

Pet Care Pluses

Math

Grades 1 and 2

Objective

To use word equations to express the results of proper and improper pet care and training.

Skill

Students will be able to complete word equations, using the symbols + or –, to express proper and improper pet care and training.

Materials

chalkboard or copies of worksheet

Activity

Students will complete word equations that are missing either a + or – symbol to express proper and improper pet care and training.

Helpful Background Information

- www.hsus.org/programs/companion/pet_care/pet_care.html
- www.healthypet.com/Library/index.html

Procedure

1. Review with students the meanings of *plus*, *minus*, and *equals*.
2. Write the following equations on the chalkboard or on a worksheet, leaving blank spaces for students to fill in with a plus or minus sign. (The correct symbols for each equation are shown in parentheses.)
 - dog (+) leash = safe dog
 - dog (–) leash = traffic danger
 - pet (–) fresh food and water = sick pet
 - canary (+) open window = lost bird
 - cat (–) scratching post = torn furniture
 - dog (+) house training = clean floors
 - guinea pig (+) brushing = clean guinea pig
 - pet (–) attention = lonely pet
 - pet (+) veterinary checkups = healthy pet
 - pet (–) toys and exercise = bored pet
 - lost pet (+) ID tags = found pet
 - pet (+) responsible owner = friends for life