

## **Piper Picks the Perfect Pet**

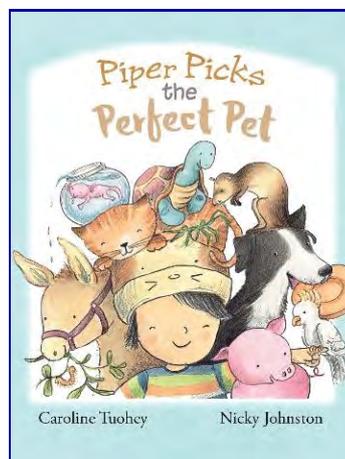
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My dad says I can choose a pet, but I'm not sure which pet to get. A dog, a cat, a fish, a rat? How can Piper pick the perfect pet when there are so many appealing possibilities? Caroline Tuohey and Nicky Johnston's book will appeal to all animal lovers, especially families that have pets or might be in the market for one. Johnston's illustrations are simple and non-fussy, depicting an array of adorable animals being considered for adoption.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

### **Themes:**

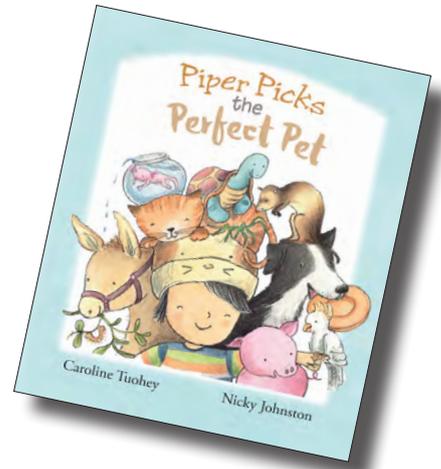
- Family and Relationships
- Pets

### **Discussion Questions and Activities:**

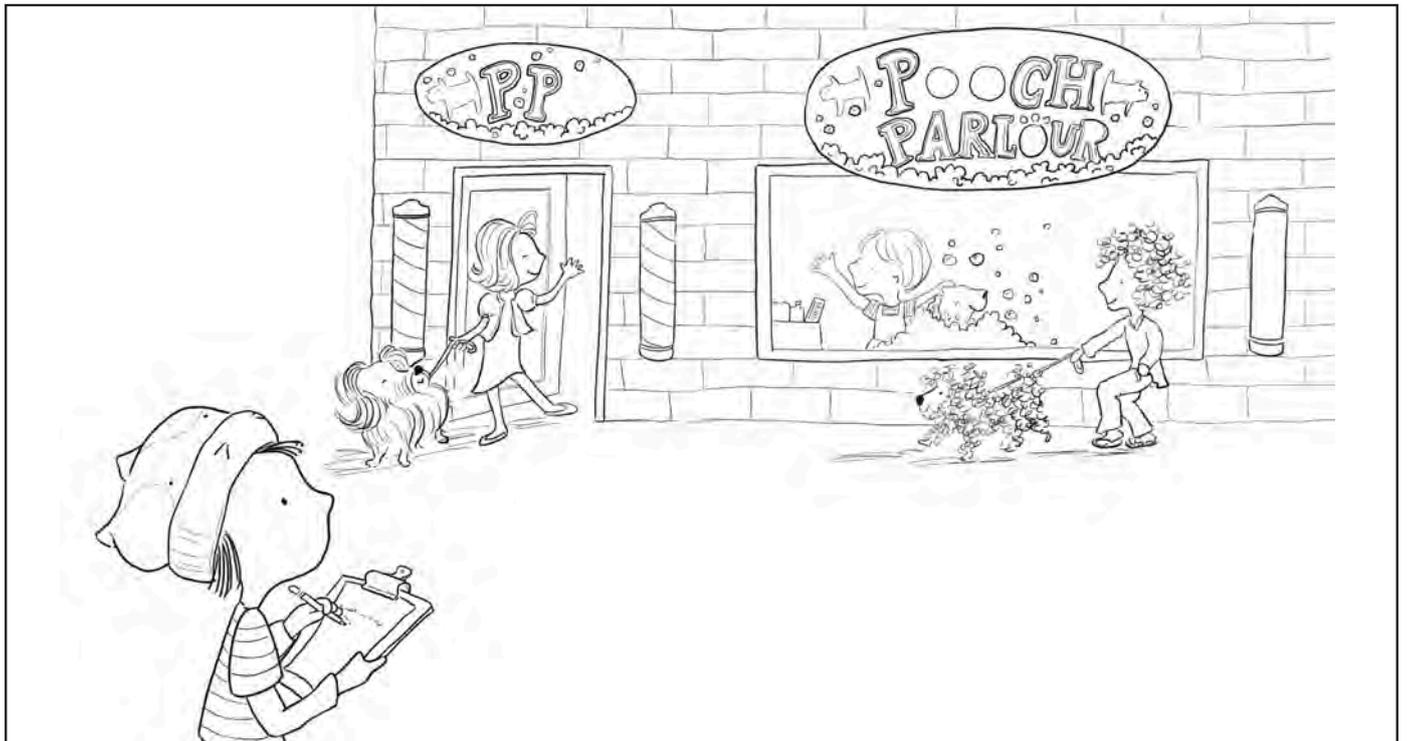
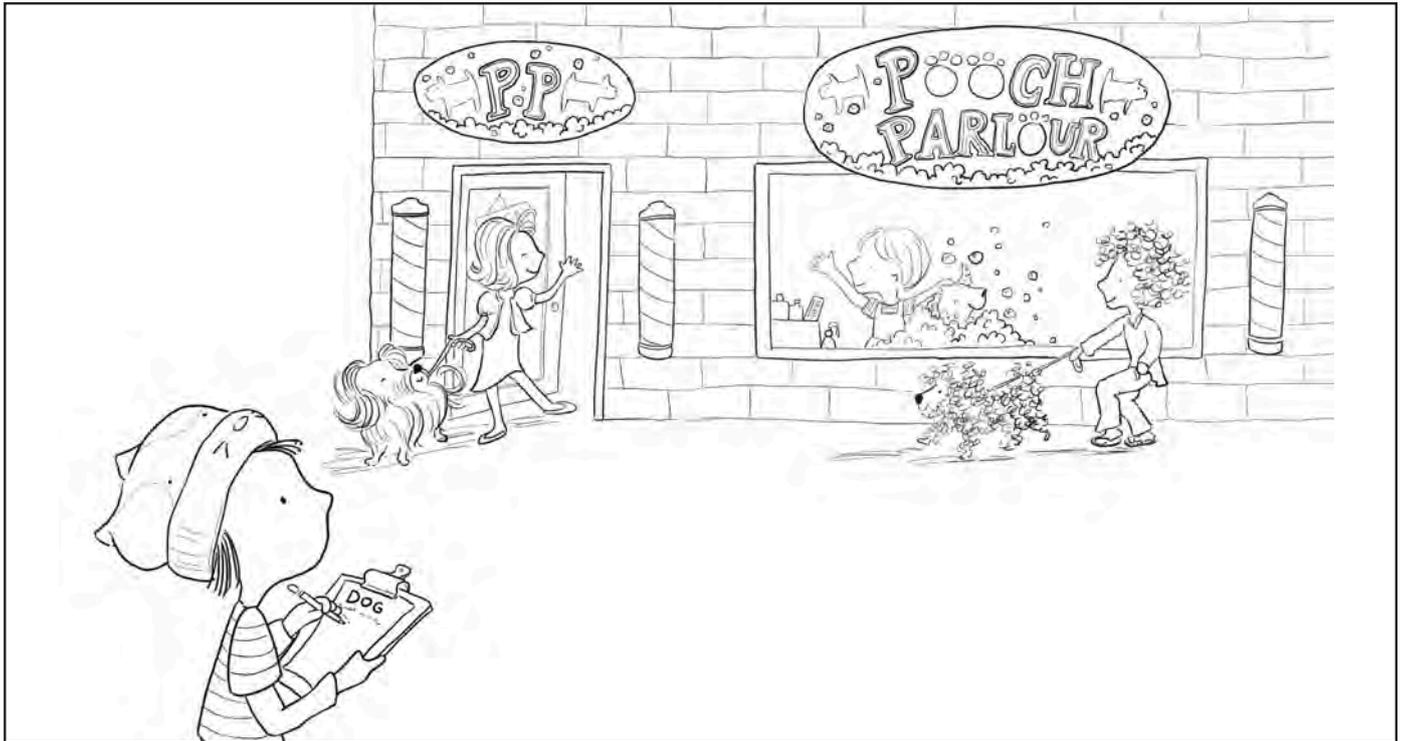
- Looking at the cover, what do you think the story is about?
- After reading the blurb, predict what the story might be about.
- Discuss the different pets people have. What animals can be pets as well as doing other important jobs for humans? Research an animal that does a particular job to help people.
- Write a short description to read to the class about why you love your pet. You can include things such as special or funny things they do, how they make you feel, and why they are great to have around.
- Think of some synonyms for the pets' labels or write your own labels for the different pets.
- Think up your own alphabet of animals and illustrate your three favourite ones.
- Look at all the words that rhyme and write them in pairs.
- Now think of some other rhymes for the three animals you've chosen to illustrate. Then see if you can write two rhyming lines about each animal. For example, I love my new pet zebra, I think I'll call her Debra.
- Create a graph recording the variety of pets belonging to your class. Discuss the results.
- Discuss the benefits of having a pet, what the responsibilities are, what pets need to live a wonderful life. What pets are you allowed and not allowed to keep?
- Complete the Spot The Difference sheet attached.
- Complete the Python colouring sheet attached.

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## Spot the Difference (12)



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