

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #29

ALL ABOUT PETS

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	Arthur's New Puppy	MARC BROWN
BOOK	Arthur's Pet Business	MARC BROWN
BOOK	Black Dog Red House	LIZI BOYD
BOOK	Can I Keep Him?	STEVEN KELLOGG
BOOK	Come Back, Kittens	JAN ORMEROD
BOOK	Cookie's Week	CINDY WARD
BOOK	Dylan's Day Out	PETER CATALANOTTO
BOOK	Enzo The Wonderfish	CATHY WILCOX
BOOK	Good Dog, Carl	ALEXANDRA DAY
BOOK	The Howling Dog	TRACEY CAMPBELL PEARSON
BOOK	Julius	ANGELA JOHNSON
BOOK	Lily	ABIGAIL THOMAS
BOOK	Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?	IZA TRAPANI
BOOK	The Old Woman And Her Pig	ERIC A. KIMMEL
BOOK	Pet Show	EZRA JACK KEATS
BOOK	Say Woof! The Day Of A Country Veterinarian	GAIL GIBBONS
BOOK	Slobcat	PAUL GERAGHTY
BOOK	Switch Cat	GARRY DISHER
BOOK	What's Maggie Up To?	DURGA BERNHARD
BOOK	Who Said Meow?	MARIA POLUSHKIN
BOARD	Carl Goes Shopping	ALEXANDRA DAY
BOOK		
BIG BOOK	Pinkerton Behave!	STEVEN KELLOGG
RESOURCE	Pint-Size Science	LINDA ALLISON and MARTHA WESTON
BOOK		
BOOK & TAPE	Emma's Pet	DAVID McPHAIL
CASSETTE	Birds, Beasts, Bugs And Little Fishes	PETE SEEGER
VHS	Shelly Duvall's Bed Time Stories: Blumpoe The Grumpoe Meets Arnold The Cat / Millions Of Cats	
PUPPET	Black Kitten Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Hold the kitten puppet and ask the children to make the kind of sounds this animal would make. Let each child stroke the kitten puppet. Ask the children what they would name the cat and how they would care for a cat if they had one.

Share the wordless picture book *Good Dog, Carl*. Then ask the children to make up and draw or tell stories about what kind of baby-sitter their favorite dog would make.

Have children bring in pictures of their own pets. Let children share these with their friends as they describe how they help to take care of their pets. Have them draw pictures of themselves and their pets.

Let your children's interest in pets take you into scientific investigations with *Pint-Size Science*.

Go for a walk and count the number of dogs and cats seen. Were there more dogs or cats?

Puppy's Doghouse

This is puppy's doghouse

(Put tips of fingers together)

This is puppy's bed

(Hands flat, palms upward)

This is puppy's pan of milk

(Cup hands together like bowl)

Where he can be fed.

This is puppy's collar

(Encircle neck with fingers)

His name is on it, too.

Take a stick and throw it

(Make throwing motion)

And he'll bring it back to you!

(Clap hands rapidly)

Five Little Kittens

Five little kittens standing in a row

(Hold up fingers of left hand)

They nod their heads to the children, so.

(Bend fingers forward)

They run to the left, they run to the right,

(Wiggle fingers left and right)

They stand up & stretch in the bright sunlight

(Stretch fingers slowly)

Along comes a dog, who's in for some fun,

(Move right fist toward left)

M-e-o-w, see those kitties run.

(Run left fingers behind back)

Cats Meow

Little kittens softly say,

Meow, Meow, Meow

(softly and weakly)

Mother cats with love say,

Meow, Meow, Meow

(lovingly)

Big tom cats cry out,

Meow, Meow, Meow

(loudly)

And wild cats scream about,

Meow, Meow, Meow

(wildly and loudly)

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *A Beautiful Feast For A Big King Cat* by John Archambault. A young mouse enjoys teasing the cat and being saved by his moved, until one tease too many allows him to escape by a whisker.
- *If I Had A Pig* by Mark Inkpen. What would this little boy do if he had a pig to call his own?

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