



## Pet Lifespan Activity...

**Directions:** In this module, you have met Val (the cat), Angela (the fish), Cracker, (the parrot), Midnight (the black lab puppy), Hatch (the duckling), and Hopper (the rabbit). Imagine that you are a person who is looking for a pet. You visit your local animal shelter, and these 6 animals are the ones for adoption at this time. Please think about their needs, your needs, and your ability to care for that pet for a long period of time. Will your life in a few years be the same as it is now? Will you still have the ability and the desire to care of these animals in a few years? Can you support this animal and care for it throughout its life? Think about all of these questions, and then pick which animal (if any) you could adopt and make a long-term commitment to. Next to each animal, tell the reasons you could or could not adopt that animal. Then, discuss your results with the class.

**Cat (can live as long as 25 years)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Rabbit (can live up to 10 years)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Angel Fish (can live up to 10 years)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Amazon Parrot (can live up to 104 years)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Duckling (can live up to 22 years)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Black Labrador puppy (can live 12-15 years)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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