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## Activity 12.1A: Companion Animal Owner's Manual

### Materials Needed

- Internet access
- Computer and printer access

### Instructions

*Create a manual to send home with someone who is purchasing a specific type of animal for the first time. You will first need to choose a type of companion animal and then gather data on the animal's needs and behavior. Answer the following questions and use the data and any other relevant material you feel is useful to create your manual.*

1. What animal did you choose?

Answer:

2. What is the average purchase price for the animal?

Answer:

3. How large will the animal grow and how much will it weigh?

Answer:

4. What is the life expectancy of the animal?

Answer:

5. Does the animal prefer solitude or companionship?

Answer:

6. Will the animal get along with other pets?

Answer:

7. Does the animal prefer adults over children?

Answer:

8. Is the animal a one-person animal or a family animal?

Answer:

9. How much should the animal be handled?

Answer:

10. What type of enclosure is best for the animal?

Answer:

Average cost of the enclosure

Answer:

11. What type of restraint/safety equipment is recommended (i.e., collar or harness)?

Answer:

Average cost of restraint/safety equipment

Answer:

12. What type of bedding does the animal require (i.e., disposable litter)? How often will the bedding need to be replaced?

Answer:

Monthly bedding cost

Answer:

13. What type of toys are recommended for the animal? Does the animal require new, stimulating toys on a regular basis?

Answer:

Monthly toy cost

Answer:

14. What type(s) of food does the animal require?

Answer:

Approximate monthly food cost

Answer:

15. What type of regular veterinary care is required?

Answer:

Estimated cost for annual veterinary care

Answer: