

Do you have pets at home? How do you take care of them?

Animals are very much a part of our lives. They even help us with our livelihood. They provide us with so many essential things in our daily living.

This module will try to make you understand the importance of animals to man. You will be able to learn that they help us in many ways despite the cruelty they sometimes get from man.

This module will also demonstrate the proper ways of taking care of animals and protecting them. What do animals need? Let us discover and let us know what we should do to protect them.

This module is divided into two lessons:

Lesson 1 — What Will We Do Without You?

This lesson explains the importance of animals to man. In this lesson, you will learn how beneficial animals are to us humans. They provide food, help in different activities, give companionship as pets, and a lot more.

Lesson 2 — If Animals Protested, What Would Happen?

In this lesson, you will learn about the cruelty of men to animals inspite of their being helpful to people. This will open your mind on how to nurture them properly. Proper care and handling of animals will also be discussed.



What Will You Learn From This Module?

After studying this module, you should be able to:

- explain the importance of animals in our daily living;
- identify the different benefits that we get from animals;
- demonstrate the proper care and handling of animals; and
- cite various ways of protecting animals.



Let's See What You Already Know

Before reading the module, answer this test first to assess your understanding about the topics that we will discuss. Read the sentences. Write **correct** if the sentence is true and **wrong** if the sentence is false.

| 1. | Animals are helpful so we must take care of them |
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| 2. | There are some animals that don't do us any good. |
| 3. | Not all animals can be friendly to us. |
| 4. | Animals are man's main food source. |
| 5. | It is wise to have our cats and dogs checked by the veterinarian once in a while. |
| 6. | Animals must be fed with the right kind and amount of food at the right time. |
| 7. | To avoid infection, let the animals die when they are sick. |
| 8. | We celebrate Special Day for Animals to show that we care for them. |
| 9. | It is alright to let dogs stray. |
| 10. | Extinct animals may be seen at the zoo. |

Well, how was it? Do you think you fared well? Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 21–22 to find out.

If all your answers are correct, very good! This shows that you already know much about the topics in this module. You may still study the module to review what you already know. Who knows, you might learn a few more new things as well.

If you got a low score, don't feel bad. This means that this module is for you. It will help you understand some important concepts that you can apply in your daily life. If you study this module carefully, you will learn the answers to all the items in the test and a lot more! Are you ready?

You may go now to the next page and begin Lesson 1.

What Will We Do Without You?

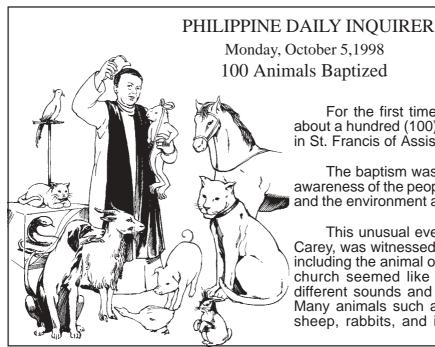
Do you have rats at home? Maybe you should try taking care of a cat. Got problems with burglars? Try getting a dog. Do you remember what you ate for breakfast? The eggs you ate and the milk you drank are produced by animals, too. These are only some of the many benefits that we get from animals.

We will discuss in this lesson the importance of animals to man. After reading this lesson, you should be able to:

- cite the different uses of animals to man; and
- give examples of different animal products and tell where they come from.



Have you heard over the radio or watched on TV the baptismal done on animals last October 1998? Do you know what is celebrated on this day? Read the news clipping below to find out.



For the first time in history, not few but about a hundred (100) animals were baptized in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

The baptism was conducted to uplift the awareness of the people in protecting animals and the environment as well.

This unusual event, led by Rev. Francis Carey, was witnessed by a number of people including the animal owners. For a while, the church seemed like a zoo because of the different sounds and smells of the animals. Many animals such as birds, dogs, snakes, sheep, rabbits, and iguanas were present.

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Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on page 22.

