



Pets

Green 2 Troops – Brownie Pets Badge

Goal: Learn how to care for pets while protecting the planet — no waste, no fluff (except for actual fluffy animals).

Step 1: Find Out What Care Pets Need

Create a “*Pet Care Zine*” using one sheet of scrap paper (folded into a mini-book).

- Draw or write the basic needs of a pet: food, water, love, exercise, grooming, vet visits.
 - Use old magazines or catalogs to find pet pictures and glue them in, or sketch your own.
 - Share with a friend or family member to teach them what you learned.
 - **No waste tip:** Use reused paper, crayons/pencils you already have, and skip any single-use materials.
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Step 2: Keep a Pet Comfortable

Design a cozy “*upcycled pet bed*” for a favorite toy or plush animal.

- Use an old shirt and stuff it with fabric scraps, clean socks, or other soft reused materials.
 - Or fold a blanket into a nest — no sewing required.
 - **No waste tip:** Everything must come from around the house. No purchasing or throwing away.
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Step 3: Help a Pet Stay Healthy and Safe

Roleplay a “Pet Vet Check” using recycled materials.

- Use a cardboard box or egg carton as a vet station.
 - Check your toy pet’s heartbeat, paws, eyes, and tail.
 - Create reusable “vet forms” on scrap paper or dry-erase boards.
 - **Girl-led twist:** Let the Brownies create their own diagnosis cards or pet health posters.
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Step 4: Make a Pet Feel Loved

Craft a no-waste toy for a real pet (yours or a shelter pet).

- Dog: Braided toy made from old t-shirts.
 - Cat: Toilet paper roll puzzle toy or felt mouse.
 - Bunny/Guinea Pig: Cardboard tunnel made from shipping boxes.
 - **Community tie-in:** Collect extra toys (if permitted) and deliver to a local shelter.
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Step 5: Feed a Pet

Create a *pet feeding plan* for a week — no real food needed!

- Use drawings, stickers, or reusable tokens to show meals, water, and treats.
 - Make a feeding tracker from a cereal box or other reused cardboard.
 - **At-home extension:** If you have a real pet, help feed and water them all week — track it on your chart.
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Green² Bonus Challenge (Optional):

Adopt a Wild “Pet” (Symbolically!)

- Research an endangered species. Create a fact sheet using only reused materials.
- Tell how we can help them stay safe and healthy in the wild.
- Share it with your troop or family.

Troop Leader Reminder:

To qualify for the Green² patch, **please document your waste-free badge work** with a short write-up and at least one photo. Submit using the Green² Patch Request Form.