MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK
PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Bad Dog
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Related Books:

I Don’t Want to Be a Frog by Mike Boldt
Where Are My Books? by Debbie Ridpath Ohi
Princess Puffybottom... and Darryl by Susin Nielsen, illustrated by Olivia Chin Mueller
Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Christian Robinson
Oi Cat! by Kes Gray, illustrated by Jim Field
Pug Meets Pig by Sue Lowell Gallion, illustrated by Joyce Wan
They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel
Dog vs. Cat by Chris Gall
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy by Mo Willems

Rhymes:

“Five Little Kittens” Fingerplay
One, two, three, four, five (show the count with your fingers)
Five little kittens standing in a row.
They nod their heads to the children, so. (bend fingers like you're nodding)
They run to the left. (wiggle fingers to left)
They run to the right. (wiggle fingers to right)
They stand and stretch in the bright sunlight. (stretch fingers wide)
Along comes a dog (move other hand close to fingers) Looking for some fun.
MEEEEEEOOOOOOWWWW!!!
See those kittens run! (hand goes behind back)

“Soft Kitty”
Soft kitty,
Warm kitty,
Little ball of fur.
Happy kitty,
Sleepy kitty,
Purr, Purr, Purr

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Songs:

“If You’re a Pet and You Know It”
(Tune: If You’re Happy and You Know It)
If you’re a doggie and you know it say, “Woof, woof”.
If you’re a doggie and you know it say, “Woof, woof”.
If you’re a doggie and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you’re a doggie and you know it say, “Woof, woof”.
(Repeat with kitty/meow, fishy/blub, hamster/run in place, bird/tweet, or any other pets)
Source: https://sunflowerstorytime.com/2013/10/17/pets/ (Sunflower Storytime)

“I’m a Little Kitty”
(Tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”)
I’m a little kitty cat
Nice and sweet
Here are my whiskers
and here are my feet
When I go out hunting, mice beware
Or you might just have a scare!
Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKqWugm9-AE (Jbrary)

“Kitty Pokey”
(Tune: “Hokey Pokey”)
You put your front paws in, you take your paws out
You put your paws in and you shake them all about
You do the kitty pokey and you turn yourself around, meow!
That’s what it’s all about!
(Continue with back paws, tail, whiskers, ears, whole self, etc.)

“The Paws on the Dog”
(Tune: “The Wheels on the Bus”)
The paws on the dog go trot, trot, trot
Trot, trot, trot, trot, trot, trot
The paws on the dog to trot, trot, trot
All day long!
Other verses:
The ears on the dog go flop
The tail on the dog goes wag
The nose on the dog goes sniff
The bark from the dog goes woof
Source: https://bit.ly/2Mklw3y (Madelyn’s Library Programming blog)
Activities:
(If you don’t want to make cats out of felt, you could easily just print and laminate some clipart cats! And it could easily be adapted to puppy dogs as well!)

Wash the Dogs Sensory Activity: Incorporate sensory play with this activity about keeping your pets clean! Link: https://www.pre-kpages.com/pet-sensory-activity-wash-dog/

Feed the Dog Counting Activity: https://www.pre-kpages.com/feed-the-dog-counting-activity/
(This could easily be adapted using whatever materials you have available to you. For instance, if you don’t have 3D bones, just make some using clipart or paper.)

Make your own kitty cat ears with this fun headband craft:

Learn about pet homes with this matching game:

Make a cute cat paper bag puppet craft:
https://gluesticksgumdrops.com/cat-paper-bag-puppet/

Cats vs. Dogs: Debate the merits of cats and dogs and then let kids vote on which animal is their favorite. You could create a pro/con list and have kids tell you what they think are the best things about dogs and cats. Then, let them vote on their favorite by using a paper ballot or having them raise their hand. This could also be done virtually with a Google Form!

Have a pet show-and-tell: Ask kids questions about pets that they have (or if they don’t have any, pets that they would want). They could show pictures of their pets, or show them on camera if this is done virtually.

Partner with a local organization: You could partner with a local adoption center or animal shelter to talk to kids about pet adoption, host an animal care drive and collect donations, tour an animal shelter, or even host an “Adopt-a-Pet” Day. You could also have a veterinarian or vet student talk to kids about pet care. These could also be adapted to be virtual!

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