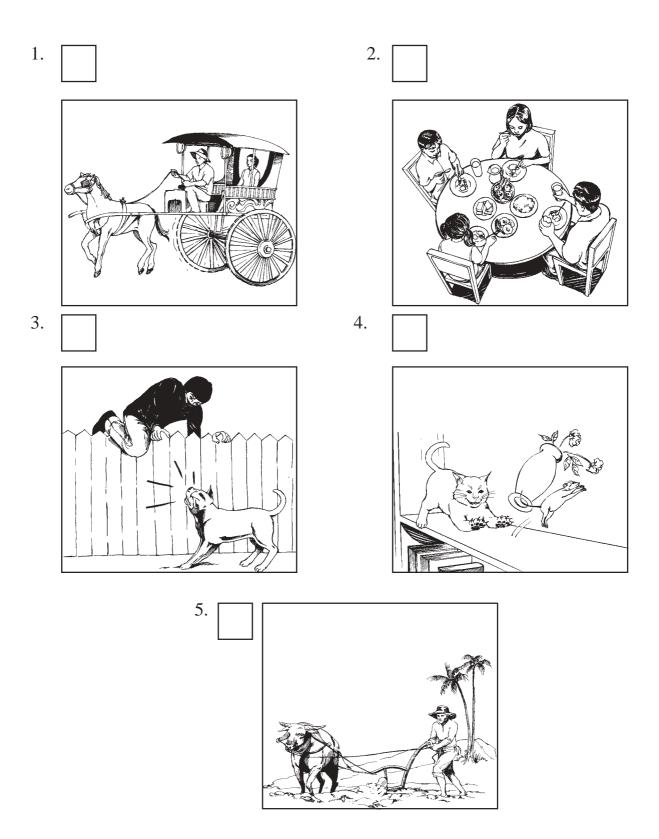


Let's Think About This

To be baptized into a community or a family is to be welcomed into it. The event that was presented in *Let's Read* shows that we are welcoming animals into our community. We realize that animals are important in our lives. Look at your neighborhood. I am sure you or your neighbors have pets or even work with animals like carabaos in tilling the land.

On the next page are some illustrations of the different benefits of animals to man. Can you identify them? Write in the small box the letter of the correct description for each illustration.

- A. Carabaos help farmers till the land for planting.
- B. Animals such as horses are used to transport man and goods.
- C. Animals provide us many different nutritious foods.
- D. Cats are helpful in eliminating pests such as house rats.
- E. Dogs give protection to our family and home.



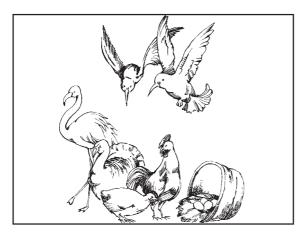
Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on pages 22–23.

Did you get everything correct? If yes, very good! If you had some incorrect answers, don't worry. Just proceed with the lesson to learn more.



Animals help people in many ways. Domesticated animals such as dogs and cats are not only kept as pets. Aside from giving companionship and amusement, they have other special roles in the home. As you have seen in the illustration on page 5, dogs also give protection to its owners and to their homes. I am sure that you have seen and heard your dog barking at strangers. Cats are also useful at home. They chase rats that destroy some of your appliances and nibble on your food.

When visiting the province, do you notice the carabaos and cows in the fields? Carabaos help farmers cultivate the land. Cows, pigs, and chickens are sources of food products. So, they are also sources of income for many. Aside from the meat they provide, we also get milk from cows and eggs from chickens.



Birds are also kept as pets by many people. Many rare birds are colorful and some can even talk! Birds such as ducks and chickens provide us with meat and eggs. Do you know that *balut* comes from ducks? They sure are delicious and healthy!

When you wake up in the morning, do you hear the crow of roosters?

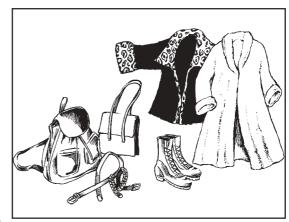
Isn't it amazing? Aside from this,

They provide amusement to many

many people use them for cockfights. They provide amusement to many Filipinos.

The skins of animals are also useful to us. We get wool from sheep and coats from different animal furs. We also get silk from silkworms that make these fibers. Leather, too, comes from animals and they are made into shoes, bags, belts, and other items.

However, not all animals have direct significance in the lives of men. Animals



such as ants and other smaller creatures help in preserving the balance of the ecosystem and the food chain.



