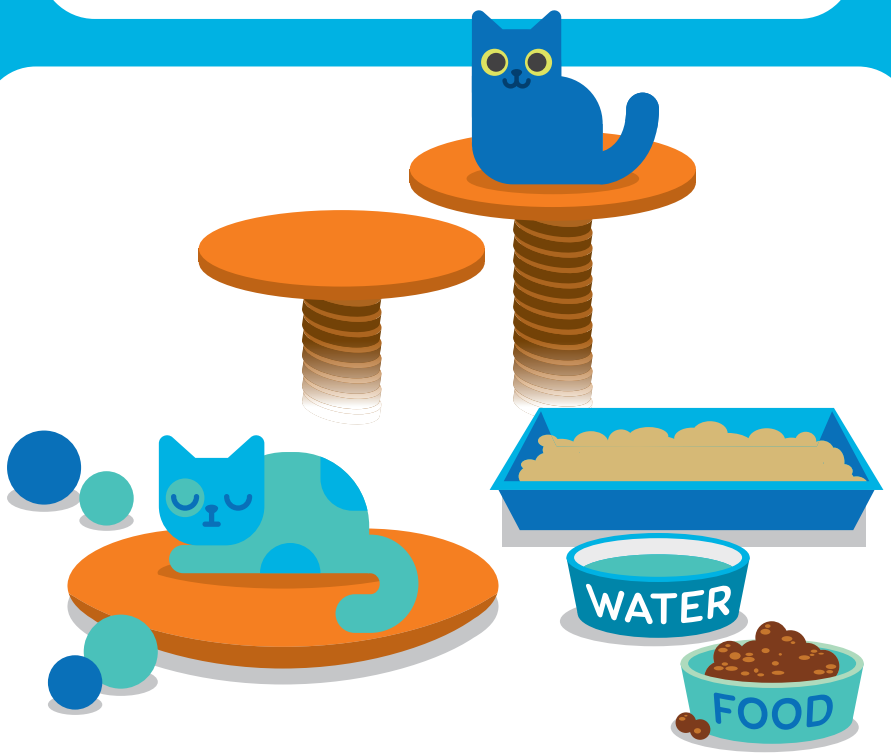
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STEM Challenge Template Part 1:

Draw a picture of a cat or puppet to remind yourself of the things you've learnt about caring for cats.

STEM Challenge Part 2:

Write or draw a list of what living things need and want

Needs	Wants

STEM Challenge Part 3:

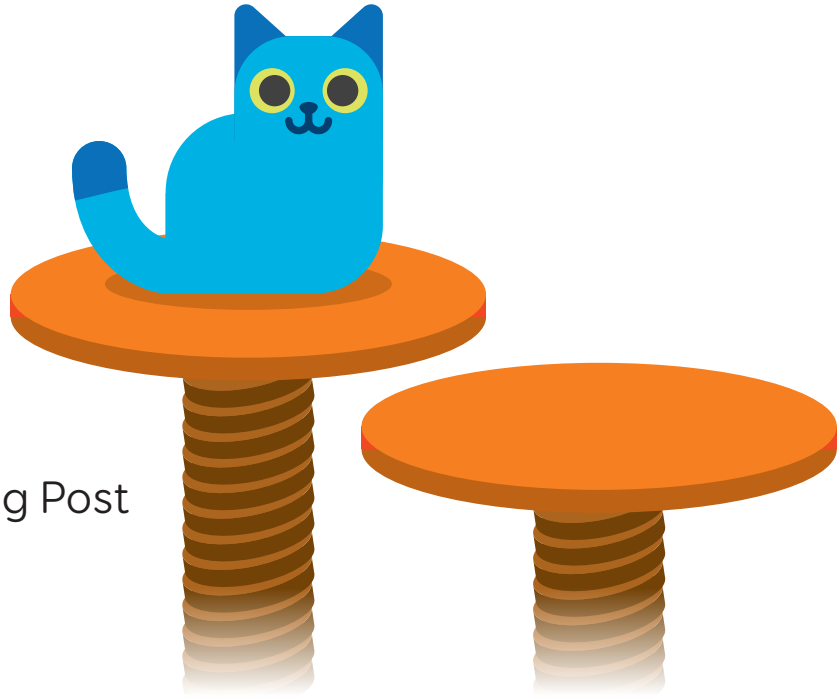
Draw and label a plan for a diorama

Include the needs and wants of a pet cat

STEM Challenge Part 4:
Create a diorama or a drawing showing the objects that meet the needs and wants of a pet cat

Activity 1

Examples of objects needed for a pet cat's safety and health.



