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Teachers' Notes

Zippy Kit

This activity is suitable for Key Stage 2 children, who learn about the costs involved in looking after a new puppy, Zippy. Children have to find out how much money it can cost to responsibly look after a dog throughout its lifetime. They initially find out some of the costs of keeping a dog healthy before they go to the 'pet shop'. Then they 'buy' all the necessary equipment from the pet shop. Their chosen items are shown on a receipt, which they must add up and enter the correct total.

Then they must calculate the total cost of looking after a dog for a year, including food, insurance and healthcare. Finally they must calculate the total cost for a dog's lifetime.

Links to the National Curriculum

Numeracy

KS2

Calculations

Understand the operation of addition and its associated vocabulary

Add several numbers

Problems involving money

Use all four operations to solve word problems involving money

Science

KS2

Humans and other animals

2b – Nutrition: Pupils should be taught about the need for food for activity and growth, and about the importance of an adequate and varied diet for health

2h – Health: about the importance of exercise for good health