

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Pets B**

- Book titles included:

1. **MR. GREEN PEAS** by Judith Caseley
2. **I WANT A PET** by Lauren Child
3. **WALTER'S TAIL** by Lisa Campbell Ernst
4. **MAMA CAT HAS THREE KITTENS** by Denise Fleming
5. **WHISTLE FOR WILLIE** by Ezra Jack Keats

- Video:

ARTHUR'S PET BUSINESS

- Audio:

I TOOK MY FROG TO THE LIBRARY

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

JEREMY QUACK by Bruce Balan
GUINEA PIGS DON'T READ by Colleen Bare
ANNIE AND THE WILD ANIMALS by Jan Brett
DOG'S DAY by Jane Cabrera
PET by Ron Crawford
IT DOES NOT SAY MEOW by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers
PADDIWAK AND CODY by Berlie Doherty
FOUR FIERCE KITTENS by Joyce Dunbar
BARK GEORGE by Jules Feiffer
SLOBCAT by Paul Geraghty
I HAVE A PET by Shari Halpern
EASY PEASY! by Linda Jennings
PET SHOW by Ezra Jack Keats
FURRY by Holly Keller
CAN I KEEP HIM? by Steven Kellogg
JUST DOG by Hiawyn Oram
WHEN THE FLY FLEW IN by Lisa Peters
GRANNYMAN by Judith Byron Schachner
MY BIG DOG by Janet Stevens
MOUSE LOOK OUT! by Judy Waite
DADDY COULD I HAVE AN ELEPHANT by Jake Wolf
AN OCTOPUS FOLLOWED ME HOME by Dan Yaccarino



Activity Ideas – Pets B

- Help children make their own stuffed animals. Cut two identical pet shapes from a grocery sack. Hold together and staple around the edges until almost closed. Stuff with newspaper and staple closed. Children could decorate before stuffing. (From Leslie Jackson)
- Talk about pets' names or stuffed animals' names.
- What qualities make a good pet?

FIVE LITTLE KITTENS

Five little kittens standing in a row,
(*Extend left fingers upward, palm out.*)
They nod their heads to the children, so.
(*Bend fingers forward.*)
They run to the left, they run to the right,
(*Wiggle fingers to left; then to right.*)
They stand up and stretch in the bright sunlight.
(*Stretch fingers slowly.*)
Along comes a dog, who's in for some fun,
(*Move right fist slowly toward stretching fingers.*)
M-e-o-w, see those kittens run.
(*Run left fingers behind back.*)

(From Let's Do Fingerplays)

FIVE LITTLE PUPPIES

Five little puppies were playing in the sun;
(*Hold up hands, fingers extended.*)
This one saw a rabbit, and he began to run;
(*Bend down first finger.*)
This one saw a butterfly, and he began to race;
(*Bend down second finger.*)
This one saw a pussy cat, and he began to chase;
(*Bend down third finger.*)
This one tried to catch his tail, and he went round and round;
(*Bend down fourth finger.*)
This one was so quiet, he never made a sound.
(*Bend down thumb.*)

(Found in Picture Book Story Hours: From Birthdays to Bears)

ANIMALS

(*Suit actions to words*)
Can you hop like a rabbit?
Can you jump like a frog?
Can you walk like a duck?
Can you run like a dog?
Can you fly like a bird?
Can you swim like a fish?
And be still like a good child,
As still as this?

(From Ring A Ring O'Roses)

OF WINGS

Gazing
at birds
I sing songs
of wings.
Gazing
at sky
I, too,
want
to fly.
(From Prince Redcloud in
To The Zoo: Animal Poems)



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