

**FABULOUS FELINES**  
**LESSON 3: Grades 4-6**  
**SHOP ‘TILL YOU DROP (FOR KITTY!)**

**Show-Me Standards:** Academic Goals: 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.8, 1.10, 2.1, 2.3, 2.5, 3.8, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7

Knowledge Goals: Communication Arts – 1, 4, 6; Mathematics – 1; Science – 3

**Objective:** To teach students about the essential items a cat needs and to remind them that caring for a pet is a responsibility that is not always cheap.

**Materials:**

- “Bootsy’s Shopping List” handout
- “Give a reason why…” handout
- “Stuff for Scooter” handout
- “Going Shopping” handout
- “Bootsy’s Shopping List” answer sheet
- ”Give a reason why…” answer sheet

**Method:** What does your cat need to be a happy member of the family? There are some items no cat should be without and today we’ll learn why. When you need to shop for a new member of the family or a furry old friend, check out a store just for pets and their families like PetsMart. Like most “pet shops” they don’t sell cats and dogs that often come from puppy mills, but host adoption centers to help find homes for shelter animals.

There are at least 15 essential items you and your cat need to live comfortably. Distribute “Bootsy’s Shopping List” to the class. Brainstorm to come up with the 15 items Bootsy has requested you, her owner, to buy. Next, research the cost of each item. Go online to search for items, or visit a pet store as a group or individually to research products. Total the cost of the items on your shopping list to see how much it will cost to provide your darling, Bootsy, with her favorite items. Next, discuss the “Give a Reason Why” handout. This provides you with a list of the 15 most-needed items. Talk about why each of the items is necessary. Can you think of anything else your cat would like to have?

How much does it cost to care for a pet for one year? The cost of basic food, supplies, medical care and training for a pet is anywhere from \$100 to \$600 annually. Getting a pet is nothing to enter into lightly. If you are planning to get a cat, talk with your family about the information you learned today. If you already have a cat, find out from your parents how much it costs to care for her annually.

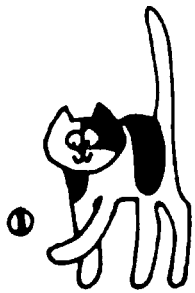
As a review, distribute the “Stuff for Scooter” and “Going Shopping” handouts.

**Call to Action:** You have all been named docents. Museums use docents to educate others about artifacts, artwork, history, etc. As docents, create a display at your school about the items you need for cats. Ask a pet store or animal shelter to loan items to you. Or draw large, colorful pictures of each item for display. Just as museums do, create an information poster telling about the exhibit. Then create special cards to identify each item in the exhibit. Take younger groups of students through a “tour” of the exhibit. Teach them about each item they see and their importance. Be creative!

Create mobiles that represent all the items a cat needs to be happy and healthy.

**Web sites:** For recommended animal-related web sites visit [www.apamo.org](http://www.apamo.org) and choose “Animal Issues” from the left-side menu, then choose “Links” from the top of the page. Or [click here](#) to launch your browser and link directly to the list.

# Bootsy's Shopping List



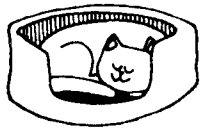
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Will you buy them the next time you're out? I will be  
forever grateful. Please, no liver-flavored anything -  
chicken is my favorite! I'll be waiting...*



*Sincerely,  
Bootsy*

	<i>Item</i>		<i>Price</i>
1.	_____		_____
2.	_____		_____
3.	_____		_____
4.	_____		_____
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===== **TOTAL**