Scratching Post

Litter Tray







Food & Water

Toys



Bed

Activity 2: Literacy Activity

Fill in the missing letters.

What do all cats need?

w f k v sh

__ood

__ater

__ __elter

__indness

__et

What do cats want?

o a c ch s

t__ys

pl__y

__ __ase

__limb

__cratch



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Activity 3:

Having a cat is a big responsibility

Circle the items cats need and want to keep them healthy and happy.

Identify the basic needs of animals, including air, water, food or shelter, and describe how they help an animal.























































Example of Diorama (Challenge 4)



What you can do to help

Cats can live up to 21 years, so owning a cat is a long-term commitment.

As a general rule treat kittens for fleas straight away and treat for worms from 2 weeks of age. Talk to your local veterinarian about which products are safe to use on kittens younger than 8 weeks of age. All other pets need to be treated as well.

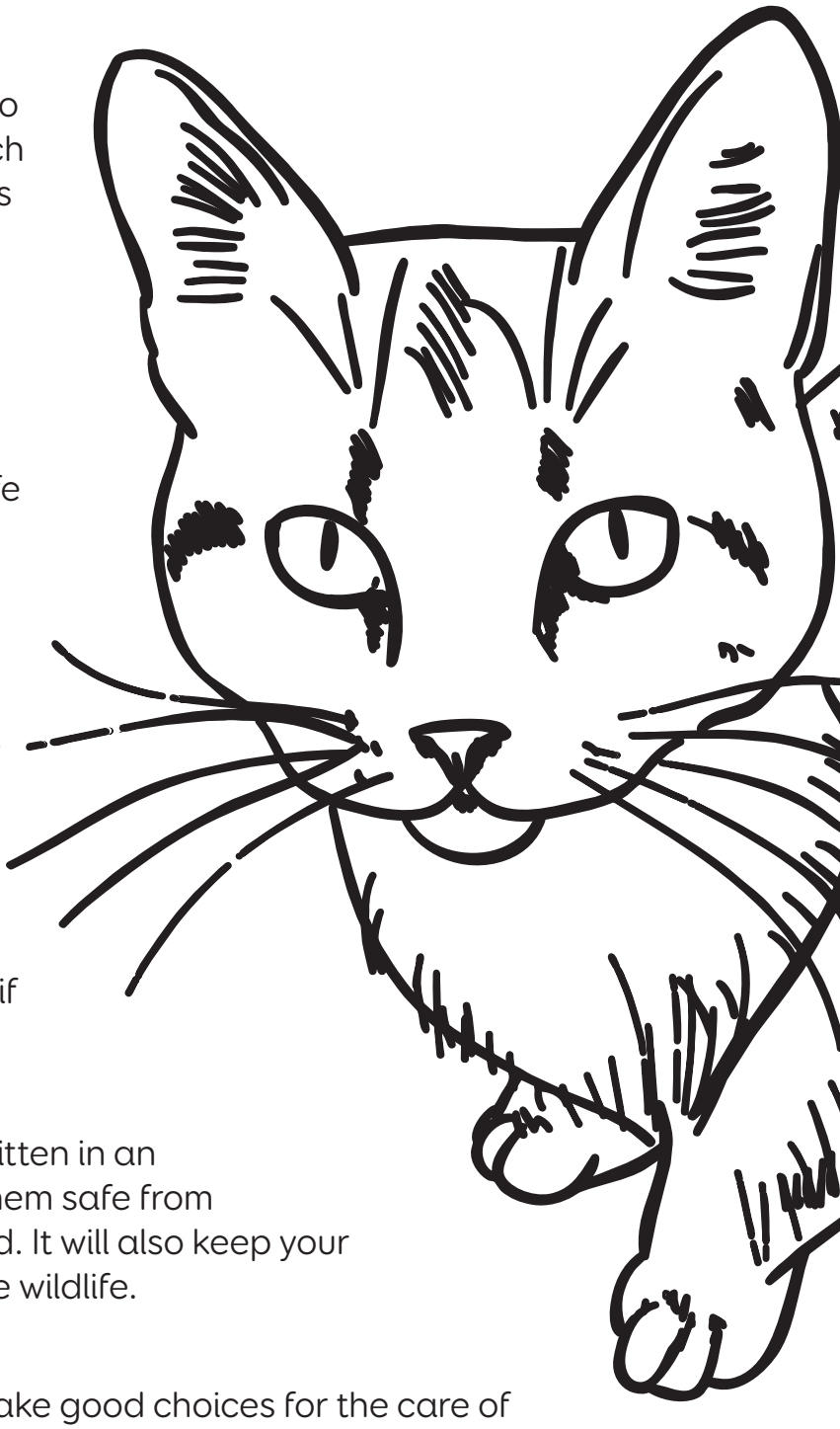
Vaccinations protect pets from a range of diseases which can be life threatening. Kittens should have their first vaccination between 6 - 8 weeks of age.

