

# Vocabulary words

## Relating to pets

<b>Society</b>	A group of people
<b>Prevention</b>	To stop something from happening
<b>Cruelty</b>	To be mean to someone or something
<b>Animals</b>	Any living creature
<b>Humane</b>	To treat animals as you would treat people, with kindness and sympathy
<b>Gentle</b>	To handle an animal not roughly and not violently or to touch softly
<b>Kindness</b>	Being nice to someone or something
<b>Respect</b>	To appreciate and value someone or something
<b>Neglect</b>	To pay no attention to a person or animal causing suffering
<b>Abuse</b>	To mistreat and be mean to a person or an animal on purpose
<b>Animal Welfare Act 1999</b>	A law that protects animals from neglect and abuse in New Zealand
<b>Exercise</b>	The act of using energy to stay healthy and strong
<b>Love and friendship</b>	A good caring relationship between a person and an animal
<b>Shelter</b>	Something that protects people and animals from the wind, rain, cold and sun. This could be a kennel for a dog, a hutch for a rabbit, or a house for a person.
<b>Food and water</b>	Food provides nourishment for both people and animals. It is important to eat the right kinds of food and to feed pets the right kinds of food. Water keeps both people as well as animals hydrated and is essential for our bodies to work. Animals depend on people for both food and water to survive.
<b>Donation</b>	A gift given to someone to help them carry on their work. The SPCA relies on people giving money to do the work it does.
<b>Veterinarian/Vet</b>	A doctor for pets
<b>Injury</b>	Harm that is done to someone or something
<b>De-sex</b>	A surgery done by a veterinarian so that an animal can't have babies or help make babies
<b>Euthanasia</b>	The humane killing of an animal done by a veterinarian in a way that it feels no pain. This is only done as a last resort for animals.