

# Tour Highlights

## Fur, Feathers and Fins: Grades Pre-K - 8



### **Birds** Healthy Diet & Clean Water

- Birds require a healthy diet, clean habitat and fresh water.
- Birds are like humans in that they need companionship and exercise:
  - To prevent boredom birds like to play with mirrors, bells and ropes.
  - Birds also like to have materials to build nests, such as sticks, leaves, feathers, things found around their home, etc.



### **Reptiles** Shelter / Habitat

- Reptiles are cold-blooded. Since they are unable to produce their own body heat, they rely on outside sources for heat.
- Since they don't get sun inside PETCO, we create a warm environment for our reptiles with heat lamps and heat pads.



### **Small Animals** Exercise & Play

- Some of the animals are considered cute whereas some are less desirable as pets. In fact, rats make great pets, even though some people are afraid of them.
- A lot of these animals are mammals, which means that they are warm-blooded, usually furry, their babies are born (not hatched) and they nurse their young.



### **Aquatics** Social Interaction / Community

- Most fish live in communities called schools. Like people, there are many types and varieties of fish. Some fish are friendly. Fish have different personalities.
- Even though fish are not warm and cuddly like other pets, they are fascinating and entertaining.
- It's important that all fish have clean, fresh water to live in. Make sure not to overcrowd or over-feed your fish.



### **Pet Adoption** Think Adoption First

- You should always think adoption first before buying a pet because there are homeless animals who need loving homes. If you adopt, you help lower the number of animals in shelters and rescue centers
- Many types of animals can be adopted, not just cats and dogs.

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### Pet Grooming

Grooming, Dog Training  
& General Pet Care

- It's important to keep our pets clean and healthy. Dogs need to be brushed weekly and groomed every 6-8 weeks. Other pets can be brushed and groomed less frequently
- Dogs shed their hair in the summer to get rid of their winter coat
- Learn the importance of brushing a dog's teeth and grooming your pet!
- Understand there are common safety methods for approaching and playing with cats and dogs.
- You can train your dog to do a number of different tricks.
- Cats can be trained too. It's most important to train cats to use the scratching post and litter box.



### Dogs & Cats

Pet Food / Toys

- It's important to have a safe collar and i.d. tag for dogs!
- Cats and dogs both like to play with different toys including chew, fetch and tug toys.
- Always ask the pet's parent if it is okay to pet their cat or dog. Allow the animal to smell your hand before you pet it.

### Wrap-Up

- Review what we learned today: Basic Needs, Respect, Commitment and Responsibility.
- Use your special Teacher Coupon, for \$5 off \$25, to pick out a classroom pet with your students

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