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Scope and Sequence

Unit	Topic	Reading context	Vocabulary	Function
1	Types of Pets	FAQs	aquatic, bird, cat, cold-blooded, dog, fish, mammal, pet, reptile, rodent, warm-blooded	Offering an alternative
2	Basic Actions	Webpage	bathe, bond, brush, change, feed, groom, housebreak, litter box, pet, pet sitting, play, train, walk	Discussing tasks
3	Describing Dogs and Cats	Webpage	breed, canine, coat, feline, fore-, fur, hairless, hind-, kitten, longhair, puppy, shorthair, tail, toy poodle	Making a recommendation
4	Dogs and Cats: General Supplies	Checklist	apparel, bed, carrier, collar, electronic collar, ID tag, indoor cat, litter, pet door, playpen, ramp, scratching post, supplies, toy	Expressing necessity
5	Dogs and Cats: Flea and Tick Products	Brochure	allergic reaction, annoying, available, bites, flea, hair loss, itch, permanent, saliva, spot-on, tick, transmit	Discussing options
6	Dogs and Cats: Feeding	Webpage	automatic, canister, canned food, collapsible, feeder, filter, fountain, kibble, obesity, optimal health, scoop, stand, treat, waterer, well-balanced	Asking for details
7	Dog Supplies	Customer reviews	bark control, crate, diaper, doghouse, gate, harness, indoor kennel, leash, pick-up bag, pooper scooper, rawhide, training pad, ultrasonic	Expressing doubt
8	Cat Supplies	Email	bell, breakaway collar, cat condo, cat tree, hooded, scratcher, self-cleaning, shelter, window perch	Describing past behavior
9	Toys	Catalog	ball, catnip, chew toy, feather, fetch toy, laser pointer, plush, rattle, squeaker, stuffed animal, teaser, treat-dispensing, wand	Asking for a suggestion
10	Rodent Supplies	Checklist	bedding, cage, chew-proof, expansion kit, gravity bin, hammock, hutch, small animal ball, tunnel, water bottle, wheel, wood shavings	Expressing necessity
11	Types of Fish and Reptiles	Magazine article	amphibious, betta, freshwater, frog, gecko, goldfish, insect, lizard, low-maintenance, saltwater, snake, turtle, vegetarian	Discussing pros and cons
12	Aquariums and Terrariums	Inspection report	aquarium, bark, fluorescent lamp, gravel, heater, hood, LED, ornament, substrate, tank, terrarium, thermometer	Stressing a point
13	Fish Supplies	Advice column	acidity, eliminate, exact, filter, fish feeder, flake, frozen, hydrometer, pellet, sterilizer, test kit, water conditioner	Correcting a misconception
14	Bird Supplies	Advertisement	birdbath, birdfeeder, birdseed, built-in, cage liner, canary, disposable, finch, nest, parrot, perch, wild	Making a prediction
15	Unusual Pets	Letter to the editor	alligator, arthropod, big cat, boa constrictor, captivity, dangerous, deadly, domestic, exotic, fox, marsupial, primate, venomous	Showing agreement

