



# Playgroup SA

## *Playgroup Weekly Session Planner*

*Dogs*

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# CRAFT ACTIVITY

Dogs are thought to be Man's Best Friend. Puppies are born not being able to see or hear, it takes a few weeks before they can see, and then another week before they can hear.

**Craft activity:** Paper Bag Puppy Puppet

**Children will need:** A brown paper bag, black or brown paper, or any scrap material – patterned or textured for his ears, Texas/pencils/crayons, scissors, and glue.

**Instructions:** Cut out two floppy ear shapes out of the card/paper or material. Draw some eyes, mouth and tongue onto the front of the paper bag. Then glue on the Puppy's ears.

**COVID Safe suggestions:** Set up individual craft stations, for social distancing, and wipe over items used and table before setting up for the next child. Or make up a craft pack for the children to take home.

## Extension ideas:

Cut out patches of material or patterned card for the children to add to their Puppies, to give their puppies spots or patches. Give the puppy a tail using a pipe cleaner or cut thin strips of paper/card, make small folds to give the tail 3D affect.

**Fact:** The first animal in space was a Dog called Laika who went up on a Russian spacecraft called Sputnik in 1957 that orbited the earth.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Set up a dog obstacle course with jumps, tunnels and let the Children and their Puppy Puppets run/walk the course like they do in Dog Shows at the Royal Show.



# GROUP TIME IDEAS

Ask the Children to bring in photos of their Dogs or favourite pet and encourage them to tell everyone about their pet and what they mean to them. Count how many have dogs and how many other pets the group has.



A puppy having a cuddle

# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey – there are many books in this series.  
Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell

