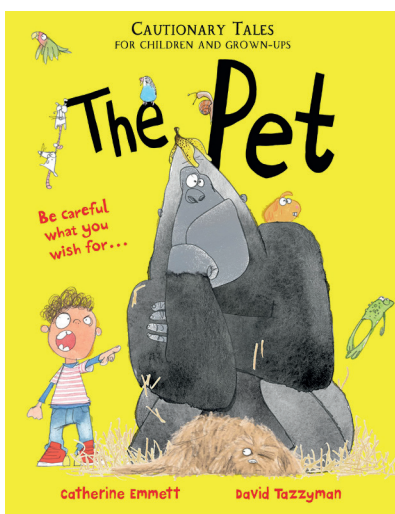


THE PET

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Synopsis

This is a delightful book which will remind many parents how they reacted to their child's desire to have a pet and the child's subsequent failure to look after it. It is written in verse and has amusing illustrations. As it mentions on the cover it is a cautionary tale for children and grown-ups and, perhaps, should be compulsory reading before any family embarks on the purchase of such an addition to the family!

Questions

1. What was the name of the child who wanted a pet?
2. What did the child's father do?
3. What makes you think this child was rather spoilt?
4. Why did the pet shop owner think a guinea pig was not a good choice?
5. How long did the child love his guinea pig for?
6. Why did the child become bored with the guinea pig?
7. Why was the pet shop owner reluctant to sell the child a dog?
8. What did the child's father offer the pet shop owner to persuade the pet shop owner to sell them the dog?
9. Who was Henry?
10. Why was the child jealous of some of his friends?
11. What kind of pet was Gus?
12. Why was the child especially pleased with this pet?
13. Did he look after this pet properly?
14. What did Gus do when he became bored?
15. What things did Gus do to help around the house?
16. How did the child react when he discovered the cage was empty?
17. Although Gus was scared by the child's reaction at first what bright idea did he have?
18. How do you think the boy's father reacted when he came home?
19. Did you enjoy this book and do you think it might encourage people to think more carefully before buying a pet?
20. Find five pairs of words that rhyme in the book.

Further Activities

Draw a picture of your pet and explain how you look after it. If you do not own a pet draw a picture of a pet you would like to have and explain how you would look after it.

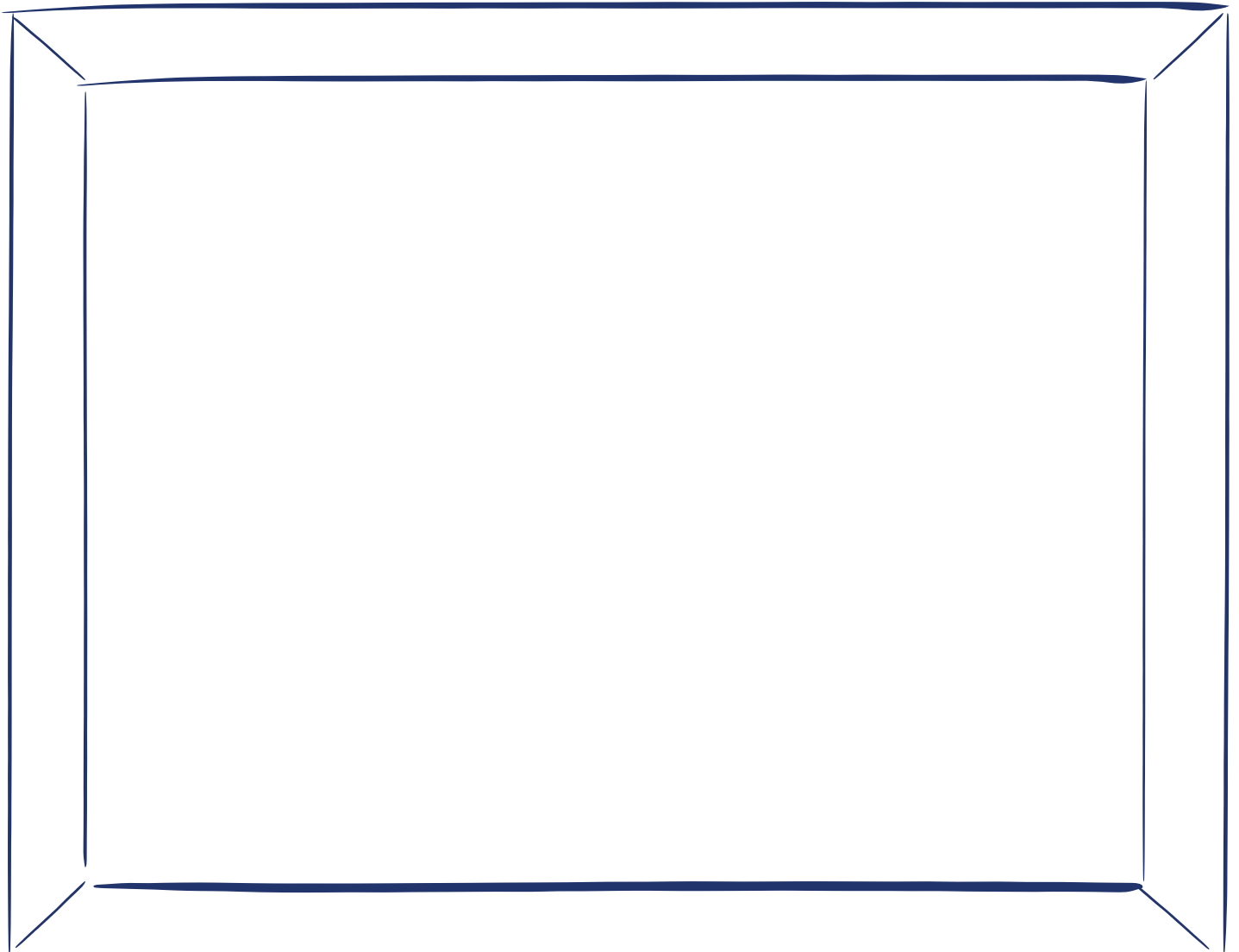
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