



CATS AND DOGS

PARENT HANDOUT



CIRCLE TIME

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Tune: Frere Jacques

*Are you listening,
Are you listening,
To the dog, to the dog?
I can hear him barking.
I can hear him barking.
Bow, wow, wow, bow, wow, wow.*

Pass out dog and cat stuffed animals.
Add additional verse for cat.

THREE LITTLE KITTENS

Nursery Rhyme

Three little kittens lost their mittens
And they began to cry,
Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow
Three little kittens found their mittens
And hung them out to dry
Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow

Shake bell shakers to nursery rhyme.

GOING FOR A WALK

Group Movement Activity

Children take stuffed cats and dogs on leashes for walks around the room.

Play rap background music.

CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, big waffle blocks and bubbles

DOG AND CAT BEDS

Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with shredded paper. Children make cat and dog beds by putting shredded paper into boxes. Provide assorted sized toy dogs and cats.

FURRY PETS

Creative Play

Children glue strips of black, white, and brown yarn on shapes of dogs or cats. Label with child's name and take home.

PET GROOMING

Language/Pretend Play


Children and parents wash, dry, and groom stuffed animal cats and dogs. Use spray bottles, brushes and towels. Identify body parts on the stuffed animals.

IN THE DOG HOUSE

Active Play


Children crawl in and out of doghouse boxes. Provide bowls and blankets to pretend to eat, drink and sleep.

SNACK TIME

 Chex mix "dog food," fish crackers, and water

HOME PLAY

Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Good Boy" or "Good Girl"

 Visit an animal shelter with your child. Talk about the sights, sounds, and smells at the shelter. Ask a volunteer if you can pet a cat or dog.

TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading