating her food



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