

## Cat Needs Bag

*This lesson plan for school years Transition to year 2, aims to share knowledge of the essential resource's cats need to live active and happy lives. A fun and engaging activity which encourages children to think about the responsibilities of owning a pet cat.*

<b>Resource Categories</b>	Cat; Activity
<b>Suitable Age Level</b>	Transition to Year Two
<b>Desired Understandings</b>	Students identify essential resources needed to ensure cats maintain an active and happy lifestyle.
<b>Resources Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pillowcase</li> <li>Cat Food Bowl</li> <li>Cat Water Bowl</li> <li>Picture of a family</li> <li>Cat Food</li> <li>Empty cat medicine bottle</li> <li>Cat Stick Toy</li> <li>Box to demonstrate shelter for hiding</li> </ul>
<b>Additional AMRRIC resources to support lesson content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cat Needs Booklet</li> <li>Cat Colouring in sheets</li> <li>Cat Mask</li> </ul>

## Lesson Plan: Cat Needs Bag

### Introduction

- Introduce students to the topic of cat needs. Allow students to share a few stories about the cats they know. For example, are they friendly? Do they like to play?
- Explain to the students that cat needs look very different to us, but in lots of ways they're the same. They can get happy and sad and angry and scared, hungry or thirsty, just like us. And just like us they have things they need in order to be happy and healthy.

### Activity

- Show students the Cat Needs Bag.
- Explain that the bag is filled with things that cats need to be happy and healthy.
- What do you think might be inside of this bag?
- What do you think cats need to be happy and healthy?
- Select one student to come up to the front and select one item out of the bag.
- To keep the activity engaging to don't let the student look into the bag before selecting an item.
- Ensure that the top of the pillowcase is shut and allow the selected student to insert their arm into the pillowcase to select an item.
- Have the student show the class the item they have selected from the bag.
- Discuss with the class as each item is pulled out from the bag why the item is so important to keep our cats happy and healthy.

**Cat Food Bowl** - Cats need good food every day. They are carnivores so they must eat meat and will also go hunting especially if we do not make sure they have enough food. Kittens need special milk from their mum until they are big enough to eat solid food. We should always feed our cats in their own bowls.

**Cat Water Bowl** - Cats need fresh, clean water every day, just like us.

**Family** - Cats need a family to look after them to keep them happy and healthy.

**Shelter** - Cats need a safe space which they can go off to hide in when they need a rest or are feeling scared.

**Health Care** – Cats need people to care for them to keep them healthy. Just like us sometimes our cats can get sick and they need to visit the animal doctor (Vet).

**Exercise/Play** – Cats need to be able to stretch their legs and show normal cat behaviour. If we want to play with our cats it is best to use a stick toy so we don't get scratched.

- Once all items have been selected allow students in pairs to talk about cats needs at their home or families home.
- Students to report back to class.
- Talk to the students about all the items cats need to be healthy and happy. Remind them that cats need a family to ensure that they remain happy and healthy. Cats can become sick if we are not caring for them and giving them good food and water every day. If we care for our cats everyone is happy and healthy.