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Pet Owners' Pledge

An extension of "Harry Potter fans are being unkind to owls"

Animals cannot demand any rights nor can they claim equality with humans. But, we know in our hearts that they deserve to be treated kindly and with respect. **"Harry Potter fans are being unkind to owls,"** (page 7, *What's Up* September 2017) tells a sad story of how owls are suffering because many are buying them without regard for their wellbeing. Maybe, some of these people have no idea how to be good to pets. They may not realise that wildlife would be happier being free in their own habitats. Let's help them understand.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Individually, read **"Harry Potter fans are being unkind to owls,"** (page 7, *What's Up* September 2017)
2. Is it important to treat animals well and see that the needs of pets are met? Give reasons for your answers. (If you need more space, use the back of this handout.)

The Pledge

4. Draft a pledge to remind pet owners of their responsibilities.
5. You may use the helping words below, taken from the article, as points for your pledge. Make your pledge comprehensive. Two are done for you as an example. If you have a pet, you may use your pet's name in the pledge instead of 'pet'. It will make it very personal.

responsible	fancy	commitment	time with my pet
exercise	healthy diet	medical attention	grooming
1. My pet is not a toy. It is a living, breathing animal.			
2. I am committed to caring for my pet for all of its life.			

6. Design the pledge on an A5-size paper. Use water colour, oil paint, crayons or any such medium to make it an attractive mini poster. Laminate and display your pledges in your classroom.