Animals and pets ESL lesson plan (B1)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Tell me about a pet you have had or would like to have.
- What is the strangest animal you have ever seen?
- What are the good and bad sides of having a pet?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
breed	a type of dog, cat or other animal	What breed is your dog?
adopt	to take an animal from a shelter to live with you	We adopted a cat from a shelter.
animal shelter	a place for animals that have no home	She volunteers at an animal shelter.
stray	(of a pet) lost or without a home	There are a lot of stray dogs in the city.
train	to teach an animal to behave in a certain way	We trained our dog to sit.
obedient	doing what you are told	Labradors are very obedient.
loyal	always supporting someone	Dogs are loyal animals.
hunt	to chase and kill animals for food	Cats hunt mice and birds.
prey	an animal hunted by another animal	Mice are prey for owls.
predator	an animal that hunts other animals	Sharks are top predators.

Speaking (15 min): Convince the landlord

The learner wants a pet but the flat does not allow animals. You are the landlord. They must describe the animal, answer three worries (noise, smell, damage) and offer a compromise.

Useful language

- I'm scared of… / I'm allergic to…
- It's friendly / playful / fierce / harmless.
- in the wild · endangered · a species
- to feed · to walk · to train · to look after
- a kitten · a puppy · a cage · a lead
- She's part of the family.

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about animals and pets using at least six words from the lesson.
- Self-study: the B1 animals and pets vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

nest · endangered · welfare · habitat · wildlife · protect · cruelty · species

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. We need laws to _____ wild animals.
2. There's a bird's _____ in the tree.
3. Animal _____ is a crime.
4. Over 1,000 _____ of birds live here.
5. The panda is an _____ species.
6. The national park is full of _____.
7. Pandas are losing their _____.
8. The charity works for animal _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Have you ever had a frightening experience with an animal?
2. Should people keep big dogs in small flats?
3. What animal would you like to see in the wild?
4. Do animals have personalities? Give an example.
5. What do pets teach children?

Write

Write 80–120 words about animals and pets. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 protect · 2 nest · 3 cruelty · 4 species · 5 endangered · 6 wildlife · 7 habitat · 8 welfare