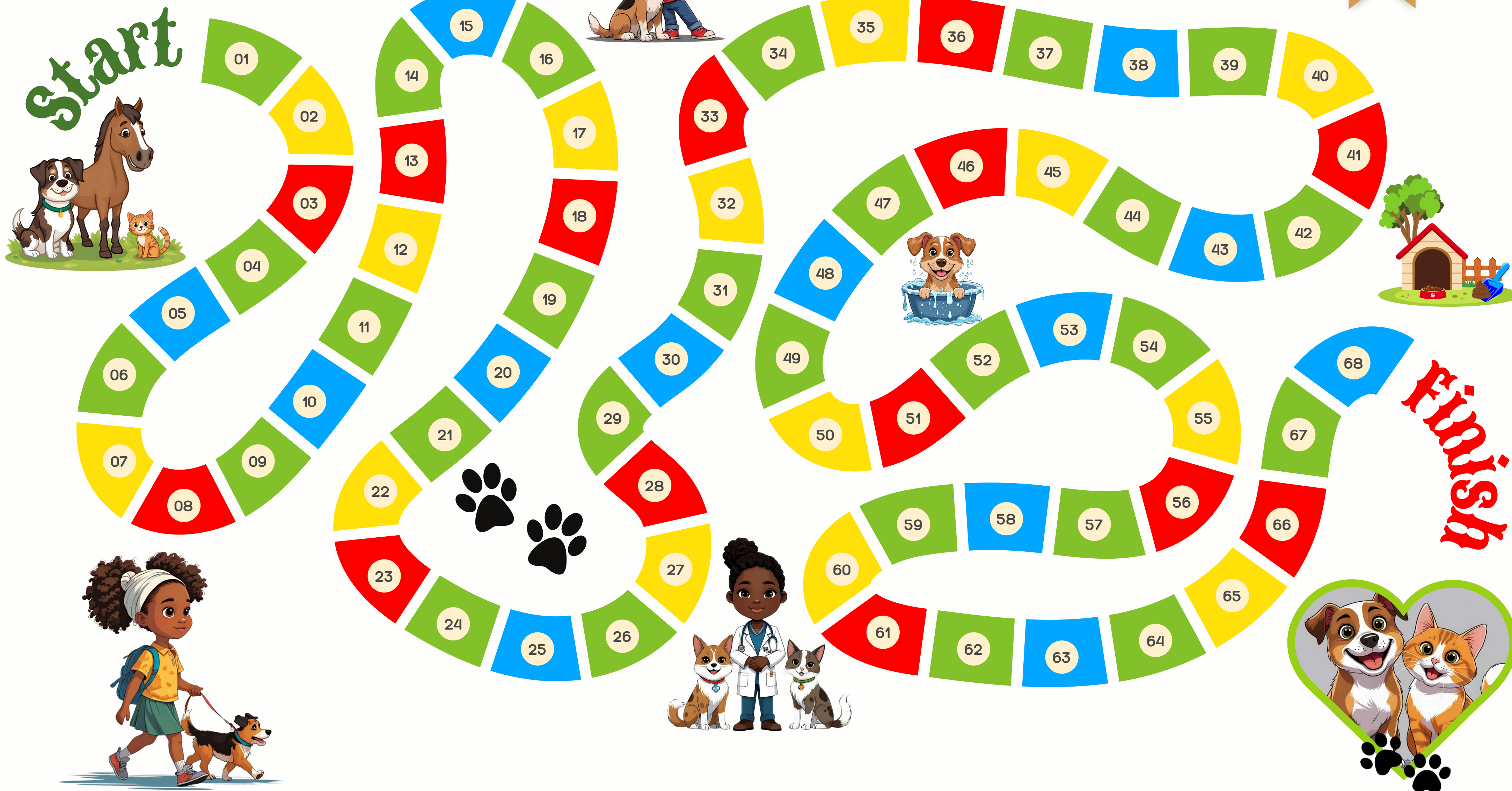




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Get ready for a fun adventure into the world of pets and farm animals! In this exciting board game, you will discover the five domains of animal welfare (nutrition, environment, health, behaviour, and mental state) and find out what pets and farm animals need to live happy lives. Every turn brings fun challenges, and the chance to become a true Animal Hero!

