

# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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# Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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# This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below,  
which shares more about the shelter

## What is Dogs4Rescue?

Dogs4Rescue is an independent dog rescue near Manchester, where dogs live together in a kennel free environment run by Emma Billington and her team. The dogs spend their days getting all the exercise, socialisation, stimulation, love, and care they need, whilst waiting for a foster family.



Rescue dogs seem to be forever grateful for the change in fortune that has brought them into a home. They know how lucky they are and their joy for life is catching!



Pictured above: Emma Billington with a rescue dog. Source: Dogs4Rescue

## What is Emma's vision for the Dogs4Rescue centre?



Pictured above: Emma's vision for the Dogs4Rescue site Source: Dogs4Rescue

Dogs4Rescue would like to open a dedicated sanctuary and rehabilitation retreat set in 40 acres of land, including woodland, streams, shelters and places to explore. The plan is to turn the area into the UK's largest kennel free dog sanctuary, helping many thousands of dogs in the future.

**Share your thoughts on Dogs4Rescue, do you think it would be a nice place for dogs to live?**



Look at the resource below, which shares what some pets need to help keep them happy and healthy.

Anyone who owns a pet is legally required to care for them properly. This will lead to them being happy and healthy. All pets need the following:

- A suitable place to live.
- A healthy diet, including fresh and clean water.
- The ability to behave normally.
- Appropriate company, which means being kept with or apart from other animals, if needed.
- Protection from injury, pain, disease and suffering.



## Bearded dragon



- Diet:** insects, vegetables
- Behaviour:** enjoys climbing, hiding, and needs to bask in heat
- Company:** can live happily alone but does enjoy human company

## Guinea pig



- Diet:** hay, grass, leafy green vegetables, guinea pig pellets
- Behaviour:** enjoys space and toys to play with, places to hide
- Company:** they are very social and need to interact with other guinea pigs

## Dog



- Diet:** meat, dry dog food, wet dog food
- Behaviour:** needs lots of exercise and entertainment
- Company:** social animal so needs company, sees people as its friends

Which of the pets above do you think you would prefer to care for? Does everyone agree?



Look at the resource below, which shares some more information about animal shelters and rescues.

Not all animal shelters are the same but generally, they are an establishment that provides a temporary home for dogs, cats and/or other animals that are lost, unwanted or abandoned (this includes situations out of an owner's control). Their aim is to care for the animals until they can find suitable homes and are adopted. Animal shelters rely heavily on charitable donations.



Pictured above: a volunteer playing with a cat in an animal shelter.



Lucie's Animal Rescue

21 October at 20:01 · 🌐

What a week.

So many new admissions, with another 9 month old pup coming in tomorrow.

That's 4 dogs in 3 days. 😞

In the last 5 days we've taken on 3 cats, 4 kittens, 6 rabbits and 3 guinea pigs. 😞

Any help towards our large vet bills and rising food bills would be hugely appreciated.

Before animals are adopted, they usually undergo a health screening to determine whether they have any health issues. The shelter also ensures any necessary vaccinations or other treatments are carried out before a pet is rehomed.

People hoping to adopt a pet from a shelter are usually required to fill in an adoption application form, complete a home check and spend some time with the animal in the shelter to bond and make sure both pet and new owner are right for one another!

There is an adoption fee, which varies, depending on the animal being rehomed.



**How important do you think animal shelters/rescues are?  
What do you think about the adoption process?**





**Should more be done to help rescue pets?**

# Reflection



Animal shelters take care of animals and pets that have nowhere else to go. It's important to remember that sometimes the animals are there not because their owners don't want to take care of them, but because they are no longer able to.





**British  
Values**



## **Democracy**

We all have a voice.

We can use our voice to share our opinions and support the things that matter to us.

For some, this might be caring for pets in need.





# UN Rights of a Child



It might be we own a pet, want to help a pet in need or can no longer care for a pet. These are all issues that affect us and we all have the right to give our opinions freely on them.



# Useful vocabulary



## Crisis

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## Finances

The money that a person or household has.

