# Caring for a Happy Pet Dog

Dogs are one of the most popular pets. They need food, water, and a safe place to sleep. When you have a dog, you must help take care of it every day.

Dogs love to play and go on walks. This helps them stay healthy and happy. Some dogs like to run fast, while others like to play with a ball. After playing, dogs may get dirty. Giving your dog a bath can help keep its fur clean and soft.

It is important to be gentle and kind to your pet.

When you care for your dog, you show it love. Dogs are part of the family, and they can be your good friend, too.



Student Name:

Date:

**Comprehension Questions:** 

What do dogs need to stay

Correct

Why do you think people treat dogs

Because dogs are part of the

Correct \_\_\_\_

What does the word 'gentle' mean

**Vocabulary Question:** 

Being soft and careful.

in this passage?

Student Answer:

Answer:

Inferential Question:

Student Answer:

Incorrect

Incorrect

Food, water, and a safe place to

Literal Question:

Student Answer:

healthy?

Answer:

sleep.

kindly? **Answer:** 

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Prosody: 1 2

Comprehension:

scoring Guide		
Text Level: F&P GRL J Grade Level: 1 Word Count: 115		
Total Words Read:	Correct	Incorrect
Errors:		
WCPM: (total words read — errors = WCPM)	Notes:	
WCPM: Below grade level At grade level Above grade level		

## How to Administer the Fluency Passage Assessment

## **Assess Oral Reading Fluency**

- Give the student a copy of the passage. Set a timer or stopwatch for 1 minute.
- Ask the student to begin reading. As the student reads aloud, assess prosody and mark errors and self-corrections on the evaluation copy using the following guides.
- Stop the student when one minute has passed. Take note of the last word the student read.
- Score the passage on the evaluation copy according to the Scoring Guide. Use the following chart to compare grade level norms for words correctly read per minute.

Marking Conventions	
Attempted Word = Substitution Error	✓ = Accurate Word Reading
∧ = Insertion Error	Attempted Word S/C = Self Correction
— Omission Error	R = Repetition
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T = Intervention Error (telling student the word)	

Prosody Rubric		2	3	4	
Expression and Volume	monotone or quiet	some expression	appropriate expression	varied, natural expression	
Phrasing	word-by-word reading	some phrase groupings	generally smooth phrasing	natural, meaningful phrasing	
Smoothness	frequent pauses, starts and stops	occasional breaks	mostly smooth reading	fluent and confident	
Pace	too slow or too fast	uneven pace	generally appropriate pace	consistent, conversational pace	

Grade Leve	el Norms (WC	PM) *					
Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring	Grade	Fall	Winter	Spring
First	0 – 10	10 - 50	30 - 90	Fourth	70 - 120	80 - 130	90 - 140
Second	30 - 80	50 - 100	70 - 130	Fifth	80 - 130	90 - 140	100 - 150
Third	50 – 110	70 - 120	80 - 140	Sixth	90 - 140	100 - 150	110 - 160

<sup>\*</sup> Rasinski Words Correct Per Minute Target Rates

## Fluency Builder: Caring for a Happy Pet Dog

#### **Passage Details**

Grade Level: 1

Reading Level: F&P GRL J

Word Count: 115

### **High-Frequency Words**

a, and, be, it, part

### Suggestions for Use

Increase Exposure to High-Frequency Words

- Before reading, introduce the list of high-frequency words in the passage.
- Find the words in the passage. Highlight or underline the words.

Illustrate and Label Extension Activity

• Have students draw and label items mentioned in the passage.

Link to Writing or Discussion

• Encourage knowledge transfer and personal connection by asking:

"How would you help take care of a pet dog?"

"Why do you think dogs love to play?"

Use for Repeated Readings

Day 1: Teacher reads aloud, then echo read

Day 2: Partner reading

Day 3: One-minute fluency timing and WCPM tracking

Day 4: Performance reading (with expression!)