

WHAT DO **ANIMALS NEED** TO **SURVIVE?**



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A SURVIVAL INVESTIGATION

You just got a new pet! Maybe it's a kitten. Maybe it's a turtle.

There are things you may want for your animal. Maybe you want to add rocks to your turtle's tank. Maybe you want a toy for your kitten. But the animals don't need those things to live. What do the animals need to grow strong and healthy?

All animals need four things to survive. What do you think these four things are?



Let's do an investigation to figure out what animals need. Look at the photos on page 7. Your new pet is a kitten. These photos are things on your shopping list.

Make **observations**. Look carefully and gather information.

Which of these things would help the kitten grow? Which of these things is a place for the kitten to sleep? What is the one thing that is missing? What does your kitten need that you can't buy?



You can't buy air! But animals need air, or oxygen, to breathe. Animals cannot stay alive without oxygen.

The other three things animals need are food, water, and shelter. Your kitten needs food. One photo shows kitten food. It will eat cat food when it grows up. Your kitten needs water to drink. Your kitten also needs shelter. It needs a place to live where it feels safe.