Desexing male and female kittens can be done from 8 - 10 weeks of age.

Provide your cat or kitten with a collar, id tag and microchip, even if they live indoors.

Think about keeping your cat or kitten in an enclosure or indoors: this keeps them safe from being lost, injured, killed or abused. It will also keep your neighbours happy and protect the wildlife.

Encourage people you know to make good choices for the care of their cat/s, their community and the environment.



Thanks for helping my friends

Where possible kittens should remain with their mother until 8 – 10 weeks of age. This gives them the best opportunity to develop physically and socially.

Encourage owners of unwanted cats and kittens to surrender them to a reputable shelter instead of giving them away.

Anyone can sell or give away a cat or kitten but legally it must be at least 8 weeks old, microchipped, desexed, wormed and vaccinated. Cats sold between registered breeders and genuine show cats are exempt.

Do not take free or cheap kittens unless they are already desexed, microchipped and vaccinated.

Never dump or abandon a cat or kitten (it is against the law).

Call your local animal shelter for help on how to care for your cat/kitten or how to find a new home for your cat/kitten if you can no longer care for them.

If you are eligible, National Desexing Network may help by reducing desexing fees. For more information go to
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Cat Language



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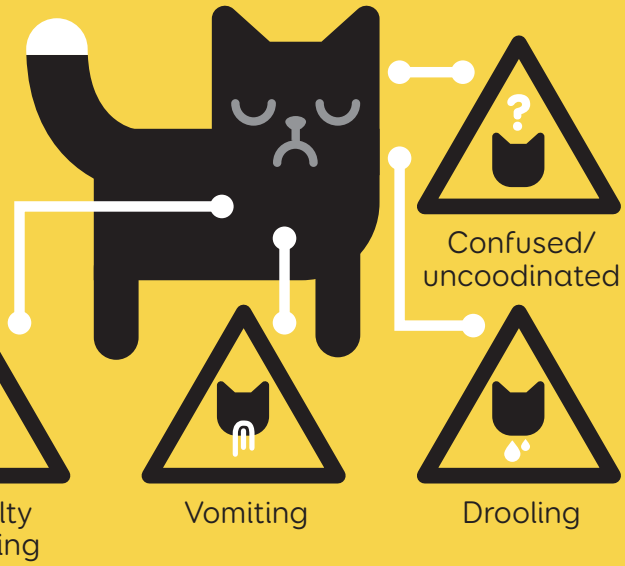
POISON SAFETY AT HOME FOR CATS

Common cat poisons

- Dog flea treatments
- Human Medicine
- Antifreeze
- Household chemicals
- Lillies
- Human Foods

Symptoms of poisoning

The symptoms of poisoning aren't always obvious and can vary, but there are a few of the most common signs...



- Confused/ uncoodinated
- Fitting/ seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Drooling

What should I do if I think my cat has been poisoned?

DO:

- Take them to the vet immediately
- Show your vet labels or samples of the suspected poison, if known
- Keep other pets away from source

DO NOT:

- Try to make your cat vomit or feed them salt water
- Wait for the symptoms to stop or assume they will go away
- Panic

Prevention is better than a visit to the vets!

Remember, keep poisonous substances out of cats' reach - ideally stored in a sealed container or closed cupboard or shed.

This list and advice is not exhaustive.
For further advice please consult your vet
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Vocabulary list

Caring - feeling or showing a concern or kindness to animals/people

Safety - being protected from harm

Healthy - in a positive physical and mental state



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