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HOMEMADE DOG TOY LESSON PLAN

Lesson: Create homemade dog toy
Grade: k-2
Objective: To create safe homemade toys for your dog to enjoy!

Materials:

1 tube sock per child
1 tennis ball per child
Tie Dye (enough for the class) Optional for creativity

Introduction: Explain to the children that making homemade toys is an easy and cheap way to have fun with your pet, as well as exercise your pet. You can use household things, but must make sure the toys are safe for their pet. Today the kids are going to make a "ball flinger". Give the children the opportunity to be creative and name their toy themselves (ask some of the children what names they came up with).

1. Use a basic tie-dye set so that the student can add creativity to the project. (OPTIONAL)
2. Use a sock, it can be a used holy sock, or a new sock. But it must be a long tube sock. Using a tennis ball stuff the end of the sock.
3. Tie a knot in the sock where the ball stops. Thus making it look like a tail. (This is also OPTIONAL, depending on what the student wants to do).

Activity: Depending on the weather take the children outside to practice throwing their new dog toy. As the teacher, if you have a hula hoop in the classroom or even just a trashcan, you can create short game that the children will enjoy. Have the children create a circle around the hoop or trashcan, and then take about 5 steps back, then have them practice safely underhand throwing to the target.

Closure: Ask the children what things they expect to get out playing with their pets and their new toy. They should reply Exercise, and Fun. Ask the children what is the most important thing to keep in mind when making homemade toys? (Safety)