

Responsible pet ownership

Name _____

Do you own a pet? Y N

If yes, which animal (s) _____

How interested are you in animals?

Very interested Quite interested Not very Not at all

How likely are you to be a future pet owner yourself?

Very interested Quite likely Possible Unlikely



1. All animals need five things to maintain their welfare, as stated by the Animal Welfare Act. *How many of the needs of animals can you identify?*



Suitable place to live



Protected from pain, injury, suffering or disease



Able to live with another animal or alone



Suitable food and water



Being able to behave normally



2. What features / characteristics / words do you associate with the following breeds of dog?



Staffies:

Great family pets

Good with children



French bulldogs:

Likely to suffer health problems

Could cost lots at vets



Huskies:

High energy dogs

Need lots of exercise



Beagles:

Intelligent, stubborn, hard to train

Good at following scents

Not good at listening!



Greyhounds:

Sprinters, fast runners

Lazy, only need short runs

Love sofas!

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3. What things should you think about and consider before getting a pet/choosing which type of pet to get? And why?

How much space you have for them

How much time you have to spend on/with them

Which type of pet would be the best match for you

How much money you can afford to care for a pet

Who else lives in your home (humans and other pets)



4. As a Raystede approved responsible pet owner, complete the following sentences (choose from is/is not and explain your choice)

(i) Buying online is not a good way to get a pet because...

Many adverts include lies or don't give you full information about the animal and where/how it was bred

(ii) Going to a rescue centre is a good way to get a pet because...

They will help you to find the the right pet, and will tell you all about each animal (including any bad stuff)

(iii) Keeping a single rabbit in a hutch is not good animal welfare because...

Rabbits should live with another rabbit, and also need to be able to run and hop around

(iv) Neutering your pet is good animal welfare because...

It helps to prevent unwanted pregnancies and also reduces the chance of your pet getting certain diseases, or fighting

(v) Keeping exotic birds as pets in cages is not good animal welfare because...

They need to be able to fly and get bored and frustrated in a cage. They may pluck their own feathers out due to stress

(vi) Picking up and holding small animals like guinea pigs is not good animal welfare because...

They are prey animals so are very nervous when being held

(vii) Leaving a dog alone with a young child is not good animal welfare because...

Children can behave unpredictably which may upset the dog resulting in a bite incident

Thank you for learning with Raystede to give animals a better life!