# Give a reason why...

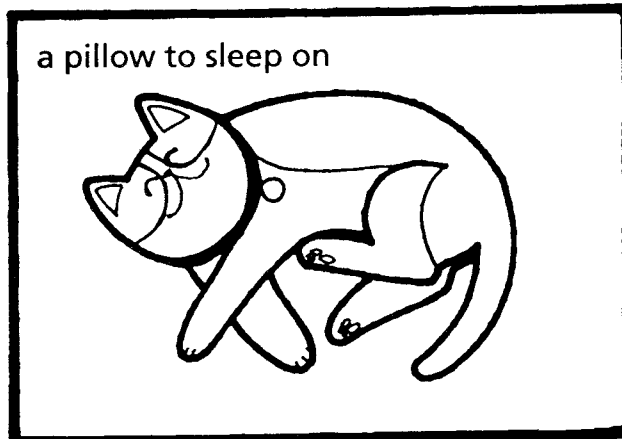
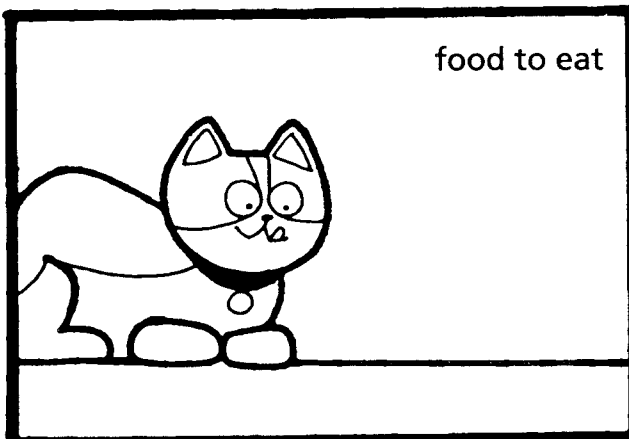
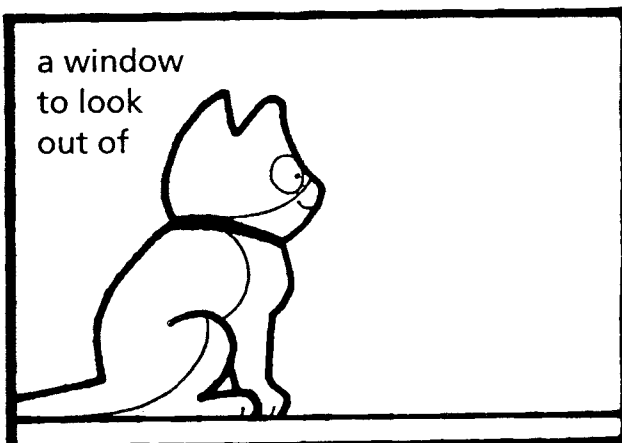
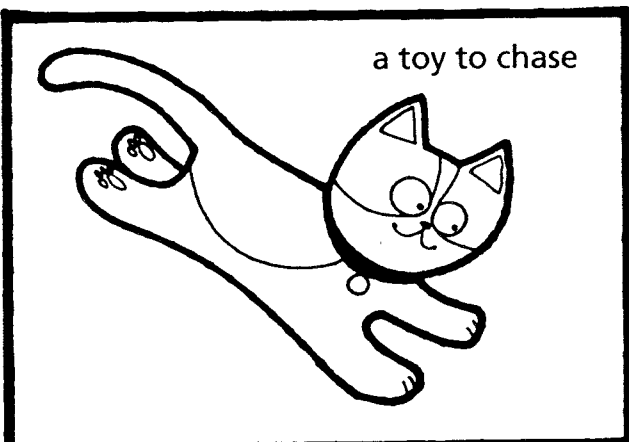
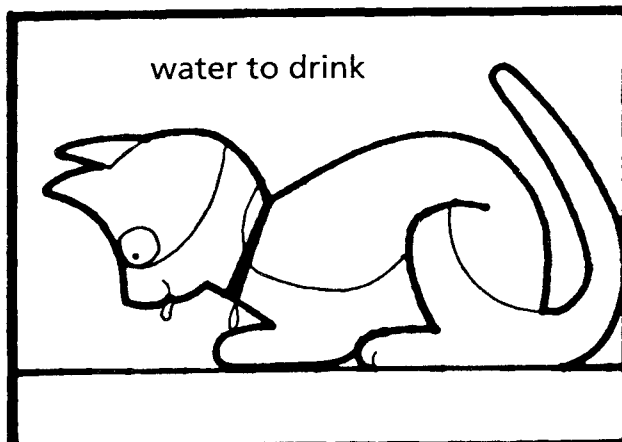
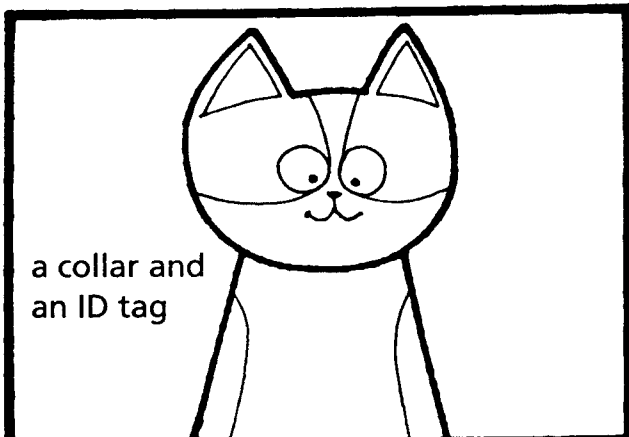


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Cats need litter & a scoop.	Cats need toothbrush/toothpaste.	Cats need a scratching post.
Cats need cat/kitten food.	Cats need toys.	Cats need a brush.
Cats need a water/food dish.	Cats need nail clippers.	Cats need a safety collar.
Cats need an I.D. tag.	Cats need treats.	Cats' need a book about cats for their owners.