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1	Animal Safety	Brochure	accidentally, antifreeze, choke, curious, dangling, drown, houseplant, intentionally, out of reach, pet-proof, poison, pry, trap	Expressing concern
2	Human Safety 1	Poster	aggressive, bite, body language, chase, disinfect, first aid, growl, hiss, maul, roughhouse, scratch, stitch, wag	Expressing relief
3	Human Safety 2	Brochure	allergic, antivenin, cat scratch disease, dander, disease, hookworm, Lyme disease, rabies, ringworm, salmonella, tapeworm, toxoplasmosis, zoonotic	Confirming information
4	Sanitation	Manual	bathe, comb, cream, disposal, feces, fresh, odor, oral, sanitation, shed, skin rash, soap, spot-treatment, urine	Remembering something
5	Dog Walking	Blog post	certified, destructive, dog runner, dog walker, exercise, heel, interact, leash-trained, pace, pick up after, professional, sniff	Declining an offer
6	Pet Sitting	Webpage	administer, daily, familiar, house sitting, insured, kennel, licensed, long hours, out of town, overnight, pet sitter, playtime, routine	Expressing an opinion
7	Boarding Pets	Webpage	board, climate-controlled, current, daycare, dietary restrictions, socialize, special needs, stimulating, supervision, transportation, vaccination	Offering reassurance
8	Grooming 1	Brochure	bath, blow dry, dye, full-service, groomer, haircut, medicated, salon, shampoo, shave, spray nozzle, style	Expressing interest
9	Grooming 2	Advertisement	aromatherapy, dematting, ear cleaning, hairball, hot oil treatment, irritation, nail caps, nail trimming, self-grooming, tooth brushing, tooth trimming	Giving an example
10	Training 1	Webpage	attack, bark, beg, call, chew, come, command, dig, jump, meow, run away, spray, trick, undesirable	Expressing frustration
11	Training 2	Advice column	aversive, clicker training, consistency, discipline, electronic, motivational, obedience training, positive reinforcement, punishment, reward, timing, trainer, training collar	Asking for details
12	Breeding	Textbook chapter	artificial selection, breed, crossbreed, defect, desirable, genetic, intact, litter, mate, pedigree, purebred, trait	Making a realization
13	Play	Article	boring, energy, fetch, fun, interactive, play, pounce, release, simulate, socialize, tug-of-war, variety,	Listing points
14	Children and Pets	Advice column	approach, cooperation, corner, curl up, friendly, injure, life lesson, nurture, responsibility, self-esteem, sudden, tail, yank	Giving a warning
15	Introducing Pets to Other Pets	Blog post	calm, confine, dominance hierarchy, get along, introduce, neutral, patient, scent, social structure, temperament, territorial	Making a suggestion

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1	Responsible Pet Ownership 1	Brochure	abandon, abuse, commitment, healthcare, impulsive, lifestyle, microchip, neglect, stimulation, up-to-date, well-being, wellness	Making an assumption
2	Responsible Pet Ownership 2	Letter to the editor	containment, feral, in public, jurisdiction, leash laws, license, neuter, noise, ordinance, overpopulation, reproduction, spay, waste disposal	Highlighting a limitation
3	Dealing with the Death of a Pet	Article	accident, appetite, deceased, end-of-life care, euthanasia, grieve, hospice care, pain management, prolong, put down, quality of life, suffering, terminal	Showing agreement
4	Animal Shelters	Webpage	adopt, animal control, animal welfare, at capacity, euthanize, foster, found, impound, intake, lost, municipal, private, quarantine, surrender, temporary	Describing work experience
5	Adoption Procedures 1	Webpage	adoptable, application, consent, fee, good fit, household, identification, landlord, mandatory, maximum, proof of residence, visit	Correcting a false impression
6	Adoption Procedures 2	Email	animal rescue, approval, companion animal, follow-up, guard dog, home visit, interview, match, placement, pre-adoption questionnaire, reference	Delivering bad news
7	Adoption Ethics	Newsletter	backyard breeder, best interest, convict, cruelty, gift, hoard, illegal, permit, reclaim, return, right of refusal, unsuitable	Seeking reassurance
8	Lost and Found	Webpage	database, flyer, ill, injured, microchip scan, neighborhood, notify, reunite, roam, stray, tame, trap	Expressing probability
9	Veterinary Care	Job description	clinical sign, degree, diagnose, licensing exam, paraveterinary, practice, preventative, regulated, small-animal, surgery, vet tech, veterinarian, veterinary medicine	Discussing a hypothetical situation
10	Dental Care	Advertisement	anesthesia, bad breath, cleaning, dental, extraction, general anesthetic, gingivitis, gum, local anesthetic, oral surgery, orthodontics, periodontal disease, tooth	Expressing surprise
11	Alternative Services	Blog post	acupuncture, alternative medicine, animal communicator, controversial, doga, event planner, holistic, massage, psychic, stiff, stress relief, wedding planner	Asking for an opinion
12	Pet Therapy	Email	animal-assisted activities, animal-assisted therapy, anxiety, comfort, companionship, depression, elderly, fatigue, lonely, look forward to, pain, screen	Speculating
13	Search and Rescue (SAR) Dog Handler	Course description	avalanche, dedication, exhausting, locate, mission, natural disaster, obedient, obtain, rescue technique, rigorous, search and rescue, severe, specialty training, stamina	Identifying a problem
14	Service Animals	Memo	access, alleviate, certification, disability, emotional support animal, guide animal, major life activity, obvious, presence, service animal, signal animal, vest	Expressing an opinion
15	Getting a Job	Magazine article	broad, capacity, career path, credential, general caretaker, internship, network, on-the-job training, pet shop, reputation, rescued animal, roadmap, volunteer work	Conceding a point

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PET CARE and SHELTER
from Pet Care Specialists

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: My ten-year-old daughter wants a **dog**. But that's a big responsibility. What's the best choice for her first pet?

