

Pigs as Pets



Pet dogs can cost a lot of money. Owning a pet dog is good for you. It is a friend. Stroking it helps you to relax. Walking is also good exercise.

If you do not like dogs, would you like a Kune Kune pig as a pet? Kune Kunes (pronounced Kooney Kooneys) are little pigs. They are fat and round. Kune Kunes are about 60cm tall and weigh 54kg. They come in many different colours.

Forty years ago there were not many Kune Kunes left. Today, they are not in danger.

They make great pets. They are also very cute. They look different from dogs as well.

TYPHOON CLUB ANALYSIS

Level	1
Word Count	110
Characters per word	3.9
Words per sentence	7.3



THEMATIC VOCABULARY

breeding	countryside	house-trained	hairy	extinct
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LEVEL ONE QUESTIONS

1. Why is owning a pet dog good for you?
2. What is a Kune Kune?
3. Describe a Kune Kune.
4. When were there only a few Kune Kunes left?
5. Why are Kune Kunes great pets?
DISCUSSION QUESTION: Would you like a pet pig?

WRITING TASK
Explain whether you would prefer to have a dog or a Kune Kune as a pet.

1. Owning a pet dog is good for you as it is a friend. Stroking it helps you to relax, and walking a dog is good exercise.
2. A Kune Kune is a type of little pig.
3. Kune Kunes are fat and round and can come in many different colours. They are about 60cm tall and weigh 54kg.
4. There were not many Kune Kunes left forty years ago.
5. Kune Kunes are great pets as they are very cute and look different from dogs.

LEVEL ONE SUGGESTED ANSWERS

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Pet dogs can cost their owners lots of money. But keeping a pet dog is good for your health. A pet dog is a friend. Stroking a pet helps you relax. Walking your pet helps you to exercise. If you do not like dogs, what pet would you like to have?

Would you like to have a Kune Kune pig as a pet? Kune Kunes (pronounced Kooney Kooneys and meaning fat and round) are little pigs. They come from New

Zealand. Kune Kunes are about 60cm tall and weigh 54kg. They are hairy, and come in many colours.

Forty years ago there were not many Kune Kunes left. Eighteen Kune Kunes were found in New Zealand's countryside. This was enough for a breeding programme.

They make great pets, and love to be with humans. They are also very cute. They look different from dogs, too.



TYPHOON CLUB ANALYSIS

Level	2
Word Count	149
Characters per word	4.0
Words per sentence	8.8

THEMATIC VOCABULARY

breeding	countryside	house-trained	hairy	extinct
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LEVEL TWO QUESTIONS

1. What are the benefits of owning a pet dog?
2. Describe a Kune Kune.
3. Why did Kune Kunes need a breeding programme?
4. How many Kune Kunes were found in New Zealand?
5. Why are Kune Kunes good pets?
DISCUSSION TOPIC: Do you think it is right to keep pigs as pets?

WRITING TASK
Explain whether you would prefer to have a dog or a Kune Kune as a pet.

1. Owning a pet dog is good for your health. A dog can be your friend, stroking it helps you to relax and walking a dog is good exercise.
2. Kune Kunes are little pigs. They are 60cm tall and weigh 54kg. They are hairy and come in many different colours.
3. Kune Kunes needed a breeding programme as forty years ago there were not many left.
4. Eighteen Kune Kunes were found in the New Zealand countryside.
5. Kune Kunes are good pets because they love to be with humans. They are very cute and look different from dogs.

LEVEL TWO SUGGESTED ANSWERS

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When you go outside you may see people taking their dogs for a walk. Pet dogs can cost their owners thousands of dollars.

Keeping a pet dog is good for your health. A pet dog is a friend. Stroking a pet helps you relax. Walking your pet helps you to exercise. Today, many people want to have a pet cat or a dog. What happens if you want something different?

Would you like to think about having a Kune Kune pig as a pet? Kune Kunes (pronounced Kooney Kooneys and meaning fat and round) are little pigs. They come from New Zealand. Kune

Kunes grow to about 60cm in height and weigh up to 54kg. They are hairy, and come in many colours including brown, black and spotted.

Forty years ago there were not many Kune Kunes left. Two national park owners wanted to make sure Kune Kunes did not become extinct. They searched New Zealand's countryside and found 18 Kune Kunes. This was enough to start a successful breeding programme.

They make great pets. They like attention, and love to be with humans. You can see from the photographs that they are very cute. They are also different from any dog you have ever seen.

Kune Kunes are also delicious to eat! If you do not enjoy keeping one, you could eat roast pork for lunch!



