Visiting the Veterinarian with your Pet

What happens when your pet goes to the vet?
Who has a pet at home?

How many of you have dogs?

How many of you have cats?
What other pets do people have?

- Bird
- Hamster
- Guinea pig
- Rabbit
- Snake
- Horse
- Fish
Some people might not have pets because...

- They have allergies
- They are not allowed to where they live
- They don’t have time to care for them
- But maybe they can some day....
Why do we have pets?

• Because....
  – We love them and they love us
  – They are part of the family
  – They protect us
  – They are fun to play with
What does a pet need to stay healthy?

- **Training**
- **Food & Water**
- **Grooming**
- **Love & Attention**
- **Exercise**
What does a pet need to stay healthy?

• Yearly check ups with the vet

I love Boomer so much. I’m so glad I’m getting his health checked.

What a great dog you have! I’m going to listen to his heart....
What happens when you visit the doctor?

• The doctor checks your:...
  – Weight
  – Temperature
  – Eyes
  – Ears
  – Mouth
  – Skin

• The doctor listens to your:...
  – Heart
  – Lungs

• Veterinarians check the same things with your pets
How do you feel when you go to the Doctor’s office?

• You may be scared or nervous *at first* when you visit the doctor
• Animals can feel the same way
• Think about being an animal visiting the vet
  – You are in a strange place and you don’t know what’s happening

Fifi looks a little scared. But I’m so glad the doctor is checking her.
How does the vet help your pet stay healthy?

- Full check-up every year
- Shots to prevent sickness
- Surgery to prevent babies
- Check your pet’s blood
How does the vet help your pet stay healthy?

- Check for bugs inside and out

Worm egg seen with microscope

I see an egg! This dog has worms. We can give him medicine for that.

Hmmm..I see something in here....
How does the vet help your pet stay healthy?

- Check your pet’s skin for fleas and other problems
Activity – Practice being a Veterinarian

• Doctor stations
  – Physical exam
  – Give shot
  – Check for bugs
  – Grooming
How can you help keep your pet healthy?

You can help your parents by....

• Asking the last time your pet went to vet
• Making sure your pet gets flea medicine every month
• Helping to pick up your pets poop every day
• Walking or playing with your pet every day
• Giving your pet fresh water every day
• Helping your parents feed your pet
• Leaving animals alone when they are sleeping
Homework

- Find out the last time your pet went to see the vet
  - Are they due for any shots?

- If it has been over a year since your pet went to the vet, it is time to take them in.
  - Help your parents schedule a visit with the vet soon!
Questions?