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Puppy Point of View



Crayola Supplies

- So Big® Brushes
- Washable Kid's Paint

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- white paper
- water containers

Why?

What does the world look like to pets? Help children understand how others see things, an important step in learning compassion, from a Puppy Point of View.

How?

1. Have you ever looked out of an upstairs window or airplane? Did things below look smaller? Changing your height changes what you see, or your perspective. Imagine if you were shorter. Think about what your baby sister or brother, or a dog or cat, sees.

2. Pretend you are a puppy or other small creature. Sit on the floor or sidewalk and look around. What do you see? Do people, fences, and buildings seem taller? Do you notice different things about them, such as the smell of leather shoes or tree trunk textures? How do you think it feels to be a puppy?

3. Cover your art area with recycled newspaper. Use Crayola® Washable Kid's Paint and So Big® Paint Brushes to paint your Puppy Point of View. Include details such as clouds in the sky, looming doorways, or carpet textures. Dry.

When and Where Suggestions?

• "This reminds me of cartoons about what dogs hear humans say. My kids added dialogue to our pet's pictures." Chandra B., mom of 4- and 7-year-olds.

• "The baby loved having her brothers on the floor with her. The boys seem nicer to her now!" Cormic T., dad of 1-, 6-, and 7-year olds.

Interesting Information

Dogs sometimes see kids as their equals and may communicate a warning doggie-style with a growl or a nip. Here are some things that dogs want you to know to avoid miscommunication: Always ask a dog's owner if you may pet the dog. Approach a dog from the front or side. Let a dog eat in peace. Respect a dog's space and toys. Avoid teasing or other rough games. Leave fighting dogs alone.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Related Books

All I See by Cynthia Rylant

A Day in the Life of a Puppy by Susan Barrett

Counting on Frank by Rod Clement

Plunk's Dream by Helen Griffth

The Other Way to Listen by Byrd Baylor

Unleashed Poems by Writers' Dogs by Amy Hempel

Related Videos

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Wishbone: Legend of Sleepy Hallow

Wishbone: Bone of Arc

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