

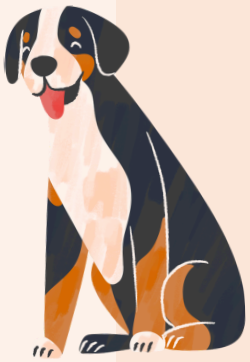



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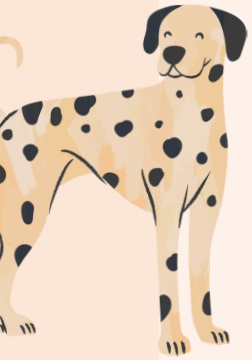


Design Intent

Every child needs a friend, be they two-legged or four-legged, covered in fins or fur. Pets are a child's companion, secret-keeper, and partner in crime. Whether playing ball with the basset hound or whispering secrets to the goldfish, there is nothing quite like the unconditional love of an animal. Learn what it means in *Pet Central* to make your furry friend a part of your family, depending on them just as much as they depend on you.



Technology Components



Light Box- A light box is a versatile tool that enhances exploration, creativity, and sensory learning. It provides an illuminated surface where children can place transparent or translucent materials like colored shapes, leaves, letters, or x-rays to observe light, color, and shadow. This hands-on experience encourages investigation of science concepts such as transparency, color mixing, and reflection. Light boxes can also be used to trace letters, sorting objects by color or shape, or creating glowing patterns and designs.



Mural Features



- Dogs-There are several hundred different breeds of dogs in the world today. All dogs descend from the species of wolf. 1/3 of all households worldwide have a dog, making them the most popular pet.
- Cats-The domestic cat originated from Near-Eastern and Egyptian populations of the African wildcat. There are at least 45 domestic breeds. The Main Coon is the largest and the smallest is the Singapura.
- Rabbit-A male rabbit is called a buck, a female is known as a doe. Rabbits were first domesticated by the Romans for food and fur. Rabbits are highly social animals.





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- Tortoise-A tortoise is a land-dwelling reptile known for its distinctive domed shell, sturdy legs, and herbivorous diet. Differing from aquatic turtles (streamlined shells and webbed feet), turtles are known for their long lifespans, slow movement, and ability to retract their heads into their shells for protection.
- Hedgehog- A hedgehog is a small, spiky (covered in hair known as quills) mammal that lives in grasslands, forests, and gardens in parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa. It eats insects, worms, snails, and sometimes fruits. Hedgehogs can be white or light brown to black, with several shades found in bands along their quills. As pets, they are quiet, curious, and can bond with caregivers under the right conditions.
- Lizard-Lizard is the common name used for all reptiles with scales, other than snakes. There are over 7,000 lizard species, ranging across all continents except Antarctica. Unlike snakes, most lizards have moveable eyelids. The largest lizard is the Komodo dragon and the smallest lizard is the dwarf gecko.

Themes to Explore

- Responsibility and Caretaking
- Pet Needs and Health
- Pet Identification
- Skin, Fur, and Feathers (Body Coverings)
- Empathy and Trust
- Self-Esteem
- The Benefits of Having Pets
- Homes for Pets

List of Hansa Animals

- Husky Dog, Pallas Kitten, Calico Cat, Jack Russell Teacup, Golden Retriever Puppy, Gray Cockatiel, Blacktail Rabbit, Green Knob tail Gecko, Red Eyed Tree Frog

To Find Out More

- National Geographic
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- The Humane Society of the United States
- American Veterinary Medical Association