

# FAMILY PETS

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## Introduction

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This book represents the culminating activity of an inquiry based research project that integrates technology with literacy and science. Every child participated in the process of posing questions and researching material. Children learned the value of reading for information from books and web sites and working together in groups. They also learned important nonfiction skills such as organizing information into chapters, illustrating text with diagrams, defining new vocabulary words in a glossary and referencing materials.

In addition to the administrative support we received from our Principal, Mrs. Connolly and our Assistant Principals Ms. Vetter, Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Kostopoulos, many teachers outside the computer lab supported this effort and I wish to thank them for their contribution:

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And finally, I would like to dedicate this edition to the memory of my Maman, who passed away just 3 weeks ago. It is an honor for me to see young children able to research a topic using the internet resources they learned in my class. Today I hope my mother is as proud of me as I am of your children and the impressive quality of their work.

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Technology Teacher

## Adrian

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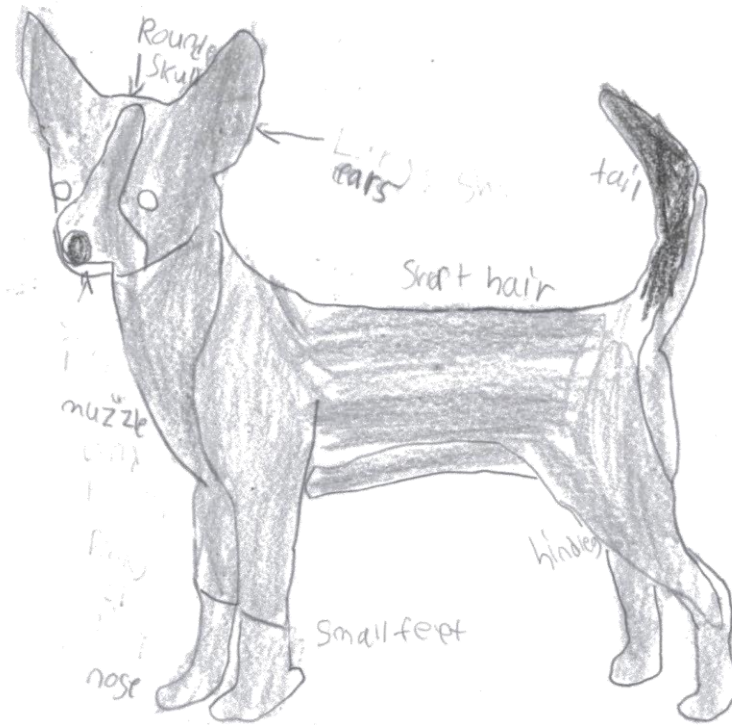
My cat Bella has fur that is brown and black and white. She has pointy ears and long ***whiskers***. Her pupils are not round like mine. Her pupils are oval to help her see in the dark.

She likes to eat treats and cat food made from chicken. She likes to drink water. She is a baby. Bella has a white cage and that's where she sleeps.

When she wakes up she purrs. I love Bella!

## Amberlyn

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My dog is gray. His name is Gizzmo. He is a Chihuahua. He has a nose, 2 eyes, 2 pointy ears, and a short tail and a short nose called a ***muzzle***.

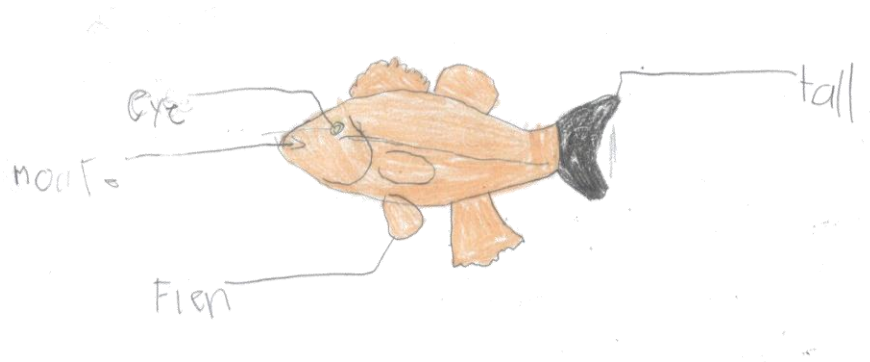
I feed him rice and beans. He also likes regular dog food. He sleeps in the kitchen on a little dog bed inside the cage.