A: You might consider a less demanding **pet**. A **cat** takes less work, but still needs a lot of attention. Other **warm-blooded mammals**, like **rodents**, require significantly less care and caged animals create less mess around the house.

Non-mammals are also easy to care for. But they offer less interaction. For instance, you generally cannot touch **aquatic** animals like **fish**. However, caring for them still teaches responsibility. But be careful about **cold-blooded** animals, like **reptiles**. Some are more **dangerous** than they look.

Finally, you might consider a **bird**. If you do, make sure it is not aggressive with people.

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What kinds of animals do people keep as pets in your country?
- 2 Why do people keep pets?

Reading

2 Read the FAQs. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 Why is Lisa concerned about getting a dog?
 - A It may be aggressive with people.
 - B It may require too much care.
 - C It may be too expensive.
 - D It may be too messy.
- 2 According to the FAQs, what is NOT true about caged pets?
 - A They require less care than other pets.
 - B Caring for them teaches children responsibility.
 - C They create little mess around the house.
 - D They offer more interaction than other pets.
- 3 According to the columnist, what is true about reptiles?
 - A They could be very difficult to care for.
 - B They could damage the house.
 - C They could be dangerous to people.
 - D They could be expensive to purchase.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 ___ mammal | 4 ___ fish |
| 2 ___ aquatic | 5 ___ rodent |
| 3 ___ bird | 6 ___ pet |

- A a type of animal that lives in the water and is often kept in tanks
- B living in the water
- C a small animal that is sometimes considered a pest but may also be kept as a pet
- D an animal that someone keeps in his or her house for companionship
- E a type of animal that gives birth to live young
- F an animal with wings that can fly

4 Read the sentence pairs. Choose which word best fits each blank.

1 reptiles / cats

- A _____ clean their fur with their tongues.
 B Lizards and snakes are _____.

2 cold-blooded / warm-blooded

- A A dog is an example of a _____ animal.
 B _____ creatures, like snakes have naturally low body temperatures.

3 dogs / mammals

- A Cats are _____, so they give birth to live young.
 B The street sign instructs pet owners to keep their _____ on a leash.

5 Listen and read the FAQs again. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of rodents as pets?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between a pet care specialist and a customer. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- ___ The man plans to purchase a cat.
- ___ According to the woman, a rodent is an inappropriate pet for the man's son.
- ___ Next, the speakers will look at the reptiles.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Pet Care Specialist: Hello, how may I **1** _____ you?
Customer: Hi, there. I would like to get my son his **2** _____.
Pet Care Specialist: That is great! What kind of a pet are you **3** _____ in?
Customer: Well, I'm thinking about a rodent. But as I already have a cat, I'm concerned that my cat will eat it!
Pet Care Specialist: As long as you keep the rodent **4** _____, it should be fine.
Customer: I see. Do you think that's the best **5** _____ for a twelve-year-old?
Pet Care Specialist: I think it's appropriate. Another option is a reptile. Lots of kids really like reptiles. They're **6** _____ animals.
Customer: That's a thought. Let's take a look at those.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

What kind of ...?
I'm thinking about ...
Another option is ...

Student A: You are a pet care specialist. Talk to Student B about:

- the type of pet that he/she is considering
- the qualities that he/she is looking for in a pet
- your recommendations

Student B: You are a customer. Talk to Student A about the qualities that you are looking for in a pet.

Writing

9 Use the webpage and the conversation from Task 8 to complete the brochure.

What Type of Pet is Best for You?

