At Junior Certificate level the student can:

Take care of and be aware of the needs of an animal of choice

**Learning Targets** - This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

1. Describe the bedding, shelter and boundary that your animal needs
2. Describe how to feed and care for a young animal
3. Plan the food and water needs of your animal and calculate the cost of keeping it for a month
4. Describe the conditions that the animal needs to be happy, e.g. companionship, routine, exercise etc.
5. Demonstrate or describe the safe handling of your animal, e.g. how to approach, pick up etc.
6. Name some things that can harm or frighten your animal
7. Explain the health problems that your animal can have and say how they should be treated
8. Make a list of the vaccinations your animal needs
9. Be familiar with the life-span and reproductive pattern of your animal
10. Keep a diary, video, photographs etc., to describe your animal
11. Plan and prepare for a visit to a local vet, animal shelter, kennel etc.
12. Describe the kind of training your animal needs
13. Explain the consequences of neglecting animals, e.g. straying horses or farm animals, roaming dogs, wild cats etc.

**Optional Learning Target**

14. Demonstrate or describe how to groom your animal and name the equipment needed

Refer also to: Science, Environmental and Social Studies and Civic Social and Political Education