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## Fostering

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## Micronutrients

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**Can you use them in your writing this week?**

## Picture News



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- Look at this week's poster image. What do you think might be happening? Explain that the picture shows Dogs4Rescue, a dog shelter set up near Manchester. It is run by a small team, who take care of dogs until someone suitable is found to adopt them.
- Recently, there has been a rise in the number of dogs that have been arriving at shelters like Dogs4Rescue. Prices for things like food and electricity are increasing and some people have become unable to afford the costs of keeping their pet. Can you think of some costs involved with keeping pets?
- Watch this week's useful video, which shows a BBC interview with the founder of the Dogs4Rescue centre, Emma Billington. Emma says that because they are so full, they will pay all the costs for fostering a dog. Do you think this is a good idea?
- Read through the information found on the resource, which shares more about the shelter. Share your thoughts on Dogs4Rescue, do you think it would be a nice place for dogs to live?
- Have you ever been to an animal shelter? Are there any near where you live?

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## Picture News



### KS1 focus

#### What do pets need to be happy and healthy?



- A pet is an animal kept by humans for pleasure or as a friend. They are usually tame, which means they are not dangerous or frightened of us. Do you have any pets? Do any of your friends or family own a pet?
- People who choose to have a pet are responsible for looking after it and making sure it is happy and healthy. How do you think you take care of a pet? Will all pets need the same type of care?
- Look at resource 1, which shares what some pets need to help keep them happy and healthy. Which of the pets on the resource do you think you would prefer to care for? Does everyone agree?
- Different pets have different needs, so what keeps one pet happy and healthy may be different from another. Before people choose a pet, it is important that they consider whether they can meet all of its needs. Some pets take up more time and cost more than others.
- Discuss what happens if a pet becomes injured or ill. Where might you take it? Who might be able to help? Have you ever been to a vet before?
- What is your favourite pet? Why do you like it? Can you find out how to keep it happy and healthy?

### Reflection

Different pets have different needs. If we choose to care for a pet, we must be responsible for making sure it is happy and healthy.

## Picture News



### KS2 focus

#### What is an animal shelter?



- Write 'animal shelter' on the board. Are there any animal shelters or rescues near you? Do you know what an animal shelter does?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some more information about animal shelters and rescues. How important do you think animal shelters/rescues are? Have you had any experience of them before?
- Focus on the information shared about the adoption process. What do you think about it? Do you think it is important for applications to be filled in, home checks carried out and visits made, or do you feel this could potentially use up time, money and resources the shelters struggle for?
- Many animal shelters/rescues rely heavily on public support. Discuss ways people may support the shelters/rescues e.g., raise funds, donate money, donate resources such as blankets or toys, volunteer time to help care for the animals, adopt an animal rather than buy a new one.
- PetKeen reports that an estimated 2.7 million animals enter UK animal shelters each year. Discuss some of the possible reasons animals might enter shelters/rescues.
- Think about the pros and cons of caring for a pet. Do you think you will care for your own pet in the future?

### Reflection

Animal shelters and rescues provide a temporary home for lost, abandoned, or unwanted animals. Their main aim is to care for the animals until they can find them a suitable home.



## KS2 follow-up ideas

### Option 1

Find out about local animal shelters or rescues. Write a letter or email to one or more of them to find out more about what they do. You could use the following structure:

- Opening paragraph – explain why you are writing.
- Paragraph 2 – share some information about your experience of animals and pets.
- Paragraph 3 – what would you like to know about the shelter/rescue?
- Conclusion – thank them for their work. You could even invite them to school to share more about what they do!

### Option 2

Pet population maths! Answer the following questions, which use statistics from PDSA's 2022 findings:

- Record the following percentages as fractions and decimal fractions:  
52% of UK adults own a pet  
27% of UK adults have a dog  
24% of UK adults have a cat
- How does the percentage of dog owners compare with the percentage of cat owners?
- Write the following pet population estimations in words and digits:  
Dog population – 10.2 million  
Cat population – 11.1 million  
Rabbit population – 1 million

**Challenge** – can you find out the percentage of cat and dog owners in your class? How does this compare with the national statistics?



## KS1 follow-up ideas

### Option 1

Choose a pet and find out the following information:

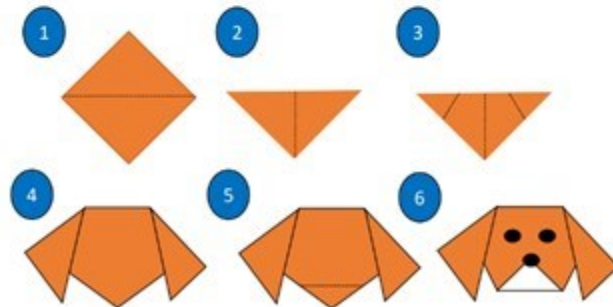
- What does it eat?
- Where does it live? E.g., a cage, a tank, freely in your home.
- Does it like company?
- What does it enjoy doing?