Dogs: Many people like dogs because

and _____.
 On the other hand, _____

Cats: One advantage of cats is that

 Nonetheless, _____

Rodents: Rodents are _____

 However, _____

Glossary

- acidity** [N-UNCOUNT-U13] **Acidity** refers to the level of acid in a substance.
- allergic reaction** [N-COUNT-U5] An **allergic reaction** is the response of the body when it comes in contact with a certain substance.
- alligator** [N-COUNT-U15] An **alligator** is a large reptile that has a long body and sharp teeth. Alligators typically live in tropical rivers and swamps.
- amphibious** [ADJ-U11] If a creature is **amphibious**, it is able to live both on land and in water.
- annoying** [ADJ-U5] When something is **annoying**, it is irritating and bothersome.
- apparel** [N-UNCOUNT-U4] **Apparel** is clothing that is worn on particular occasions.
- aquarium** [N-COUNT-U12] An **aquarium** is a clear glass or plastic container that holds water animals, such as fish.
- aquatic** [ADJ-U1] If an animal is **aquatic**, it lives in the water.
- arthropod** [N-COUNT-U15] An **arthropod** is a small creature with multiple segments making up its body. Spiders and insects are types of arthropods.
- automatic** [ADJ-U6] If something is **automatic**, it occurs without a person directly controlling it.
- available** [ADJ-U5] When something is **available** it is easily obtainable and ready for use.
- ball** [N-COUNT-U9] A **ball** is a small, round object that is used as a toy.
- bathe** [V-T-U2] When you **bathe** something or somebody, you wash it/them.
- bark** [N-UNCOUNT-U12] **Bark** is the tough, woody covering of a plant. Pieces of bark are a common substrate in terrariums.
- bark control** [N-UNCOUNT-U7] **Bark control** is the process of discouraging or preventing a dog from barking (making a sharp, loud sound).
- bed** [N-COUNT-U4] A **bed** is where someone or something sleeps.
- bedding** [N-UNCOUNT-U10] **Bedding** is material that is used to line a hutch or cage.
- bell** [N-COUNT-U8] A **bell** is a metal ball with a smaller ball inside of it that makes a noise when it moves.
- betta** [N-COUNT-U11] A **betta** is a small fish that lives in freshwater. Bettas are often kept as pets, and they are known for being aggressive towards other fish.
- big cat** [N-COUNT-U15] A **big cat** is a large wild feline, such as a tiger or a lion.
- bird** [N-COUNT-U1] A **bird** is an animal with wings that flies through the air.
- birdbath** [N-COUNT-U14] A **birdbath** is a container filled with water for wild birds to drink from and bathe in.
- birdfeeder** [N-COUNT-U14] A **birdfeeder** is a container that holds and dispenses food for wild birds.
- birdseed** [N-UNCOUNT-U14] **Birdseed** is a mixture of seeds that birds eat.
- bite** [N-COUNT-U5] A **bite** is a wound created from biting by an animal.
- boa constrictor** [N-COUNT-U15] A **boa constrictor** is a type of large snake that kills its prey by squeezing it.
- bond** [V-I-U2] To **bond** is to form a friendship with someone or something.
- breakaway collar** [N-COUNT-U8] A **breakaway collar** is a type of collar that is designed to break apart under a certain amount of pressure. This prevents the pet from becoming stuck or strangled if the collar becomes caught on something.
- breed** [N-COUNT-U3] A **breed** is a group of animals within a species that share certain genetic qualities. For example, animals of the same breed look similar to each other.
- brush** [N-COUNT-U5] A **brush** is a tool with a cluster of stiff hairs or wires that are used to untangle and smooth a person's or animal's hair.
- brush** [V-T-U2] To **brush** hair or fur is to clean it using a tool with stiff bristles.
- built-in** [ADJ-U14] A **built-in** piece of equipment is one that forms part of a bigger piece of equipment and is sold as one item and not separately.
- cage** [N-COUNT-U10] A **cage** is a metal or plastic box where an animal lives.
- cage liner** [N-COUNT-U14] A **cage liner** is a piece of material that covers the bottom of a cage. It is used by pet owners to help them collect birds' waste and leftovers.

canary [N-COUNT-U14] A **canary** is a small finch that is commonly kept as a pet and is known for its singing. Many canaries are yellow.

canine [N-COUNT-U3] A **canine** is a dog. “Canine” is often used formally.

canister [N-COUNT-U6] A **canister** is a large container that is used to store things, such as food.

canned food [N-UNCOUNT-U6] **Canned food**, sometimes called wet food, is pet food with a soft, wet consistency and is sold in a can.