He likes to play with his squeaky turkey.

I love Gizzmo!

## Arley

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My fish is orange. Her name is **Orange**. She has a tail and 2 eyes and a mouth. She has **gills** and fins.

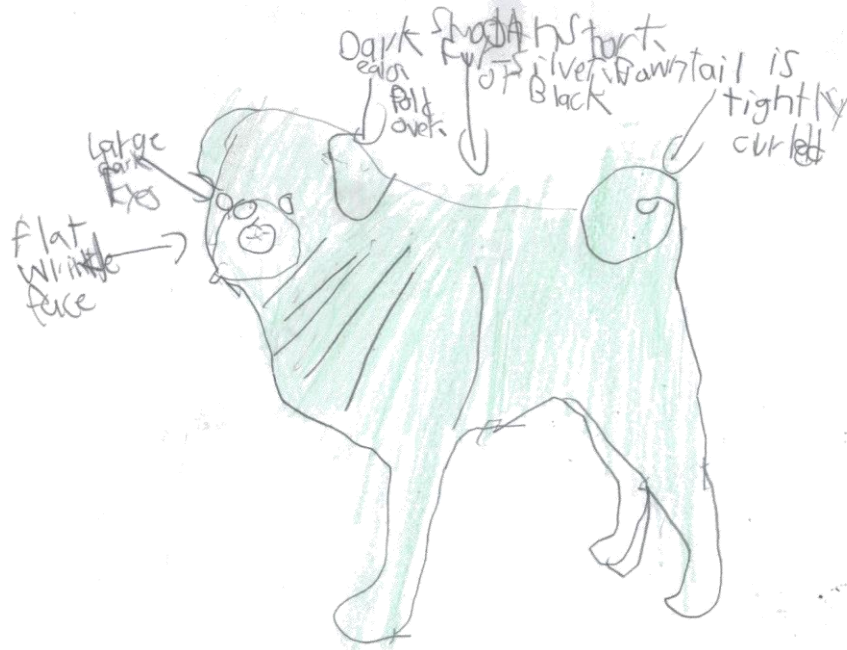
She lives in a tank. She swims in the water.

I give her a small pinch of dry food every day.

Fish lay eggs to have babies. Fish can live 2 to 20 years. I love Orange!

## Daniel

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My dog is 8 weeks old. Her name is Cupcake. She is kind of like a bulldog. She is black and brown.

She likes to eat Scooby snacks and bacon.

At home she sleeps in her own bed. Sometimes my dog sleeps with my sister.

She likes to play *fetch*.

I love Cupcake!

## Diony

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Rabbits are *mammals*. My rabbit is black and white. Rabbits can also be brown. They have soft fur, 2 eyes, 2 long ears and a short tail. Rabbits eat carrots and raw vegetables. They need water. Rabbits eat wooden toys so they can keep their teeth sharp and clean. They run and they hop. Do you know how many babies they can have? Between 4 and 15! Baby rabbits are called *kits*.

I wish I had a pet rabbit!



## Gordon

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My dog's name is Tracy. Tracy is a female, medium dog. Tracy is white. Her teeth are very sharp!

Tracy likes to eat dog food and drink water.

She likes to smell my butt and play with toys.

I love Tracy!

## Matthew

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My goldfish's name was Arya. That's because she died last week. She was orange. She had 2 eyes. She had *fins*. I fed her gold fish food. She lived in a tank in my room. I helped my mother keep the water clean. She would put her head in the rocks.

I miss you, Arya!

## Milton

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Frogs are amphibians. Some frogs are poisonous. They have sticky feet, hands and tongue.

Frogs like to hop. They also like to swim. They also live in a river, lake or a pond.

Frogs eat their prey. They like to eat insects, big animals, other frogs, mice, flies, worms, fish, and grasshoppers.

