



Animals

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Children are usually interested in all kinds of animals. Point out dogs, birds, insects and worms that they see everyday. Talk about what the animals eat and how they move. Read books that teach children real things about animals. Pets can play an important role in children's lives. They can teach children responsibility if you let children help take care of the animals. Pets can be good listeners. Children can talk to them about what is going on in their lives. They can also be someone to play with.

VIEW

Curious George – Curious George, Dog Counter #109a

- Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

It's Dog Show Day! George and Professor Wiseman spend the day with all kinds of different dogs: big, small, hairy...and hungry. With the help of his sandwich, George tempts the winning dogs to follow him home to show The Man with the Yellow Hat. Once there, George can't keep track of all the dogs, so he and a worried Hundley come up with creative ways to sort and count the dogs in the apartment.

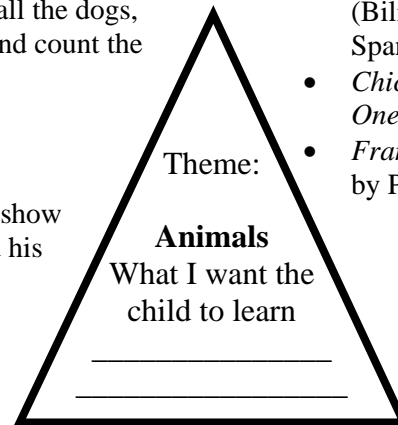
Barney & Friends – Puppy Love #704

- Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

In this episode, the gang learns about different kinds of dogs. The show begins with Mr. Boyd asking Barney and the kids to help him find his lost dog, Bingo. Once they do, they sing the song, "Bingo." They also learn about going to the doctor's office and what a vet does with BJ. They meet Miss Duffy and her guide dog, learning that they shouldn't pet her without asking since she's working when she's leading Miss Duffy. Finally, the gang ends up in the caboose, looking at different kinds of dogs on the Internet.

READ

- *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!* by Bob Barner
- *Bugs for Lunch* by Margery Facklam
- *Butterfly/Mariposa* by Susan Canizares (Bilingual in English and Spanish)
- *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones* by Ruth Heller
- *Franklin's Pet Problem* by Paulette Boiurgeois



The Learning Triangle

DO

- "Follow the Leader" is a fun game for the whole family. Try the "Animal Walk" game. The leader walks like an animal and the rest follow. Play the game again and again walking like a different kind of animal each time. The leader could be an animal from the zoo, farm, or a wild animal.
- Find pictures of animals in magazines or have your child draw them and make a collage. Write the animal's name on the paper. Talk about where the animals live, how many legs they have and what color they are. Help your child look at the pictures and talk about how the animals are different. Example: A cat has paws; a bird has _____ (wings).
- Have your child draw a picture of a pet that they would like to have someday. Ask her to talk about the pet with you. Ask questions: "Where would the pet live? What would you feed it?" Help your child write what she says on the picture.
- Play "Guess the Animals." Give your child animal cookies or pictures of animals. Ask him to choose a cookie or a picture out of a bag. Tell him to make the noise the animal makes or move like the animal does. See if the other family members can guess what animal the child is.
- Go to a zoo, veterinarian's office, farm or visit a friend who has animals. Check out the different animals and learn more about them!

Tip of the Month

Plan your child's viewing: Instead of flipping through the channels, use a program guide and the TV ratings to help you and your child choose shows. Turn the TV on to watch the program and turn it off when the program is over.