captivity [N-UNCOUNT-U15] **Captivity** is the state of being trapped or held somewhere without being able to leave.

carrier [N-COUNT-U4] A **carrier** is a special box that is used to safely move a pet from one location to another.

cat [N-COUNT-U1] A **cat** is an animal with sharp claws that is often kept as a pet or to control rodents.

cat condo [N-COUNT-U8] A **cat condo** is a structure with an enclosed space that is designed for a cat to crawl into.

cat tree [N-COUNT-U8] A **cat tree** is a structure that is designed for a cat to climb on.

catnip [N-UNCOUNT-U9] **Catnip** is a plant with a smell that attracts and excites cats.

change [V-T-U2] To **change** something is to replace it with something newer and cleaner.

chew toy [N-COUNT-U9] A **chew toy** is a durable toy that is designed for a pet to bite repeatedly.

chew-proof [ADJ-U10] If something is **chew-proof**, it will not be destroyed by sharp teeth.

coat [N-COUNT-U3] A **coat**, or fur, is the hair that covers certain types of animals, such as dogs and cats.

cold-blooded [ADJ-U1] If an animal is **cold-blooded**, it changes its body temperature to adapt to the environment. Reptiles and fish are cold-blooded.

collapsible [ADJ-U6] If something is **collapsible**, it can be folded into a smaller size.

collar [N-COUNT-U4] A **collar** is a strip of fabric or leather that is used to attach an ID tag to a pet’s neck.

crate [N-COUNT-U7] A **crate**, or kennel, is a type of plastic, metal, or wire container that a dog sleeps in or is transported in.

dangerous [ADJ-U15] If something is **dangerous**, it is capable of causing harm.

deadly [ADJ-U15] If something is **deadly**, it is capable of killing a person or another living thing.

diaper [N-COUNT-U7] A **diaper** is a piece of soft cloth that wraps around a dog’s waist and between its legs. It is used for liquid and solid waste.

disposable [ADJ-U14] If a product or material is **disposable**, it is designed to be used only once and then be thrown away.

dog [N-COUNT-U1] A **dog** is an animal that is often kept as a pet, to guard buildings or to hunt.

doghouse [N-COUNT-U7] A **doghouse** is a small outdoor structure where a dog can sleep or take shelter.

domestic [ADJ-U15] If an animal is **domestic**, it is commonly kept as a pet and is well suited to life with humans.

electronic collar [N-COUNT-U4] An **electronic collar** is a type of collar that gives off noise or electric shocks to control a pet’s behavior.

eliminate [V-T-U13] To **eliminate** something is to take it out or remove it.

exact [ADJ-U13] If something is **exact**, it is correct and accurate.

exotic [ADJ-U15] If something is **exotic**, it is unusual or foreign.

expansion kit [N-COUNT-U10] An **expansion kit** is used to add additional space, such as a tunnel, to a rodent’s cage.

feather [N-COUNT-U9] A **feather** is a lightweight object that grows on a bird.

feed [V-T-U2] To **feed** an animal is to give it food.

feeder [N-COUNT-U6] A **feeder** is a device that supplies food to an animal.

feline [N-COUNT-U3] A **feline** is any animal that comes from the cat family.

fetch toy [N-COUNT-U9] A **fetch toy** is a toy that someone throws in order for a pet to retrieve.

filter [N-COUNT-U13] A **filter** is a machine that cleans the water in a fish tank.

filter [V-T-U6] To **filter** something is to remove unwanted substances or impurities from it.

finch [N-COUNT-U14] A **finch** is a small, colorful bird that eats seeds.