Write the kinds of animals you see in your neighborhood. In the opposite column, write down the benefits they provide to man. Examples are given.

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| Example: | |
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| 2. cows | 2. meat (be |
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Compare your answers with those found in the Answer Key on page 23.



Animals are very important in our lives. Here are some of their uses or importance to man:

- Animals provide us food.
- Animals give us protection.
- ♦ Animals help us in our work, such as in farming (the carabao plows the field) and when going to town (we take a horse-drawn carriage).
- Animals can be sources of income.
- Animals provide us with things such as silk, shoes, belts, etc.
- Animals provide companionship as pets.



Let's See What You Have Learned

Construct the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct letters.

- 1. Cats and dogs are kept in the home as pets. Dogs also provide p_ot_c_ on from strangers. Cats chase and kill _ats that are common household pests.
- 2. We get m_l_ from cows and e_ _s from chickens and ducks.
- 3. Carabaos help farmers c__tiv_te the lands for planting.
- 4. Sheep give us w__1 from their fur.
- 5. Animals help _al_nc_ the ecosystem and preserve the f_o_ c_ _in.

Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on page 23.

If Animals Protested, What Would Happen?

They say a dog is a man's best friend. If dogs are our friends, isn't it only right that we love and take care of them? Like people, animals have special needs, too. They need to be taken care of, loved, and protected. We benefit so much from animals. So let us not treat them cruelly. Instead, let us respect their rights. Let us learn how to take care of them and handle them in the best possible way.

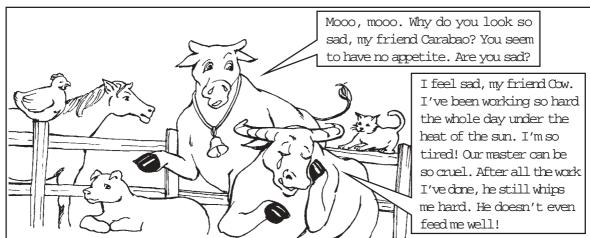
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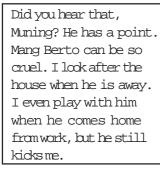
- identify the needs of animals;
- determine what is good or bad for animals;
- explain ways on how to properly care for and handle animals; and
- understand animal conservation.

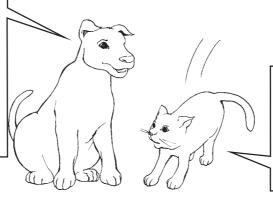


Let's Read

Do you know what a fable is? A **fable** is a story where animals are the characters. The story conveys a moral lesson. Animals in a fable think, talk, and act like people. Below is the story of the animals of Mang Berto. Enjoy reading it!







I guess we all feel the same way. He was never proud of me even when I killed all the rats that would have destroyed his things.

I feel bad, too. I get tired carrying loads and loads of his products. He still whips me.



We chickens always provide him with eggs and meat. But still, we are not properly fed.



There is only one thing we have to do. Let's protest. Let's refuse to work for him. Let's leave him to do all the work! No one will give him food and no one will help him run his farm.

And so the animals started to leave. When Mang Berto saw them . . .

No, don't go! I won't treat you cruelly again! I'll nourish you with enough food and give you what you need!

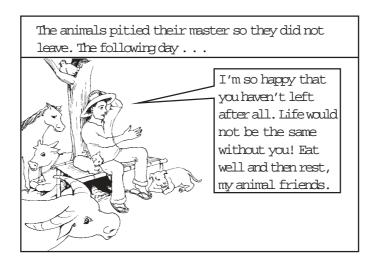


We don't believe you!
We've been trying to
bear all the hardships
you've given us! You do
not appreciate all that
we've done for you. We
provide you food and
help you in your
livelihood but you've
been cruel to us!

I promise I'll
treat you well
this time! I'll
give you
attention, care
and love. Just
don't leave me!



Hey Berto! It's late at night. Who are you talking to? Let's go inside the house now.
We've had a tiring day!





Let's Talk About This

Read the fable again carefully. Answer the following questions. You may want to discuss them with your friends.

| Why were the animals complaining? |
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| What did Mang Berto feel when the animals wanted to leave? |
| If you were one of the animals, would you have complained, too? Why or why not? |
| Do you have animals at home? What are they? |
| How do/does your animal/s help you? |
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Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on pages 23–24.



