

Our Place in the Universe Game Pack

Tza'ar Ba'alaei Chayim Quiz

How do you personally relate to the animals you come in contact with? What's your animal intereaction style? Take this qui to find out! (Use with Chapter 3)

1. Iguanas fascinate you. You figure the best way to observe them is:

- A. Getting one and keeping it in a cage because your parents don't want animals running around the house.
- B. Going to the zoo and enjoying the iguana exhibit there.
- C. Buying one and caring for it. You don't mind cleaning cages, providing food, and letting the iguana out to run around a bit.

2. Your parents just built a fence around your yard. They ask you if you'd like to get a dog. You answer:

- A. Yes, because the dog can run around the backyard all day for exercise and you won't have to take it out.
- B. No. You think a yard is still too small. You'd rather see a dog have a bigger place to roam around.
- C. Yes, you will take it for a walk every day and it can run around the yard part of the day as well.

3. Your friend Dani's cat just gave birth to a litter and Dani offers you a kitten. You think:

- A. "I'd love a kitten. Everyone will want to come over and play with her. It will be so much fun."
- B. "Kittens are really cute. But I'd rather they stay with their mother a little longer."
- C. "That sounds great! Maybe Dani can teach me what I need to do to take care of her."

4. Your friend has a turtle and you really like playing with it. He says you should get one of your own. You say:

- A. "I'd love one. I bet if I get one, my parents would mostly take care of it, and I wouldn't have to worry about it."
- B. "I don't have a good place for him at my house. I'll play with yours when I come to visit."
- C. "Great idea! I will feed the turtle, leave lunch for it when I am at school, and make sure it has what it needs."

5. You are watching your friend's German Shepherd, Dusty. It is time for dinner. You:

- A. Sit down to eat and count on your parents to feed Dusty.
- B. Put some food in the backyard so that Dusty can eat outside.
- C. Give Dusty some food in the kitchen and then sit down to eat.

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CHECK OUT YOUR SCORE:

Mostly A: "The righteous person regards the life of his animal" (Proverbs 12:10). You like animals a lot, but you may not yet be ready to take all the responsibility for a living creature under your care. Volunteer to help friends with their pets until you are ready to become involved in taking care of your own pet.

Mostly B: Animals interest you but you think animals are happiest and best cared for in their natural habitat.

Mostly C: You not only care for animals, but you realize that animals have needs and rights as well. You understand why the Talmud instructs us to feed animals before we feed ourselves. You want to accept the responsibility of owning your own pet. (*Berachot 40a*)

