TOPIC: Small Animals: Introduction

Key Learning: Students will be able to explain how wild animals became domesticated.

Unit Essential Question

How did animals become domesticated and how do we organize them?

CONCEPT: Classification System

CONCEPT: Domesticated animals

CONCEPT: Progression of wild animals to pets

Lesson Essential Questions:

What wild animals do our house pets come from?

How were wild animals domesticated?

Why have temperaments changed with domestication?

Lesson Essential Questions:

Why is a classification system essential to scientists?

How is the classification system utilized?

How is the classification system organized?

Lesson Essential Questions:

What is selective breeding & how is it used?

What traits from wild animals still remain in domesticated animals?

What purposes do/did domesticated animals serve?

Vocabulary: domestication, traits, genes, selective breeding

Vocabulary: kingdom, phylum, class, order, genus, species, family

Vocabulary: dominant, recessive