

Companion Animal Outcomes

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Dogs

Breeds/Classification

- List and compare the characteristics of four breeds of dogs within each breed group.
- Describe the role of the American Kennel Club and Canadian Kennel Club.
- Describe the process for competing in a major dog show.
- Explain the role different breeds of dogs play in different industries.

Anatomy

- Describe the function of each major body part.
- Locate the major bones of the dog.
- Compare the anatomy of dogs in different breed groups.

Care

- Describe the different nutrition requirements for dogs in different breed categories.
- Describe the exercise requirements for dogs in different breed categories.
- Describe the major vaccinations that dogs receive.
- Describe major diseases that can affect dogs.

Training

- Teach your dog basic commands: sit, stay, come, down, hush.

Cats

Breeds/Classification

- List and compare the characteristics of four breeds of cats within each category.
- Describe the process for competing in a major cat show.
- Describe the breed standards for two breeds of cats within each category.
- Value the role different breeds of cats play in different industries.



Anatomy

- Describe the function of each major body part.
- Locate the major bones of the cat.
- Compare the anatomy of cats in different breed categories.

Care

- Describe the different nutrition requirements for cats in different breed categories.
- Describe the exercise requirements for cats in different breed categories.
- Describe the function of the major vaccinations that cats receive.
- Describe major diseases that can affect cats.

Rabbits

Breeds/Classification

- List and compare the characteristics of two breeds of rabbits within each of the five body style categories.
- Describe the process for competing in a major rabbit show.
- Describe the breed standard for one breed within each of the five body style categories.
- Describe each of the five body style categories and give a breed example which falls into each category.

Anatomy

- Describe the function of each major body part.
- Locate the major bones of the rabbit.
- Compare and contrast the anatomy of rabbits in different breeds.

Care

- Describe the different nutrition requirements for rabbits in different breed categories.
- Describe the different cage requirements for four rabbit breeds.
- Describe major diseases that can affect rabbits.

Snakes

Classification

- List and compare the characteristics of snakes in each of five major families of snakes.
- Identify snake species that are commonly sold as pets but declining in numbers in the wild and explain why their numbers are declining.
- Understand which types of snakes are considered Class I wildlife and why they are not legal to own in Tennessee.

Anatomy

- Describe the functions of each major body part.
- Locate the major bones of the snake.

Care

- Describe the nutritional requirements for different sizes of snakes.
- Describe major diseases that can affect snakes.

Lizards

Classification

- List and compare the characteristics of three types of lizards commonly kept as pets.
- Understand some of the reasons why the scientific classification of lizards is currently changing.
- Understand which types of lizards are venomous.

Anatomy

- Describe the functions of each major body part.
- Locate the major bones of one type of lizard.
- Compare the anatomy of two different types of lizards.

Care

- Describe the nutritional requirements for one type of lizard commonly kept as a pet.
- Keep a diary of your lizard's health and eating habits.
- Describe major diseases that can affect lizards.



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