A **fable** is a short story with animals as the main characters. It also conveys a moral lesson.



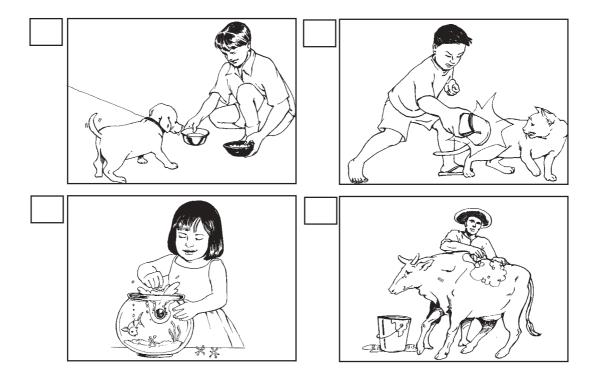
Let's Study and Analyze

You have realized from the fable shown in the comic strips that animals have needs, too. If they could only talk, they would tell you if you've been giving them the proper care and attention they need.

Like humans, animals must get the right treatment to grow healthy and strong. If we do not treat them with proper care, they will become sick and eventually die. We wouldn't want this to happen because animals provide us with so many essential things in our lives.

How should we take care of our animals?

Study the pictures below. Does each of the picture present the proper way of taking care of animals or not? If it is the proper way of taking care of animals, put a check (4) in the box at the left of the picture. If not, put an (8) in the box.





Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on page 25.

The pictures show us some of the right practices of taking care of our animals. The others show the cruelty that we shouldn't be doing.



Let's Learn

How should we take care of our animals?

First of all, we should give them the right kind and amount of food. We should also give them clean water to drink. Different animals have different food requirements just like people. We should first know what kind of food is good for them.

Second, we should provide them a suitable home. We should put them in a place where they will be safe from people and other animals. Cleaning their homes regularly is important. This will keep them from getting sick. If they live in forests, their "home" or habitat should be protected from hunters and loggers.

If you have pets such as dogs and rabbits, it would be good to let them out once in a while. Play and walk them around. That would be good exercise for them, too.



Third, bring them to the veterinarian if they get sick and weak. A veterinarian is a doctor for animals. If they have diseases, give them the proper treatment that the veterinarian has prescribed. Also, have dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies.

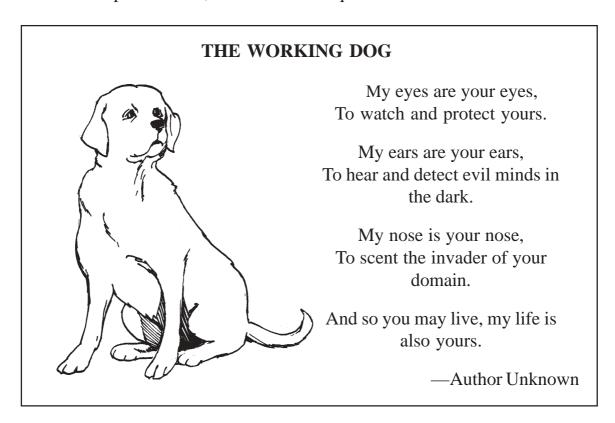
Rabies is a virus that can affect any warm-blooded animal. Whenever someone is bitten by an animal, there is a possibility of rabies infection. It is most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. Rabies can cause death to men and animals.

Finally, show them that you genuinely care for them. Give them the time and attention they are seeking. Like people, they also have feelings.





Read the poem below, then answer the questions that follow.



| What does the poem tell us about dogs? |
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| What is meant by the word "domain"? |
| If you have a pet dog, how should you treat it? |
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Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on page 25.



Let's Talk About This

Have you been to a zoo? Isn't it fun to look at all the different animals? A zoo is a place where different animals are kept. They also have an important role in saving *endangered animals* from becoming *extinct*.

What are endangered animals? What do you mean by extinct?

When we say endangered animals, we refer to the animals that are soon to be extinct. This means that once the remaining animals die, they will never be seen on earth again. They will disappear forever. Animals become extinct when the last kind has died.

