

Willie the Whistling Duck Discovers Our City in Nature

A Pre-school Educational Resource About Sharing Our Home with Animals
and the Community in Singapore, Our City in Nature

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Follow Willie the Whistling Duck as he explores our City in Nature and discovers the people, native animals and pets that live here. There is much to learn about what we should and should not do around animals! By the end of his journey, Willie learns that all of us have to play our part to ensure our urban ecosystem remains livable for all. What can we do to make our green city a more comfortable place to live in? Watch the video to find out!

Prompting Questions (before playing the video)

1. Which parks, nature reserves and gardens have you visited? Tell us about your favourite one and why.
2. What can you usually find in our parks and gardens?
3. Name and describe some of the animals and plants you can spot during your journey to and from school.
4. What do you usually do when you see an animal?

Discussion Questions (after playing the video)

1. What are native animals?
2. Why should you not feed wild animals and birds (pigeons, mynas, crows, etc.)?
3. What happens when wild animals continue to eat the food that they can find in their natural homes?
4. What may happen if you leave uneaten food behind at hawker centres?
5. Should you bring your pets to the nature parks and nature reserves? Why not?
6. What is one thing you will do to help care for the people, animals and plants that share our City in Nature?

Extension Activity

Visit a park, garden, nature park or nature reserve with your parents. Draw a wild animal that you spotted during your visit. Use the artwork to do a show-and-tell, and share with the class one thing you will or will not do to care for this animal.

Willie the Whistling Duck Understands Responsible Pet Ownership

Willie the Whistling Duck is a native animal. That means he's a Singaporean! Living in our City in Nature, Willie discovers that there are also other animals that are found here — animals we keep at home called 'pets'. Join Willie as he learns how to take good care of pets and what it means to be a responsible pet owner. Through this, Willie learns that pets depend on their owners to care for them for life, and keep them safe and healthy.

Prompting Questions (before playing the video)

1. What are some animals that you can keep as pets in Singapore?
2. Tell us about the pets you see or have at home. What is one interesting thing you have noticed about them?

3. In what ways do you think pets depend on their owners?
4. In what ways should owners care for their pets?
5. How often should owners spend time with their pets?

Discussion Questions (after playing the video)

1. Why does a rabbit need to have its hair brushed regularly?
2. What must you do to have a happy and healthy rabbit?
3. How often should a terrapin's tank be cleaned?
4. What do you need to do when terrapins get bigger?
5. What is one thing that hamsters need in their cage? Why?
6. Why is it important to spend time with your pet? How do you become friends with your pet?
7. What should you do before getting a pet?
8. Who do pets depend on to care for them?

Extension Activity

Draw a pet and share with the class one thing you need to do to take care of it. Students with pets can take a photo of their pets and do a show-and-tell with the class.

Willie the Whistling Duck Learns to be a Considerate Neighbour

Willie the Whistling Duck is eager to learn how we can share this home with the people and animals that live here. From picking up after your pets, training them and bringing them to the vet to keep them healthy, Willie discovers that there are many things we can do to care for our pets and the community at the same time! On this journey, Willie learns that we must all make an effort to keep Singapore a pleasant home for everyone. Watch this video to learn more!

Prompting Questions (before playing the video)

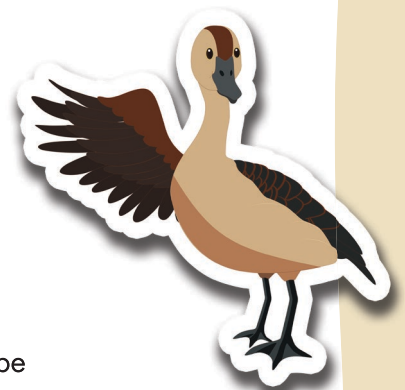
1. All animals make sounds. What are some of the familiar sounds that you hear from animals every day?
2. What are some of the good habits you have observed from other people during your visits to the park?
3. What are some of the things you can do to show your neighbours that you care?

Discussion Questions (after playing the video)

1. How should you train your pets to do the right thing?
2. Why is it important to listen to your pets?
3. Why should owners always pick up after their pet dogs?
4. What is an animal doctor called?
5. What services do vets provide? What do they usually check?
6. When should you bring your pets to visit the vet?

Extension Activity

Perform a short skit on what you can do to take care of your pets and be considerate to your neighbours in the community. You can choose to re-enact a particular scene from the video or explore other relevant topics. Seek help from your teacher if you need guidance.



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