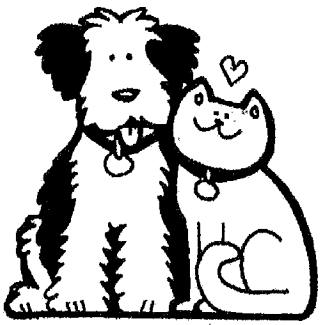
Teacher's box: Use this activity when discussing responsible pet care.

Name _____

# Visit from a Vet

Hi! Joe Sly, private eye, here. Help me crack "The Case of the Visiting Vet." Here's the situation. Dr. Hart, a local veterinarian, visited our school yesterday. She asked the following question:



What one thing can you do to make your cats and dogs...

- less likely to bite?
- less likely to roam, run away, or get into fights?
- less likely to spray and mark their territory?
- become better, friendlier companions?
- AND live longer, healthier lives?

Use the grid to find the answer. Each letter in the alphabet has its own two-digit number. The first number marks the *row* in which you'll find the letter. The second number marks the *column* it's in. We've done the first one, 44, for you. (We found row four, then followed it across to column four. The letter in that box is S.)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A | B | C | D | E |
| 2 | F | G | H | I | J |
| 3 | K | L | M | N | O |
| 4 | P | Q | R | S | T |
| 5 | U | V | W | X | Y |

We can S ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ them!

44 41 11 55 35 43 34 15 51 45 15 43

Using the grid above, make up your own puzzling pet puzzle. Challenge family and friends to crack the code!

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