

# Animal snaps

Young people will learn photography and scrapbooking skills while helping to take care of an animal

## Suitable for Beavers and Cubs

### You will need

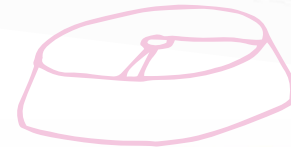
- camera or smartphone
- empty scrapbook
- pens, pencils, colouring pencils
- printer (optional)
- glue

**1** Ask your young people if they have ever helped to look after an animal and what they think animals need to be healthy and happy.



Company: some animals like it more than others...

**2** Share the 5 welfare needs from Pets At Home to spark ideas (you'll find them on this page) and ask the young people why they think these things are important for animals.



## 5 welfare needs for animals

1. A safe place to live
2. Food and water
3. To behave naturally
4. The right company
5. Good health



**3** Let everyone know that, in their own time, they're going to be recording each stage of helping to care for an animal by taking pictures and making a scrapbook. (They can help to look after domestic pets, farm animals or wild animals like birds, fish or hedgehogs.)



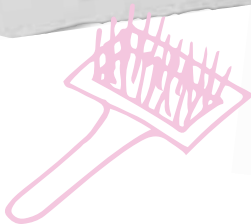
**4** Support your group of animal-lovers and offer advice on how to capture the feeding, grooming, playing, cleaning and the other tasks they need to do throughout the time they are helping to look after the animal. If they don't have access to a camera or smartphone, they could draw pictures. If you don't have a printer, you could try an app like Free Prints that provides a number of prints for free. Check their website for terms and conditions and postage costs.



**5** Once they've cared for an animal for the required period, it's time to make the scrapbooks. The young people should include notes to explain everything they did throughout the process and why.



Play is important to keep pets happy and healthy.



## Time needed

### 60 minutes

**Beavers should help to care for an animal for one month, Cubs for two months**

### Badges



Pets At Home partners the Beaver Animal Friend Activity Badge and the Cub Animal Carer Activity Badge

### Partner



### Outcomes

Young people will discover the important things animals need to be healthy and happy while helping to take care of a domestic pet or farm animal. They will document the process by taking photographs or drawing pictures and turning this into a scrapbook. They will also develop empathy while exploring their creativity and learning new skills.

### More information

For more badge resources and activities visit [scouts.org.uk/supporters/petsathome](https://scouts.org.uk/supporters/petsathome).