Objectives

The objectives of this game are:

1. To teach children about **responsible animal care** and the **five domains of animal welfare** (nutrition, environment, health, behaviour, and mental state).
2. To encourage **empathy, kindness and compassion** for animals while helping children make connections between their actions and animal well-being.

Materials needed

- **Game board** (printed on A4 or A3)
- **Good pet care actions** (printed on green paper)
- **Lack of pet care actions** (printed on red paper)
- **True or false questions** (printed on yellow paper)
- **Quiz time questions** (printed on blue paper)
- **1 x dice**
- **Game tokens** (different colours)

Game instructions

1. Divide players into teams of two or more.
2. Each team chooses a token. Place it at the starting point on the game board.
3. Teams take turns rolling the dice to move the token forward. Look at the colour of the block the token lands on.
4. Do the following according to the corresponding colour blocks:

 **Green:** The facilitator reads the *good animal care action* corresponding with the number on the block. Discuss the feeling of the animal in this situation. If that team gets the answer correct, they can roll the dice again for ONE more activity. If incorrect, stay there.

 **Red:** The facilitator reads the *lack of pet care action* corresponding with the number on the block. Discuss the feeling of the animal in this situation. If the answer is correct, that team can roll the dice again for ONE more activity. If incorrect, stay there.

 **Yellow:** The facilitator reads the *true or false questions* corresponding with the number on the block. Discuss the correct answer.

 **Blue:** The facilitator reads the *quiz time questions* corresponding with the number on the block. Discuss the correct answer.

Game instructions

5. If the team answers the "true or false" or "quiz time" questions correctly, they can roll the dice again for ONE more activity.
6. If the team is unable to give the correct answer, the teams stays there and the
7. next team takes their turn.
The team who reaches the finish line first, is the winner.

Development of skills

This game develops the following skills:

1. **Knowledge & awareness:** Learners gain practical understanding of animal care and well-being.
2. **Critical thinking:** Questions build reasoning, recall, and knowledge use.
3. **Social skills:** Group play promotes teamwork, sharing, and respect.
4. **Emotional intelligence:** Activities grow empathy and perspective-taking.
5. **Language & literacy:** Answering questions boost vocabulary, comprehension and verbal skills.



GOOD ANIMAL CARE (GREEN BLOCKS)

The facilitator reads the good animal care action corresponding to the number of the green block (on which the token has landed). After reading the statement, the facilitator asks the players of that team: "How will the animal(s) feel in this situation?"

1. Give healthy food to your dog or cat.
4. Give fresh water to your dog or cat every day.
6. Keep goats away from busy roads when they are in an open field.
9. Brush your horse regularly to keep its coat healthy.
11. Provide a dry and warm dog kennel for your dog.
14. Play with your cat in a calm way.
16. Sterilise your dog or cat to prevent overpopulation.
19. Give your dog or cat a positive name.
21. Provide your sheep, cows or goats with enough shade.
24. Clean the chicken coop regularly.
26. Let a horse rest after exercise.
29. Take your dog for regular walks.
31. Let your cat sleep in a warm space.
34. Keep the yard clean and pick up the poop.
37. Give your cat a box or scratch post to scratch on.
39. Get help from an animal welfare organisation or vet if your dog or cat is ill or injured.
42. Keep sheep in groups together.
44. Make sure your dog's water bowl is in the shade on a hot day.
47. Ride your horse in a kind way.
49. Respect a mommy cat with kittens and give her a calm, safe space to nurse the kittens.
52. Provide good fencing to keep your dog safe inside the yard.
54. Comfort your dogs and cats if they are scared of thunder.
57. Wash your dog regularly with dog shampoo.
59. Check your cat or dog for fleas or ticks.
62. Clean your dog's or cat's bowls every day.
64. Provide shade for your dog or cat when it is hot.
67. Treat all animals with respect and kindness.

Examples of how the animals could feel

- Happy
- Loved
- Calm
- Satisfied
- Excited
- Safe
- Relaxed
- Comfortable

LACK OF ANIMAL CARE (RED BLOCKS)

The facilitator reads the lack of animal care action corresponding to the number of the red block (on which the token has landed). After reading the statement, the facilitator asks the players of that team: "How will the animal(s) feel in this situation?"

- 3. Leave your cat or dog hungry without food.
- 8. Leave your dog or cat without fresh water.
- 13. Keep your dog on a short chain where he/she cannot move freely.
- 18. Hitting or hurting animals.
- 23. Grabbing a dog or cat by their legs or neck.
- 28. Hitting a horse with a stick to let him/her go faster.
- 33. Never play with your dog or cat.
- 36. Shout at your dog or cat.
- 41. Never clean your horse's hooves.
- 46. Not helping a cat or dog that is ill or hurt.
- 51. Leave pets outside without shelter in the rain and cold.
- 56. Leave the yard dirty and do not pick up the dog poop.
- 61. Leave animals in the hot sun without shade.
- 66. Leave your dog or cat alone at home without any care.

Examples of how the animals could feel

- Hungry
- Thirsty
- Sad
- Scared
- Hurt
- Anxious
- Uncomfortable
- Lonely
- Bored
- Angry
- Stressed
- Upset
- Unsafe
- Unloved
- Nervous
- Weak

TRUE OR FALSE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (YELLOW BLOCKS)

QUESTION

2. Horses must have their hooves checked daily.
7. Chickens need space to move around and flap their wings.
12. Cats and dogs only need food once a week.
17. It is okay to leave goats or cows unsupervised in a field next to a busy road.
22. It is fine to leave a saddle on a horse all night.
27. Pets need fresh water every day.
32. Sheep are herd animals and like being with other sheep.
35. A dog's paws will not burn on hot cement or tar roads.
40. Brushing horses regularly keeps their coats healthy.
45. Cows and sheep need to eat fresh grass.
50. It is okay to hit pets or animals to make them listen.
55. It is important to give your pet a positive name.
60. You must never walk or stand behind a horse.
65. Chickens need a safe place to sleep at night.

TRUE OR FALSE?

2. **True:** To remove stones/dirt and check for cracks/infection.
7. **True:** It is essential for their physical and mental well-being.
12. **False:** Pets like cats and dogs need healthy food every day.
17. **False:** Goats and cows could get injured or cause car accidents.
22. **False:** It could cause skin irritation, discomfort or injuries.
27. **True:** Fresh water help keep them hydrated and healthy.
32. **True:** An isolated sheep could become anxious and stressed.
35. **False:** Hot surfaces could cause painful burns and blisters.
40. **True:** Brushing removes dirt and improves blood circulation.
45. **True:** Grass is their main food and contains nutrients and fibre.
50. **False:** Hitting pets or animals is never okay and causes fear.
55. **True:** A name improves communication and a strong bond.
60. **True:** Horses can't see behind them and may kick you.
65. **True:** They need a chicken coop to protect them from predators.

QUIZ TIME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (BLUE BLOCKS)

QUESTION

5. What can you do if a dog is limping?
10. Why should animals not be locked up all the time?
15. Why should you care for your pets and animals?
20. Do pets and farm animals have feelings?
25. Why is it important to clean your pet's bowls every day?
30. Why should animals have a clean environment?
38. What happens if animals get fleas or ticks?
43. Why should we be kind to animals?
48. What type of shelter do pets and farm animals need.
53. What should you do if a pet or animal is hurt?
58. What are the benefits of sterilising (neutering) male dogs and cats?
63. Why do animals need deworming medicine?
68. What are the basic signs that a dog or cat might be ill or injured?

ANSWER

5. Check to see if something is stuck in the paw or ask for help.
10. They need space to move and play for their well-being.
15. Pets and animals rely on humans to keep them safe and well.
20. Yes, they can have different feelings like feeling happy, sad etc.
25. To keep germs from spreading and to keep flies away.
30. To keep them healthy and happy.
38. They itch, scratch and can get diseases.
43. Animals are living beings and need love, respect and care.
48. A dry place with shade to shelter from rain, wind, and hot sun.
53. Phone your nearest animal welfare organisation for help.
58. Neutering prevents roaming, fighting, diseases and spraying.
63. To kill worms that make them sick.
68. There could be many signs such as not eating, vomiting, having diarrhea, loss of energy, hiding, crying, struggling to move, having wounds, limping etc.