Glossary

- fish** [N-COUNT-U1] A **fish** is a type of animal that lives in the water and is often kept in tanks.
- fish feeder** [N-COUNT-U13] A **fish feeder** is a large piece of food that fish gradually eat away over time.
- flake** [N-COUNT-U13] A **flake** is a small, thin piece of food.
- flea** [N-COUNT-U5] A **flea** is a small, wingless, parasitic insect that has the ability to leap.
- fluorescent lamp** [N-COUNT-U12] A **fluorescent lamp** is a kind of lamp that produces visible light when an electric current passes through the lamp and causes its phosphor coating to glow.
- fore-** [PREFIX-U3] If something is **fore-**, it is located at the front of something. For example, a dog's forelegs are its front legs.
- fountain** [N-COUNT-U6] A **fountain** is a device that pumps water.
- fox** [N-COUNT-U15] A **fox** is a dog-like wild animal with a bushy tail and long nose. It is often reddish in color.
- freshwater** [ADJ-U11] If a creature is **freshwater**, it exists in water that does not contain salt.
- frog** [N-COUNT-U11] A **frog** is a small, amphibious animal that uses its long back legs to jump.
- frozen** [ADJ-U13] If something is **frozen**, it is kept very cold.
- fur** [N-UNCOUNT-U3] **Fur**, or a coat, is the hair that covers certain types of animals, such as dogs and cats.
- gate** [N-COUNT-U7] A **gate** is a type of barrier that blocks the entrance to a particular area. It can be opened and closed to allow or prevent access.
- gecko** [N-COUNT-U11] A **gecko** is a small lizard that lives in hot environments.
- goldfish** [N-COUNT-U11] A **goldfish** is a very small, orange fish that lives in freshwater.
- gravel** [N-UNCOUNT-U12] **Gravel** is a material made of small pieces of rock. It is a common substrate in aquariums.
- gravity bin** [N-COUNT-U10] A **gravity bin** is a container that dispenses more food when the first serving of food has been eaten.
- groom** [V-T-U2] To **groom** an animal is to brush and clean it.
- hair loss** [N-UNCOUNT-U5] **Hair loss** is a condition whereby someone's hair falls out.
- hairless** [ADJ-U3] If an animal is **hairless**, it does not have any hair or fur.
- hammock** [N-COUNT-U10] A **hammock** is a bed that hangs in the air.
- harness** [N-COUNT-U7] A **harness** is a piece of equipment with straps that wraps around a dog's body. Owners clip a leash to the harness in order to walk a dog.
- heater** [N-COUNT-U12] A **heater** is a device that makes an area warmer.
- hind-** [PREFIX-U3] If something is **hind-**, it is located at the rear of something. For example, a dog's hindquarters are its back legs or hips.
- hood** [N-COUNT-U12] A **hood** is a device that covers the top of an aquarium or terrarium. It typically contains a lamp.
- hooded** [ADJ-U8] If something is **hooded**, it has a covering over the top of it.
- housebreak** [V-T-U2] To **housebreak** an animal is to teach it not to urinate and defecate in the wrong places.
- hutch** [N-COUNT-U10] A **hutch** is a box or cage where rabbits live.
- hydrometer** [N-COUNT-U13] A **hydrometer** is a device that is used to measure whether an aquarium has the right amount of salt.
- ID tag** [N-COUNT-U4] An **ID tag** is a piece of metal or plastic with information about a pet's name and owner.
- indoor cat** [N-COUNT-U4] An **indoor cat** is a cat that lives inside one's home and is not allowed outside.
- indoor kennel** [N-COUNT-U7] An **indoor kennel**, or crate, is a type of plastic, metal, or wire container that a dog sleeps in or is transported in.
- insect** [N-COUNT-U11] An **insect** is a small animal with or without wings, such as a butterfly, a fly, an ant, etc.
- itch** [N-UNCOUNT-U5] **Itch** is a sensation that causes the desire to scratch.
- kibble** [N-UNCOUNT-U6] **Kibble**, is dry food in the form of small, crunchy pellets, and is usually sold in a bag.
- kitten** [N-COUNT-U3] A **kitten** is a young cat.

laser pointer [N-COUNT-U9] A **laser pointer** is a device that produces a narrow, powerful beam of light. Pets often like to chase the light from a laser.

leash [N-COUNT-U7] A **leash** is a strip of fabric, rope, or leather that attaches to a dog's collar or harness in order to maintain control over the dog in public.

