

Activity	Description	Program
Gathering Activity	Give them the how to draw a hedgehog sheet and give them paper to practice.	
Opening	Bring in pictures of your pets or favorite animal if you do not have a pet, share with everyone. Then have a quick discussion about..... What kind of pets are there? Animal care basics-discuss	Pet Pals
Craft	Use the Best Pet Paper at the end of this meeting and have the girls add their pet picture and fill in the rest of the poster.	Pet Pals
Service Project	You'll need- strips of fleece Make dog toys to give to a shelter. Take strips of fleece tied at one end and braided (work in pairs) tie knots on the ends and in the middle. Then donate them.	Pet Pals Key to My Community- My Neighbourhood "D"
Games	Turtle race Line up in a row and have all the girls start moving to the other end of the room at the same time. The slowest to the finish wins...you always have to be moving forward though Pass the dog bone Have the girls line up in teams. Give each team a bone and have them race to the other end and return to their team. They then hand off bone and that girl goes, sit down when you have had your turn. First team done wins.	
Pet Facts	Print off the pet facts at the end of this meeting and cut them up into strips. You could have the girls take turns sharing their fact or perhaps print several copies and play a relay game with them.	
Closing	If there is some time sing some favorite animal songs.	

Note: The week before this meeting send a note home asking for a picture they can use, girls who don't bring pictures can draw.

Fun Pet Facts!

Rabbits have a lifespan of about ten years

Rabbits are born with no fur and their eyes closed

Hamsters have poor eyesight

Rabbits ears can be up to 4 inches long

Goldfish have been known to live for forty years

Rabbits are plant eaters

Baby ferrets don't open their eyes until they are about 34 days old

Goldfish can recognize peoples' faces

Goldfish cannot close their eyes

Goldfish can grow to be over a foot long

Ferrets are the third most popular pet in the us

Rabbits live in groups

Ferrets are known As natures clowns

Goldfish can see more colors than humans

Goldfish don't have stomachs

The word ferret means thief

Ferrets sleep 18-20 hours a day

All kittens are born with blue eyes

Cats can see in color

Cats see about six times better than us at night

Cats can be right pawed or left

A cat can jump as much as seven times its height

A 15 year old cat has slept for about ten years

There are 25 different types of hamsters. The teddy bear is the most popular pet

A cat uses its whiskers as feelers. They can usually fit their bodies into a space that their head can fit in

A female rabbit is called a doe, a male is a buck and a young rabbit is a kit or kitten

Dogs sweat through the pads on their feet

Every dog has a pink tongue but one....the chow has a black one

The most popular name for a dog is max

Dogs see in color but not quite like us

A male hamster is called a boar, a female is a sow and a baby is called a pup

Male ferrets are called hobs, females are jills and ones that are under one year old are kits

A family of ferrets is called a business

The heaviest dog ever weighed was 319 pounds

The oldest dog was 29

A cat will almost never meow at another cat. They save that sound for humans

A hamster lives only for 2-3 years

Chocolate is poisonous to both dogs and cats

Hamsters eat fresh vegetables, berries, seeds and nuts

Hamsters have long, sharp teeth that never stop growing

Best Pet!

Draw or place picture of pet in box



Top 3 Things About My Pet

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



How To Draw A Hedgehog.

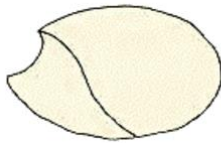
It's fun to draw hedgehogs. Here is a simple way to draw one:



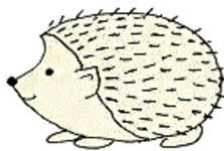
Draw an egg shape with a pencil.



Take an eraser. A curved line will make the face.



Add a line for where the prickles begin.



Now he or she will need a nose, a mouth, an eye,
an ear and lots of prickles.
And, don't forget, feet!



When you draw your hedgehog's features, you'll notice,
that even the smallest change will give your animal
a different expression.

That's why each hedgehog you create will be unique.

Now draw your own hedgehog family!