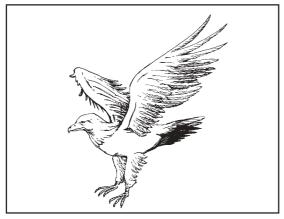
There are many reasons that cause animals to be endangered or even extinct. Can you list some of them?

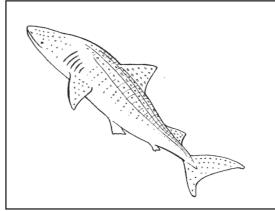
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Thousands of animals become extinct each year. So, there is the need for animal conservation. **Animal conservation** refers to the safekeeping and protection of animals, especially the endangered ones.

| Can you name some animals that are end | langered? |
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The Philippine Eagle and the whale shark are two endangered animals in the Philippines. The Philippine Eagle is found in Davao while the whale shark or *butanding* is found in Sorsogon. Different projects are being done to protect and conserve these endangered animals.





Philippine Eagle

Whale shark or butanding

List some ways which can help conserve endangered animals.

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| 2. | |
| 3. | |

Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on page 26.



Fill in the blanks by encircling the correct word inside the parentheses.

- 1. Animals need (attention, rejection, ignore) and care from us.
- 2. Their (diseases, shelter, food) should be clean and safe from harm.
- 3. Sick animals should be brought to the (psychiatrist, pediatrician, veterinarian) for treatment.

- 4. Animal (cruelty, love, devotion) refers to the unkind and brutal treatment shown to animals.
- 5. (Poison, Rabies, Disease) is a virus that is transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal.
- 6. (Extinct, Dead, Endangered) animals refer to the animals that will soon die out if we do not save them.
- 7. A (zoo, school, forest) is a place where different animals are kept. This has an important role in conserving endangered animals.
- 8. A (fable, fairy tale, poem) is a story where the characters are animals.
- 9. (Bangus, Maya, Butanding) is one of the two endangered animals in the Philippines.
- 10. The (Philippine Eagle, shark, dolphin) is the other endangered animal.

Compare your answers with those found in the *Answer Key* on page 27.



Let's Remember

- ♦ Like humans, animals have needs, too. They need proper care and handling. How should we take care of them?
 - Animals should be given the right kind and amount of food and water.
 - They should have a clean shelter that will keep them safe. They should be allowed to move outside their cages once in a while.
 - Animals should be treated properly for sickness and diseases.
 Bring them to the veterinarian for checkups.
 - Animals should be given enough attention and care.
- Cruelty to animals should be avoided at all costs. Instead, they should be conserved and protected. Many animals become endangered and even extinct every day.

- ♦ Endangered animals are in danger of disappearing soon. Animals become extinct when the last kind has died.
- ◆ A zoo is a place where different animals are kept. It has a role in protecting animals from extinction.

Congratulations! You have almost finished the entire module. To help you remember the important points we have studied, read the module summary on the next page.

Let's Sum Up

Have you hugged your cat today? Have you already fed your chickens? Animals are very beneficial to us. They contribute something for us or serve us every day. Can you still remember what they do for us?

- Animals provide us different kinds of nutritious food.
- Animals protect us and our homes.
- Animals help us eliminate house pests.
- ♦ Animals aid us in our livelihood; they provide us with a source of income.
- Animals help us in our daily work.
- Animals give us companionship and entertainment.
- ◆ Animals provide us with the materials to produce shoes, belts, clothes, etc.

It is obvious that we get so much from animals. In return, do we care for them? Do we keep in mind that they are also living creatures like us? How do we care for them?

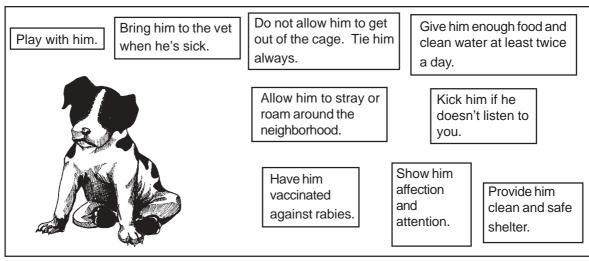
- Animals should be given sufficient food and water.
- They should be provided with a clean and safe place to live in.
- ♦ They should be treated when they are sick. A visit to the veterinarian once in a while is recommended.
- Animals should not be maltreated and harmed physically.
- They should be given attention and affection.

