

THE BEAUTIFUL BASICS

OBJECTIVE

Students will identify five basic survival needs shared by people and all other animals, including pets and wildlife.

METHOD

Students list and organize needs of people, pets and wildlife.

BACKGROUND

All animals, either directly or indirectly, depend upon plants, sunlight, water, soil and air.

All animals—including people, pets and wildlife— need food, water, shelter and space in which to live. These must be in the quality and quantity required by the particular animal. Because animals need **food, water, shelter** and **space** to be available in a way that is suitable to their needs, we say that these things must be available in a suitable "**arrangement.**"

The major purpose of this activity is for students to identify the basic survival needs of all living things and to recognize that people and all animals—including pets—have similar basic needs.

MATERIALS

chalkboard

Age: Grade 2 (and older)
Subjects: Science, Language Arts, Health
Skills: analysis, classification, comparing similarities and differences, discussion, listing, reading
Duration: 20 minutes
Group Size: any
Setting: indoors
Conceptual Framework Reference: I.A., I.A.1., I.A.4, I.C.1., I.C.2.
Key Vocabulary: pets, wildlife, survival needs
Appendices: None

PROCEDURE

1. Put three words on a chalk board, so that a column of words can be listed under each: People— Pets— Wildlife. Ask the students, "What do people need in order to be able to live?" List the students' ideas in a column under the word, "People." Do the same for pets and wildlife. (Do the activity, "What's Wild?" before this one, so that students know the major differences between pets and wildlife.)

2. After the lists are made, ask the students to look to see which ideas seem to go together into larger ideas. For example, warmth might be combined with physical comfort and both might fit within the concept of shelter. See if the students can narrow down the lists and come up with the essential survival needs for people, pets and wildlife. The most basic survival needs will be the same for each of the three groups. The lists, when reduced, could include and be limited to:

<i>People</i>	<i>Pets</i>	<i>Wildlife</i>
food	food	food
water	water	water
shelter	shelter	shelter
space	space	space
arrangement	arrangement	arrangement
sunlight	sunlight	sunlight
soil	soil	soil
air	air	air

EVALUATION

1. List at least four things plants and animals need for survival.
2. How do plant needs differ from animal needs?