

Activities for “Millions of Pets”

Veterinary Clinic Dramatic Play

For a fully engaging activity, set up a veterinary clinic in your dramatic play area. Provide stuffed animals, medical kits, white shirts for lab coats, pens and pencils, clipboards, notepads, and a telephone. Encourage children to take on different roles, including veterinarian, receptionist, and pet owners. <https://www.messforless.net/pretend-play-vets-office-with-free-printable/>



Pet Supply Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger hunts are a fun way to familiarize children with the tools and supplies for good pet care – and build empathy and personal responsibility in the process. For younger children, place items in a box and have them take turns matching each item to the corresponding picture. For older children, plan a traditional search by giving them a pictorial list of objects placed around the room. <https://www.homeschoolshare.com/pet-shop-scavenger-hunt/>



Pet Sorting Game

Reinforce matching and classification skills with this simple pet sorting game. Using index cards or cardstock, create a collection of pet picture cards. Provide a container for each pet. Encourage children to place the pet picture cards in the correct container. <https://www.letsplaylearngrow.com/2017/03/pet-sorting-fine-motor-activity.html>



Animal Shelter Dramatic Play

Immerse your little ones in dramatic play by creating an animal shelter in your dramatic play area. This theme-based play can enhance understanding of the function of a shelter, observation skills, empathy and altruism. Include stuffed animals, carrying containers, signs, forms, labels, empty food boxes, food and water bowls, medical kits, and telephones. <https://earlylearningideas.com/>



Favorite Pets Graph

This give-and-take group activity builds math skills and social skills! Create a What is Your Favorite Pet Graph on poster board or create a pocket chart. Have each child indicate their favorite pet, and then make comparisons, e.g. most/least/same. Find out which pet gets the most votes! <https://frompond.blogspot.com/2020/01/most-loved-pet-graphing-activity.html>

