

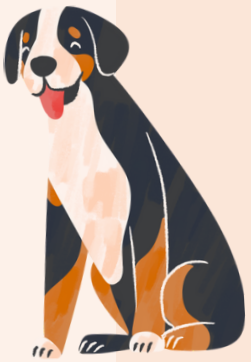



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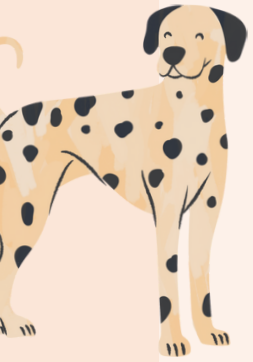
Design Intent



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.

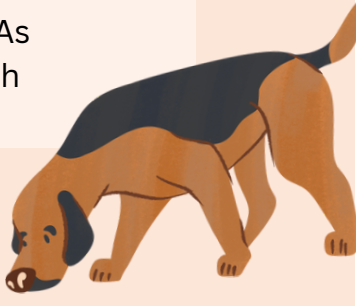


Mural Features



- 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.
- Hamster-Hamsters are small rodents often kept as pets. The are 24 different species, varying in size. The European hamster can grow up to 12.5 inches long, while the dwarf hamster is the smallest, reaching only 2 to 4 inches in length.
- Iguana-Iguanas are native to tropical regions of Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. These cold-blooded reptiles lay eggs and adapt to their surroundings. As pets, they can be challenging due to their large size and high daily requirement for UVB light.





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- Veterinarian-Veterinarians are medical professionals that manage health conditions and injuries of non-human animals. Most vets complete at least 8 years of college and veterinary school combined. Veterinarians can work in clinics, research labs, on farms, in the military, and even for government agencies.
- Animal Day Care-Similar to preschool for pets, they provide a fun, safe, and engaging space for pets to play, exercise, and socialize. Many animal day cares group animals based on their size and personality and offer services like grooming, training, and swimming.
- Pet Shop-Pet shops can provide high-quality products, expert advice, and unique items not found at big-box stores. They can also be a place for pet owners to connect with other pet owners.

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

- Bernese Mountain Dog, Pallas Cat, Ginger Kitten, Alamo Cat, Beagle, Labrador Puppy, River Turtle, Bunny

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