LED [ADJ-U12] If a lamp is **LED**, it emits a strong beam of light that uses little energy to produce.

litter [N-UNCOUNT-U4] **Litter** is a material, usually consisting of small particles, that is used to fill a litter box.

litter box [N-COUNT-U2] A **litter box** is a box containing litter where a cat may expel waste indoors.

lizard [N-COUNT-U11] A **lizard** is a reptile that has four legs, a long tail, and rough skin. It usually lives in hot places.

longhair [N-COUNT-U3] A **longhair** is an animal with a long, thick coat.

low-maintenance [ADJ-U11] If something is **low-maintenance**, it doesn't need much care.

mammal [N-COUNT-U1] A **mammal** is a type of animal that gives birth to live young. Humans, dogs, and cats are mammals.

marsupial [N-COUNT-U15] A **marsupial** is an animal that carries its babies in a pouch. Kangaroos and opossums are examples of marsupials.

obesity [N-UNCOUNT-U6] **Obesity** is the state of an animal being overweight.

nest [N-COUNT-U14] A **nest** is a place where a bird lays eggs and cares for its young.

optimal health [N-UNCOUNT-U6] **Optimal health** is the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and the absence of disease.

ornament [N-COUNT-U12] An **ornament** is an item that is used for decoration.

parrot [N-COUNT-U14] A **parrot** is a tropical bird with a curved beak. It can mimic words and other sounds.

pellet [N-COUNT-U13] A **pellet** is a small, round piece of food.

perch [N-COUNT-U14] A **perch** is a bar that a bird sits on.

permanent [ADJ-U5] When something is **permanent**, it is lasting for an indefinite time.

pet [N-COUNT-U1] A **pet** is an animal that someone keeps in his or her house for companionship.

pet [V-T-U2] To **pet** an animal is to touch it caringly.

pet door [N-COUNT-U4] A **pet door** is a special opening in a door that lets a pet enter and leave a house.

pet sitting [N-UNCOUNT-U2] **Pet sitting** is when someone looks after someone else's pet.

pick-up bag [N-COUNT-U7] A **pick-up bag** is a plastic container that someone uses to collect a dog's waste.

play [V-I-U2] To **play** is to perform an activity for fun.

playpen [N-COUNT-U4] A **playpen** is a special structure that allows a pet or child to safely play in.

plush [ADJ-U9] A **plush** toy is made of soft, thick material.

pooper scooper [N-COUNT-U7] A **pooper scooper** is a small tool that someone uses to collect and clean up dog waste, especially from public places.

primate [N-COUNT-U15] A **primate** is a highly intelligent mammal that belongs to the same group as humans. Apes, chimpanzees, and monkeys are examples of primates.

privacy [N-UNCOUNT-U8] **Privacy** is the state of being alone and not disturbed by others.

puppy [N-COUNT-U3] A **puppy** is a young dog.

ramp [N-COUNT-U4] A **ramp** is a slanted surface used to help someone or something move from one level to a higher level.

rattle [N-COUNT-U9] A **rattle** is a toy that produces noise when someone shakes it.

rawhide [N-UNCOUNT-U7] **Rawhide** is dried, untreated animal skin. Rawhide is often given to dogs to chew on.

reptile [N-COUNT-U1] A **reptile** is an animal with scaly skin that reproduces by laying eggs.

rodent [N-COUNT-U1] A **rodent** is a small animal that is sometimes considered a pest but may also be kept as a pet.

safety [N-UNCOUNT-U8] **Safety** is the state of feeling secure, i.e. not in danger.

