

Program Title		Pet/Animal Care 101	
Objective		Girl Scouts will earn their Animal Care skill builder badges. Brownies and Juniors will learn about how to care for animals, and what is needed to keep pets/wild animals healthy and happy.	
Grade Level		Brownies-Juniors	
Allotted Time		Two sessions, two hours per session, and a week long activity	
Equipment/Supplies		<p>Kit Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharpies/markers/crayons/Pencils • Meeting Aids (quizzes, facilitator guide, activity sheet, etc) • Scissors • Fleece Fabric • Foam sheets • Recipe for Pet Gorp and Puppy Chow • Tissue paper, feathers, pipe cleaners • Yarn <p>Shopping list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eggs (should be hard boiled prior to the first session) • Box—tissue or shoe box • Snack supplies (based on recipe) • Drinks • Leaders may need to purchase/acquire some supplies for the animal shelter/animal habitat craft • newspapers 	
Allotted Time	Topic	Instructions	Supplies
10 mins	Registration and activity	As girls are checked in: Brownies: Good Pet/Bad Pet quiz Juniors: Wild Animal Scramble	Roster Quiz/Scramble Pens
15 min	Ice Breaker	Brownies: Share a picture of your pet/dream pet. What do you love about your pet? Why is it your dream pet? Juniors: Share a picture of your favorite wild animal, explain why it is your favorite	Pictures of Pets/Wild animals brought by the girls
10 minutes	Conversation	Brownies: Pick a Pet—Girls can choose a reptile or a soft and furry pet. Discuss what pets need to live happily in your house Juniors: Discussion about different habitats, environmental factors, and what animals in the wild need to stay safe. What is dangerous to animals?	Refer to worksheets for Reptiles and Soft/Furry Pets provided in facilitator guide
30 min	Activity: Egg Ownership	Brownies: Make your Egg pet, and create a habitat based on the needs of your pet egg Juniors: Make your wounded egg pet, and build a nest for your egg to live in as you rehabilitate your egg	Hard boiled eggs Craft supplies to make habitat, food, and water for a week Care instructions

15 min	Break time!	Clean up from this activity and then have a themed snack: We suggest puppy chow or pet themed gorp, and of course a drink!	Snack Drinks Napkins/etc.
30 min	Activity	Brownies: Make a toy for an animal shelter animal—Catnip sock toy, yarn ball, scratch post, dog pull toy, etc. Juniors: Play the Box turtle game or Create a backyard habitat feature—insulation stations, natural bird feeder, etc.	Yarn, cat nip, fleece, craft supplies Game instructions included Lint, yarn, soft things, pine cones, whatever the craft requires
10 min	Break time! And Clean up time	Use the restroom, get a drink, clean up. A Girl Scout always leaves a place better than she found it.	Garbage bags
10 min	Wrap up and closing	Make a circle, talk about their responsibilities for the week Sing a few GS Songs Friendship Circle/Close	Letter to parents explaining egg ownership

Session 2:

A field trip to a pet store/humane society/wildlife refuge/vet's office

Suggestions:

Brownies:

- Registration activity: Pet Bingo (sample included)
- Pet Parade: Form two parallel lines, girls walk one by one through the lines showing off their pets
- Meet with professionals to learn more about pet ownership
- Issue certificates to girls who have completed their egg assignment. Girls will have completed all requirements for the Pets Skill builder patch

Juniors

- Host a clean-up at a local park
- Have a wildlife party
- Invite a local advocate to come and speak to the group or visit a local animal sanctuary, Pittsburgh Aviary, or rescue organization. Your Girl Experience Specialist can help you brainstorm on available locations/organizations
- If you didn't get to play the Box Turtle Game, it might be fun to do that at your Habitat Clean Up/Wildlife Party. It's really fun.
- Ask the girls about their rehabilitated eggs, and issue certificates to those who were successful.

This Kit Includes:

- Program instructions

- Supply list
- # Sharpies
- # pack of markers
- # crayons
- Magazines
- Meeting Aids (quizzes, facilitator guide, activity sheet, etc)
- # Scissors
- # Fleece Fabric
- # Foam sheets
- Recipe for Pet Gorp and Puppy Chow
- Tissue paper
- Feathers
- Pipe cleaners
- Yarn

Shopping list:

- Eggs (should be hard boiled prior to the first session)
- Box—tissue or shoe box for each girl in the troop
- Snack supplies (based on recipe)
- Drinks

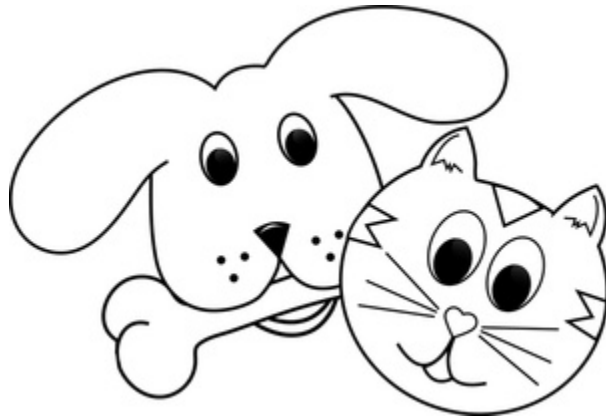
Leaders may need to purchase/acquire some supplies for the animal shelter/animal habitat craft

Pet Gorp

- Sticks for your dog to fetch-Pretzels
- M&Ms??
- Raisins??

- Make your pet smile daily-Cheerios
- Kitties love fish-Gold fish
- Peanuts??

Any of these can be inter changed to make the perfect pet gorp!
Combine all ingredients into baggies for each girl and enjoy!



Puppy Chow

Servings 10-14 Units US

- 9 cups Chex cereal (any kind)
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup smooth peanut butter, melted
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, melted
- 1 -2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Measure cereal in large bowl.
2. Set aside.
3. Microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter for 1 minute on high.
4. Stir.
5. Cook for 30 seconds longer or until smooth.
6. Add vanilla.
7. Pour mixture over cereal, stirring until coated.
8. Pour mixture into large Ziploc bag and add powdered sugar.
9. Shake until well coated.
10. Spread on waxed paper to cool.
11. Store in Ziploc bags or large sealed bowl.
12. Recipe Note: It helps to add cereal mixture a little at a time if you only have small bags.