Conservation of animals should be undertaken by all of us. We should stop animal cruelty and fight for their rights.



What Have You Learned?

| A. Put a check mark (4) in the blank if the statement is true. Put a if the statement is false. | | |
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| | 1. | Animals provide us with silk, leather bags, shoes, etc. |
| | 2. | We get meat, eggs, milk, and other food products from animals. |
| | 3. | Animals do not need affection and attention. |
| | 4. | Sick animals should be treated and brought to the veterinarian. |
| | 5. | Animals such as dogs and cats should be given shots against rabies. |
| | 6. | The Philippine Eagle is an endangered animal. |
| | 7. | Endangered animals refer to the animals that are in danger of dying out. |
| | 8. | All animals are directly beneficial to man. |
| | 9. | A zoo houses different kinds of animals. |
| | 10. | Animals help balance the ecosystem and food chain. |
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Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 27–28.



A. Let's See What You Already Know (page 2)

1. Correct

2. Correct

Some animals don't do us any good. Examples of these are pests like cockroaches and parasitic worms. They are harmful to our health.

3. Correct

Wild animals are not friendly to man. Examples are snakes and lions that may attack and harm us.

4. Correct

Man depends on animals for food such as pork, beef, chicken, fish, eggs, cheese, milk, and a lot more.

5. Correct

Animals should be treated when they are sick. Animals may also have diseases that can infect humans. Cats and dogs should be vaccinated against rabies that can kill both man and animal.

6. Correct

Different kinds of animals require different kinds and amounts of food. Know what your animal requires.

7. Wrong

When animals are sick, they should be treated properly. It is recommended that a veterinarian see and properly treat them, so they won't suffer long and die.

8. Correct

Animals' Day is celebrated in some countries. The date of the celebration varies from place to place, but it is usually in October.

9. Wrong

We should not let dogs stray. We should provide our dogs a safe and clean place to stay. If we let them stray, they might get diseases and die.

10. Wrong

Animals that are extinct no longer exist. Animals become extinct when the last kind has died.

B. Lesson 1

Let's Read (pages 3-4)

- 1. I think that the baptism of animals was done to make people value animals. The celebration was held to make people aware that animals have rights, too. Baptizing the animals was in some way an acknowledgement that they are also God's creations. They are living things, too, and we should respect them.
- 2. Here are some possible answers:
 - a. Yes, I would have my pet baptized. I want to join the campaign in making people aware that animals should be protected. I want to take part in showing people that animals have rights, too, and they should be respected.
 - b. Yes, because I want my pet to belong to the same religion that I belong to.
 - c. No, I would not have my pet baptized. The baptism of animals is not necessary. There are other means of making people aware that animals have rights and protection.
 - d. No. I believe that the celebration was disrespectful to the church and to the rites of the church.

Let's Think About This (pages 4–5)

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. E

- 4. D
- 5. A

Let's Try This (page 7)

Here are some possible answers:

- a. cow milk; meat (beef)
- b. goat milk; meat
- c. cat companionship; helps eliminate house pets like rats
- d. fish meat
- e. chicken meat; eggs
- f. honeybees honey
- g. duck meat; eggs
- h. carabao help farmers cultivate the land

Let's See What You Have Learned (page 8)

- 1. protection; rats
- 2. milk; eggs
- 3. cultivate
- 4. wool
- 5. balance; food chain

C. Lesson 2

Let's Talk About This (page 11)

- 1. The animals were complaining because Mang Berto was cruel to them. They did not receive enough food, water, care, and attention despite the things they provided him.
- 2. Mang Berto didn't want his animals to leave him. He realized that his animals were important to him and that they also needed proper care and attention.

3. Here are some possible answers:

- a. Yes, I would have wanted to leave Mang Berto. I work hard to provide him with all the things he needs. I deserve to be treated well. I cannot work for a cruel master. I will die if I am not properly taken care of.
- b. No, I will not leave Mang Berto. I am only an animal and I have to serve him. I should do whatever he wants me to do. I should not expect anything from him.