Glossary

- saliva** [N-UNCOUNT-U5] **Saliva** is a clear liquid located in the mouths of organisms and secreted by the salivary glands.
- saltwater** [ADJ-U11] If a creature is **saltwater**, it exists in water that contains salt.
- scoop** [N-COUNT-U6] A **scoop** is a device that is shaped like a large spoon and is used to remove materials, such as food, from a container.
- scratcher** [N-COUNT-U8] A **scratcher** is a surface or material that is designed for a cat to scratch its nails on.
- scratching post** [N-COUNT-U4] A **scratching post** is a wooden construction that is covered with rough material which helps the cats remove old material from their claws.
- self-cleaning** [ADJ-U8] If a litter box is **self-cleaning**, it automatically removes cat waste from the main area of the box and stores it for disposal.
- shelter** [N-COUNT-U8] A **shelter** is a place or building where unwanted or stray pets are kept and receive care.
- shorthair** [N-COUNT-U3] A **shorthair** is an animal with a short coat.
- small animal ball** [N-COUNT-U10] A **small animal ball** is a clear plastic ball that allows small animals to move around a room.
- snake** [N-COUNT-U11] A **snake** is a kind of reptile without legs that has smooth skin. Some snakes release poison when they bite.
- spot-on** [N-COUNT-U5] A 'spot-on' is a flea treatment which is applied in seconds by applying the liquid onto the back of the pet. It provides a month-long protection from fleas and other parasites.
- squeaker** [N-COUNT-U9] A **squeaker** is a noisemaker that is inside many dog toys.
- stand** [N-COUNT-U6] A **stand** is a structure that holds something in a particular place.
- sterilizer** [N-COUNT-U13] A **sterilizer** is a device that kills bacteria and viruses in water.
- stuffed animal** [N-COUNT-U9] A **stuffed animal** is a toy that is filled with a soft material and is designed to look like an animal.
- substrate** [N-COUNT-U12] A **substrate** is a material that covers the floor or base of an environment, such as the bottom of an aquarium or terrarium.
- supplies** [N-PLURAL-U4] **Supplies** are things that are needed by a certain group.
- tail** [N-COUNT-U3] A **tail** is the part of an animal's body that extends out from its lower back.
- tank** [N-COUNT-U12] A **tank** is a glass or plastic container that holds particular types of pets, and may refer to an aquarium or terrarium.
- teaser** [N-COUNT-U9] A **teaser** is a cat toy with a ball, feather, or other attractive object at the end of a string or stick.
- terrarium** [N-COUNT-U12] A **terrarium** is a clear glass or plastic container that holds land animals, such as lizards.
- test kit** [N-COUNT-U13] A **test kit** is a group of materials that are used to check the chemical properties of the water in a fish tank.
- thermometer** [N-COUNT-U12] A **thermometer** is a device that measures the temperature of an area, or how hot or cold it is.
- tick** [N-COUNT-U5] A **tick** is a parasitic, bloodsucking arachnid.
- toy** [N-COUNT-U4] A **toy** is something that a child or animal plays with, and is generally not used for any other purpose.
- toy poodle** [N-COUNT-U3] A **toy poodle** is a small dog that belongs in the poodle dog breed.
- train** [V-T-U2] To **train** an animal is to teach it the best way to behave.
- training pad** [N-COUNT-U7] A **training pad** is an absorbent piece of material with plastic backing that someone uses while teaching a dog not to expel waste in the house.
- transmit** [V-T-U5] To **transmit** something means to transfer or pass it from one person to another.
- treat** [N-COUNT-U6] A **treat** is a type of pet food that is usually given to the pet in small quantities, often as a reward for good behavior, but is not intended to be the pet's primary food.
- treat-dispensing** [ADJ-U9] If a toy is **treat-dispensing**, it releases food when a pet plays with it.
- tunnel** [N-COUNT-U10] A **tunnel** is a round, enclosed passage.

turtle [N-COUNT-U11] A **turtle** is a reptile that has a hard shell surrounding its body. Turtles live mostly in water but often partly on land as well.

ultrasonic [ADJ-U7] If a sound is **ultrasonic**, it cannot be heard by humans, but may be heard by dogs.

vegetarian [ADJ-U11] An animal or person that is **vegetarian**, doesn't eat meat.

venomous [ADJ-U15] If an animal is **venomous**, it is capable of injecting poison into another living thing, either by a sting or a bite.

walk [V-T-U2] To **walk** an animal, such as a dog, is to take it outside for exercise.

wand [N-COUNT-U9] A **wand** is a long, thin stick.

warm-blooded [ADJ-U1] If an animal is **warm-blooded**, it keeps a constant body temperature. Mammals are warm-blooded.

water bottle [N-COUNT-U10] A **water bottle** is a container that a rodent can drink water out of.

water conditioner [N-COUNT-U13] A **water conditioner** is a chemical that makes water safe to use with fish.

waterer [N-COUNT-U6] A **waterer** is a device that holds water for an animal to drink.

well-balanced [ADJ-U6] When a feeding routine is **well-balanced**, it means that it has good proportions of food.

wheel [N-COUNT-U10] A **wheel** is a round, spinning object that a rodent runs inside of, allowing it to exercise.

wild [ADJ-U14] If an animal is **wild**, it lives outdoors and is not a pet.

window perch [N-COUNT-U8] A **window perch** is a structure that attaches to a windowsill and is designed for cats to sit on and look out of the window.

wood shavings [N-UNCOUNT-U10] **Wood shavings** are a type of bedding made from thin pieces of wood.

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