

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #38 MORE 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	Animal Lingo	PAM CONRAD
BOOK	The Birthday ABC	ERIC METAXAS
BOOK	Boodil My Dog	PIJA LINDENBAUM
BOOK	Buster's Echo	RAGNHILD SCAMELL
BOOK	Can I Have A Stegosaurus Mom? Can I? Please!?	LOIS G. GRAMBLING
BOOK	The Cat And The Rooster	IVAN MALKOVYCH
BOOK	Chickens! Chickens!	BARBARA ANN PORTE
BOOK	Clifford's Puppy Days	NORMAN BRIDWELL
BOOK	Dog Breath: The Horrible Trouble With Hally Tosis	DAV PILKEY
BOOK	Dog In, Cat Out	GILLIAN RUBINSTEIN
BOOK	Dog Tales	JANET McLEAN
BOOK	Easy To See Why	FRED GWYNNE
BOOK	The Hee-Haw River	DEE LILLEGARD
BOOK	I Want A Dog	DAYAL KAUR KHALSA
BOOK	The Night I Followed The Dog	NINA LADEN
BOOK	No Plain Pets	MARC IAN BARASCH
BOOK	Please Don't Squeeze Your Boa, Noah!	MARILYN SINGER
BOOK	Quacky Duck	PAUL and EMMA ROGERS
BOOK	Solo Plus One	RAGNHILD SCAMELL
BOOK	Whiskers And Rhymes	ARNOLD LOBEL
BOARD BOOK	Hot Dog!	EVELYN CLARKE MOTT
BIG BOOK	Rainbow Fish	MARCUS PFISTER
RESOURCE	Where Is Thumbkin? 500 Activities To Use With Songs	
BOOK	You Already Know	
BOOK & TAPE	Arthur's Pet Business	MARC BROWN
CASSETTE	Sing Me A Story	HEATHER FOREST
VHS	The Dingles And Three Other Titles	
PUPPET	Bulldog Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

"Let's be puppy dogs" is all you'll have to say and your preschoolers will fill in the rest. Invite the children to pretend they are playing outside, jumping, and finding a bone. Have the Puppet Dog do the activities along with the children. Ask the children to bark as if they wanted something to eat and then to bark as if they want to be petted. Continue this creative dramatic activity by inviting your class to pretend to be other animals: they can be spider on all fours, a seal with their legs dragging behind, a kangaroo by squatting and jumping, or a snake by crawling on the floor.

Read *No Plain Pets* and then ask each child to draw a picture of the pet he or she would like to have.

Watch the VHS which features Doris Dingle and her three delightful cats. Suddenly a ferocious storm burst upon them. In spite of her fear, Doris Dingle makes a plan to save herself and her cats. After viewing this film you may want to discuss issues of friendship and trust, individual uniqueness or dealing with an emergency.

My Pets

I have five pets

(Hold up 5 fingers)

That I'd like you to meet.

They all live on Mulberry Street.

This is my chicken,

(Point to little finger)

The smallest of all.

He comes running whenever I call

This is my duckling.

(Point to ring finger)

He says: Quack, quack, quack,"

As he shakes the water from his back.

Here is my rabbit, he runs from his pen

(Point to middle finger)

Then I must put him back again.

This is my kitten.

(Point to second finger)

Her coat is black and white.

She loves to sleep on my pillow at night

Here is my puppy who has lots of fun.

(Point to thumb)

He chases the others and makes them run.

(Move thumb slowly and fingers rapidly)

My Puppy

I like to pet my puppy,

He has such nice soft fur.

And if I don't pull his tail,

He won't say Gr-r-r.

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)

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

- *When A Pet Dies* by Fred Rogers. This sensitive text helps children to deal with the death of a pet.
- *Pinkerton, Behave!* by Steven Kellogg. Pinkerton is lovable, but he's always doing the wrong thing, so his family sends him to obedience school.
- *Dog for a Day* by Dick Gackenbach. What would happen if Sydney turned his pet dog Wally into himself and himself into Wally?