4. Possible answers:

- a. dog
- b. cat
- c. fish
- d. chicken
- e. cow
- f. carabao
- g. goat
- h. pig

5. Here are some of the animals and their contributions:

- a. dog companionship; protection
- b. cat companionship; helps eliminate house pests
- c. fish meat; decoration
- d. chicken meat; eggs
- e. cow meat; milk
- f. carabao meat; help farmers cultivate land
- g. goat meat; milk
- h. pig meat

Let's Study and Analyze (pages 12–13)



Let's Try This (pages 14–15)

- 1. The poem tells us about the benefits we get from dogs. It tells us that dogs protect us and our homes. From the poem, we learn that dogs are loyal and devoted creatures. They are our friends and protectors.
- 2. The word "domain" refers to our homes and our properties.
- 3. If I have a pet dog, I would treat it with all the love and care I could give. I will give him proper nourishment and a suitable shelter. I will protect him from harm like he protects me. I will see to it that he is always clean and healthy.

Let's Talk About This (pages 15–16)

Here are some possible reasons that cause animals to be endangered or even extinct.

- 1. Overpopulation has left animals with little land on which they can roam freely. Their food source has become limited and they do not have enough space to live in. So, they fight and kill each other.
- 2. Hunting and trading have threatened the lives of many creatures. There are people who hunt birds and other animals for sports and money. Some rare and exotic birds are being traded and shipped to far places. In the process, these birds die.
- 3. Pollution also endangers and causes many animals to become extinct. When we throw our wastes in the water, many fish and sea creatures get poisoned by oil spills or get entangled in fishing lines.
- 4. The use of chemicals threaten the lives of many animals. Some animals are poisoned by the chemicals we use in killing insects and pests.

Below are some things you can do to help conserve endangered animals.

- 1. Recycle. Save your scratch papers. Recycling helps save many trees from being cut down for paper. These trees can then remain as homes for many animals.
- 2. Do not pollute the environment. Keep your neighborhood clean. Throw your trash in the right place.
- 3. Report to the authorities hunting of birds and other animals in your place.
- 4. Help spread or distribute information concerning endangered animals and their conservation. This will increase the awareness of people and their understanding.
- 5. Support and actively participate in organizations that conserve animals

Let's Review (pages 16–17)

- 1. attention
- 2. shelter
- 3. veterinarian
- 4. cruelty
- 5. Rabies
- 6. Endangered
- 7. zoo
- 8. fable
- 9. Butanding
- 10. Philippine Eagle

D. What Have You Learned? (page 20)

- A. 1. (4)
 - 2. (4)
 - 3. (8)

Like us, animals also need affection and attention. They should be taken care of properly. Know their needs, play and spend time with them.

- 4. (4)
- 5. (4)

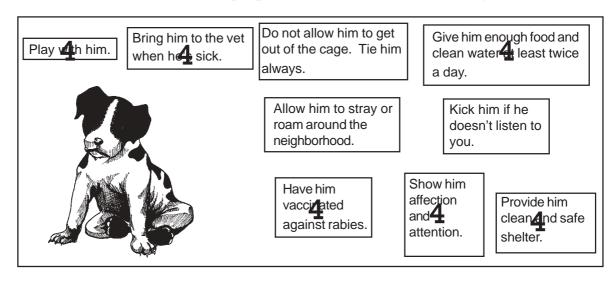
Animals should be vaccinated against rabies to prevent them from infecting humans.

- 6. (4)
- 7. (4)

8. (4)

Not all animals are directly beneficial to man. Cockroaches, rats, flies, and mosquitoes are common pests that are harmful to man. Some tiny animals are not directly beneficial to man but they are also important. They help balance the ecosystem and food chain.

- 9. (4)
- 10. (4)
- B. Your Kuya Mike just got back from the other town. He brought you a cute little puppy. He is white with brown spots. You decided to call him Skip. How will you take care of him? Put a check (4) on the proper ways of taking care of dogs.





Animal conservation The safekeeping and protection of animals, especially the endangered ones

Endangered animals Animals that are at risk of dying out or disappearing completely

Extinct Gone; no longer here on earth

Fable A short story with animals as the main characters; it conveys a moral lesson

Rabies A virus that can infect warm-blooded animals and human beings; it can cause death

Rabid Infected with rabies

Zoo Place where different animals are kept, mainly for display



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