They defend themselves by *camouflage*.

I wish I had a pet frog!

## Samuel

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Parakeets are birds. They have feathers, 2 wings, 2 legs and a bill that they use to eat. There is a parakeet in the pet store near my house. He is white and his tail is red and black. And he talks! He was saying 'Nemo'.

At home a parakeet needs to stay in a cage. They eat seeds and fruit. They need a lot of water.

I wish I had a parakeet!

## Tim

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Angel fish bright colors. There are more than 100 kinds of angel fish.

Angel fish eat fish food and other little fish. They live in the ocean.

Female angel fish lay eggs.

I miss my angel fish!

## Xavier

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Spike is my pet hamster. He is a **rodent**. Spike was a good hamster.

Spike was black and brown. He used to climb on his feet and spin around on his toy.

Spike used to eat carrots and bread. He loved bread!

He slept in a cage in a little home.

I love Spike!

## **Glossary**

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### Camouflage

When an animal blends in.

### Fetch

A favorite game where a dog runs after something and brings it back

### Fin

Part of the fish's body that helps it swim

### Gills

Part of the fish's body that helps it breathe

### Kits

Baby rabbits

### Mammal

Any animal (including people) that feed their babies mother's milk

### Muzzle

The nose and jaws of a dog

### Rodent

Family of animals that are small mammals like mice and squirrels

### Whiskers

Long hairs near a cat's mouth that helps it feel

## Books and Web Sites

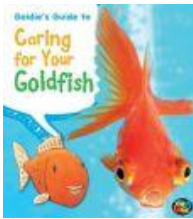
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### ***Everything Dogs***

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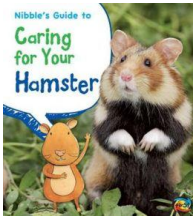
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### ***Goldie's Guide to Caring for Your Goldfish***

*by Anita Ganeri and Rick Peterson*

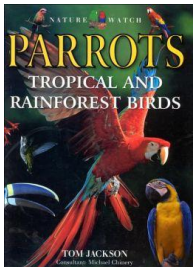
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### ***Nibbles Guide to Caring for Your Hamster***

*by Anita Ganeri and Rick Peterson*

*Heinemann Raintree*



### ***Nature Watch: Parrots, Tropical and Rainforest Birds***

*by Tom Jackson*

*Anness Publishing, Ltd*



### ***Dogs***

*by Seymour Simon*

*Harper Collins*



### ***Cats***

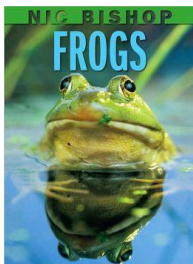
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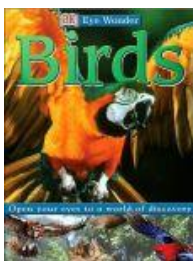




***Busy Bunnies***  
*By John Schindel*  
*Tricycle Press*



***Frogs***  
*by Nic Bishop*  
*Scholastic, Inc.*



***Birds (Eye Wonder)***  
*by Samantha Gray and Sarah Walker*  
*DK Publishing, Inc.*

Cat Food Recipes

[www.catfoodrecipesonline.com](http://www.catfoodrecipesonline.com)

Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/coloring/>

Encyclopedia Britannica

<http://www.school.eb.com/>

Encyclopedia Image Quest

<http://quest.eb.com/>

KidRex - a kid safe search engine powered by Google

<http://www.kidrex.org/>

Parrot Secrets

<http://www.parrotsecrets.com/>

Pebble Go

<http://www.pebblego.com/login.php>

## About the Authors

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We are Class 1/2-304. We are hard-working first and second grade students. We have learned about nonfiction topics, particularly animals. Our class has worked hard to research and make illustrations of our favorite pets.

We visited our local pet store. The manager there was so nice. He answered all our questions. The best part was seeing all the different kinds of fish. We learned so much!

We hope you enjoy our informational book and learn something new about pets!

Adrian  
Amberlyn  
Arley  
Daniel  
Dione  
Gordon



Matthew  
Milton  
Samuel  
Tim  
Xavier