KIND Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Stuff for Scooter

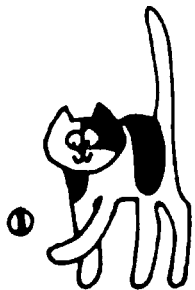
Directions: Scooter is a kitten. For each picture, draw the missing thing that Scooter needs.



On the back of this sheet, draw a picture of yourself holding Scooter.



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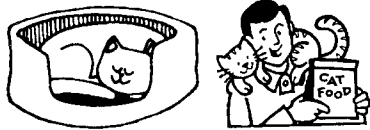
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	Item	Price
1.	Pet Bed	\$19.99
2.	Pet Taxi	\$23.99
3.	Litter Box	\$13.99
4.	Litter	\$10.99
5.	Litter Box Scoop	\$2.99
6.	Scratching Post	\$15.99
7.	Cat Food (Chicken Flavor!)	\$16.99
8.	Water & Food Dishes	\$12.00
9.	Toys	\$15.00
10.	Brush	\$6.99
11.	Safety Collar	\$4.99
12.	I.D. Tag	\$4.99
13.	Nail Clippers	\$5.99
14.	Treats (Chicken Flavor!)	\$1.29
15.	Cat Toothbrush/Toothpaste	\$6.99

**\$163.17**  
 ===== TOTAL



# Give a reason why...



<p><b>Cats need a pet bed.</b></p> <p>Cats need a warm, quiet place to nap. Cats sleep about 16 hours each day!</p>	<p><b>Cats need a pet taxi.</b></p> <p>A pet taxi or carrier keeps cats safe while riding in the car. If they were to loose, they might become frightened, escape from the car, or cause an accident.</p>	<p><b>Cats need a litterbox.</b></p> <p>Cats should live indoors and must have a quiet, private, clean place to go to the bathroom.</p>
<p><b>Cats need litter &amp; a scoop.</b></p> <p>Cats like to dig, then bury their waste. A litter scoop helps you clean the area each day. If it smells, kitty may find someplace else to go!</p>	<p><b>Cats need toothbrush/toothpaste.</b></p> <p>Provide a dental health program to promote healthy teeth and gums that need to last your cat a lifetime.</p>	<p><b>Cats need a scratching post.</b></p> <p>Cats have a natural desire to scratch. This allows them to stretch, mark their scent, and shed the outer sheath of their claws. It will help save your couch.</p>
<p><b>Cats need cat/kitten food.</b></p> <p>It needs to be name-brand food that is well balanced to maintain your pet's health. Read food labels and check with your vet regarding daily feeding requirements.</p>	<p><b>Cats need toys.</b></p> <p>Keep kitty from being bored and overweight. Take some time each day to bond with your feline.</p>	<p><b>Cats need a brush.</b></p> <p>Regular brushing helps keep your cat's skin healthy and the coat shiny and mat-free.</p>
<p><b>Cats need a water/food dish.</b></p> <p>Cats need fresh water available at all times. Place food and water away from their litter box in a quiet, easily accessible area.</p>	<p><b>Cats need nail clippers.</b></p> <p>Trim your cat's claws every two weeks as part of his regular grooming. This keeps your furniture intact and protects you from scratches when playing with kitty.</p>	<p><b>Cats need a safety collar.</b></p> <p>Of course, it's needed for attaching your pet's I.D. tag. Safety collars stretch and pull apart to avoid choking if your cat should become caught on something.</p>
<p><b>Cats need an I.D. tag.</b></p> <p>Essential for every pet. Include your name, address, and phone number. It's your pet's ticket home if he should become lost.</p>	<p><b>Cats need treats.</b></p> <p>Simply because you love your cat! Hard, crunchy treats keep your cat's teeth healthy. Avoid overfeeding.</p>	<p><b>Cats' need a book about cats for their owners.</b></p> <p>Responsible pet owners learn all they can about their pets. Reading books helps you learn how to take good care of your pets and understand their behavior.</p>