Use the information to create your own pet fact file! Make sure you include a picture of the pet too.

### Option 2

Create some pet origami! You could use the instructions below to help you create a dog. Think about:

- What shape does the paper need to be?
- How will you make sure you fold it carefully?
- Do the ears need to match perfectly or might one be slightly different from the other?
- What colour will your origami dog be?
- Will you give it a nose, mouth and eyes?



## This week's useful websites

### This week's news story

[www.bbc.com/news/business-63071930](http://www.bbc.com/news/business-63071930)

### This week's useful video

Dogs4Rescue Charity  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEViRs7bFJo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEViRs7bFJo)

### This week's Virtual Picture News

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## Pillars of creation

Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope has taken a star-filled snap of the Pillars of Creation. This is the sharpest image ever captured of the iconic area of intense star formation, and was made possible by using the space telescope's near-infrared camera. The Pillars of Creation are in the Serpens constellation, in the Eagle Nebula, which is around 7,000 light-years from Earth. A light-year, a large unit of length used to express astronomical distances, is the distance a beam of light travels in one year. In interstellar space, light travels at approximately 300,000 kilometres per second, or 9.46 trillion kilometres per year. Nasa says, 'the ethereal scene captures translucent columns of cool interstellar gas and dust punctuated by piercing, bright points of light. Most of these are stars, and the reddish balls of fire near the edges of the pillars are newly formed stars.'



**Pictured:** The Webb telescope's breath-taking view of the Pillars of Creation. **Source:** @NASAWebb Twitter page.



**Pictured:** Goldfish **Source:** Canva

## Myth busted – Goldfish have good memories!

Contrary to popular belief, researchers at the University of Oxford have found that goldfish have great memories and are able to expertly navigate their surroundings. The scientists reported that the fish could accurately estimate distance. They first trained nine goldfish to travel 70cm along a black and white striped tank, and would then wave a hand to indicate the required distance. The fish learned to swim the correct distance along the special tank with 2cm wide vertical stripes. Once they

had swum the required length out and back again, they received a food reward. The team conducting the study also found that the fish could still swim 70cm, even when their start position was changed. Other research projects have discovered that goldfish can also remember and recognise faces, hear music and also differentiate between musical genres, and they can see in more colours than humans!

**Do you know any more facts about goldfish?**

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# Could cars fly by 2025?



**Pictured: Right** - Alef's vision for its flying car, **Left** - the Model A flipped on its side in flight.  
**Source:** Alef.

Alef Aeronautics recently unveiled a flying car that can turn into a biplane (a fixed-wing aircraft with two main wings stacked one above the other). The Californian firm showcased the - still in development - eVTOL Model A and Alef Zero flying cars. The Alef Model A has a meshed body that conceals eight propellers, which allow it to take off from the road with no need for a runway, as it rises into the air vertically. Once in flight, the car will flip on its side, so that the top is facing forward, allowing the long sides of the vehicle to become top and bottom wings, before moving through the air at up to 260 miles per hour.

Once in flight, the car will flip on its side, so that the top is facing forward, allowing the long sides of the vehicle to become top and bottom wings, before moving through the air at up to 260 miles per hour. The flying automobile will have a 200-mile driving range and 110-mile flying range. Jim Dukhovny, Alef's chief executive and co-founder said, 'A flying car has to be a car, which means it can drive on a regular street, park in a regular parking space. And it also should have vertical take-off.' The flying cars are set to go on sale in 2025 and will cost £266,000!

Last week's topic:

## Have our lives become too complicated?



I think that technology has made our lives better and easier but also more complicated.

**Jane**

I think all the technology around us has made some people more lazy.

**Jack**


We think that life has become more complicated as we are all so connected now.

**Louisa and Summer**

I think our lives are as complicated as we choose to make them, this has always been the case.

**Fran**

## Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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# TAKEHOME



Should more be done to help rescue pets?

## In the news this week

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### Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you know anyone who has rescued an animal from a shelter? What do you think are some of the reasons people choose to do this?
- Is there an animal shelter near where you live? What do you know about it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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