TYPHOON CLUB ANALYSIS

Level	3
Word Count	231
Characters per word	4.2
Words per sentence	10.0

THEMATIC VOCABULARY

breeding	countryside	house-trained	hairy	extinct
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LEVEL THREE QUESTIONS

1. How is a pet dog good for your health?
2. What does Kune Kune mean?
3. Describe a Kune Kune.
4. How did the national park owners make sure the Kune Kunes never became extinct?
5. Describe how Kune Kunes make good pets.
DISCUSSION TOPIC: Discuss your views on eating animals that are pets?

WRITING TASK
A few months ago, you purchased what you thought was a baby Kune Kune. It is now 80cm high, weighs 80kg, is still growing and it is very unfriendly. Write a letter to the person who sold it to you explaining that you think a mistake may have been made.

1. A pet dog is good for your health as it is a friend, stroking it helps you to relax and walking a dog is good exercise.
2. Kune Kune means 'fat' and 'round'.
3. A Kune Kune is a little pig that comes from New Zealand. They are about 60cm tall and weigh 54kg. They are hairy and come in many colours, including brown, black and spotted.
4. The national park owners made sure the Kune Kunes never became extinct by searching the New Zealand countryside and finding eighteen of them. They then began a successful breeding programme.
5. Kune Kunes are good pets as they like attention and love being with humans. They are also very cute and look different from dogs.

LEVEL THREE SUGGESTED ANSWERS

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As you walk down any street there is a strong chance that you will see at least one or two people taking their dog for a walk. Many of the dogs you will see will be expensive breeds that have cost their owners thousands of dollars. It sometimes looks as if pet owners are competing with one another to own the most expensive or luxurious pet. Maybe it's time to make a change?

Many people believe that keeping a pet is good for your health. The pet becomes a friend; stroking a pet is relaxing and walking your pet means you are able to exercise regularly. But everyone these days seem to have a pet cat or a dog. What happens if you want to be different?

Your answer may come in the form of a Kune Kune pig. Kune Kunes (pronounced Kooney Kooneys and meaning fat and round) are tiny little pigs that come from New Zealand. Kune Kunes grow to about 60cm in height and can weigh up to 54kg. They are hairy animals and come in a number of different colours including ginger, brown, black and spotted.

Forty years ago there were very few Kune Kunes left in New Zealand, but two national park owners decided they would like to try and make sure the little pigs did not become extinct. They went searching around the wild countryside of New Zealand and were able to catch 18 Kune Kunes, which was enough to start a breeding programme.

The breeding programme went very well and in 1992 some Kune Kunes were sent to England where another successful breeding programme began.

They make great little pets. They can be house-trained, they like attention and love the company of humans. You can see from the photographs that they look very cute and are certainly different from even the most expensive breed of dog found in Hong Kong. What's more, if you find that you do not enjoy keeping a Kune Kune, it is said their meat is very tasty. Roast crispy pork for lunch anyone?



TYPHOON CLUB ANALYSIS

Level	4
Word Count	350
Characters per word	4.2
Words per sentence	17.5

THEMATIC VOCABULARY

breeding	countryside	house-trained	hairy	extinct
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LEVEL FOUR QUESTIONS

1. Why would you want something other than a cat or a dog as a pet?
2. Describe the benefits of having a pet.
3. Explain how Kune Kunes are the same as dogs.
4. How did the national park owners make sure Kune Kunes did not become extinct?
5. Provide evidence that Kune Kunes make great pets.
DISCUSSION TOPIC: Discuss your thoughts on pigs being kept as pets?

WRITING TASK
A few months ago, you purchased what you thought was a baby Kune Kune. It is now 80cm high, weighs 80kg, is still growing and it is very unfriendly. Write a letter to the person who sold it to you explaining that you think a mistake may have been made.

1. You might want something other than a cat or a dog as a pet as many people already have cats and dogs. Dogs can also cost their owners thousands of dollars. Having a pet is good for your health.
2. Having a pet is good for your health. The pet becomes your friend, stroking a pet is relaxing and walking your pet means you are able to exercise regularly.
3. Kune Kunes are the same as dogs as they are hairy animals and come in different colours. They can also be house-trained, like attention and love the company of humans.
4. The national park owners made sure Kune Kunes did not become extinct by searching around the wild countryside of New Zealand and catching eighteen Kune Kunes. This was enough for them to start a breeding programme.
5. Kune Kunes are great pets as they like attention and love the company of humans. They can be house-trained, they look very cute and they are different.

LEVEL FOUR SUGGESTED ANSWERS