

Module 11 - Cats and Dogs

1. Read the transcription for listening 11.1 (p93). Can you fill in the gaps?

Cats started living with people as pets thousands of years ago, and now there are about 500 million (1) _____ cats around the world. Cats are usually very good (2) _____ and can catch mice and small birds - although they often don't eat them, if they can get normal cat food! In fact, they are very (3) _____ animals: on average, they sleep for about (4) _____ hours a day. They also spend a lot of time keeping themselves clean by washing their (5) _____ with their tongues.

Male cats are called (6) _____ and female cats are called (7) _____: female cats are pregnant for about (8) _____ weeks, and usually have between (9) _____ kittens. There are over one hundred breeds of cat, and even a (10) _____ cat called the sphynx cat!

2. Can you compare dogs and cats based on listenings 11.1 and 11.2?

	Dogs	Cats
number		
activities		
breeds		
food		

3. Choose a pet and answer the following questions.

1. What pet is it?

2. Where is it originally from?

3. Describe it.

4. What does it eat?

5. How many hours a day does it sleep?

6. How many breeds are there?



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7. Which breed is the most popular one?

8. What is it good at?

9. Do the female and the male have different names?

10. How long is the female pregnant?

4. Work in groups of three. Find out about their animal. Make some notes in the table.

Questions	Name:	Name:	Name:
What pet is it?			
Where is it originally from?			
Describe it.			
What does it eat?			
How many hours a day does it sleep?			
How many breeds are there?			
Which breed is the most popular one?			
What is it good at?			
Do the female and the male have different names?			
How long is the female pregnant?			



Module 11 Teacher's notes

1. Read the transcription for listening 11.1 (module 11 page 93) and fill in the gaps with what you can remember:

Cats started living with people as pets thousands of years ago, and now there are about 500 million (1) domestic cats around the world. Cats are usually very good (2) hunters and can catch mice and small birds - although they often don't eat them, if they can get normal cat food! In fact, they are very (3) lazy animals: on average, they sleep for about (4) sixteen hours a day. They also spend a lot of time keeping themselves clean by washing their (5) fur with their tongues.

Male cats are called (6) toms and female cats are called (7) queens: female cats are pregnant for about (8) nine weeks, and usually have between (9) two and five kittens. There are over one hundred breeds of cat, and even a (10) hairless cat called the sphynx cat!

2. Can you compare dogs and cats based on listenings 11.1 and 11.2?

	Dogs	Cats
number	53 million in the USA	500 million in the world
activities	help humans and race	catch mice and small birds
breeds	about 150	over 100
food	dog food	cat food

For exercises 3 and 4 answers will vary.

