



13th-19th January

**Can animals  
provide the same  
support to us as  
our friends?**



# British Values



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## Respect

Some people choose to dedicate their lives to helping others. In Syria, a few people have remained in difficult conditions to help look after cats that have been left behind.

# What's going on this week?

Over the past 9 years, millions of people have fled their homes in Syria because of the ongoing war and conflict happening there. Many people left their homes and belongings behind, including their pets.

Mohammad Aljaleel from the city of Aleppo is one of the few who have remained and looks after thousands of abandoned cats. The smaller Syrian town of Kafr Nabl, is now home to more cats than people.

Humans and cats provide comfort to one another in hard times. Salah Jaar, another man who has remained in Syria to help look after the stray cats, finds them a huge help in what must be a difficult place to be.

# Listen, think, share

KS1- Record a list of animals on the board. Which animals do people often keep as pets? Do you have any animals in your home? Where might you find or see some of the other animals recorded in your list?

KS2-Record a list of some of the ways humans use animals e.g. for food and clothes, as a pet, for transport, for scientific testing, for entertainment etc. Do you think animals should be used for these things?



- Guide dogs – These are dogs specifically trained to help people with little or no sight. They can help their owners avoid obstacles including ones that are head height such as branches. They can help find items in the house and allow people to become much more independent.
- Horses – Although many people ride horses as a hobby, some people still use them as a method of transport. They can also be used on farms to gather sheep or pull machinery.
- Elephants – In Asia, elephants were trained for forestry operations. They would lift and drag logs. There are still some of these elephants working like this today, but most have now been replaced with machinery.

# Listen, think, share

- Write the question ‘Should animals and humans be treated equally?’. Discuss your opinions with a partner.
- Talk about if it is
- possible for animals and humans to be equal. What might need to change in order for this to happen? If animals were no longer used for clothing or food, how might that affect you?

# Reflection



Animals can be trained to carry out specific jobs, which can help make things easier for people. It is important that these animals are all cared for and looked after properly.