Pet Shop

Even a trip to pick up some dog food can be a literacy adventure!

- Before going, draw the letter “P” on a large piece of paper. Let your child decorate it. Talk about the sound of “P” and look for it at the Pet Store.
- Before going, make a list of what animals your child thinks may be in the store.
- If possible, put the list on a clipboard. Give your child the clipboard and a marker or crayon.
- Encourage your child to check animals off the list once you get inside.
- Talk about why some animals on your list were not at the pet shop?
- Match the animals with the food that they eat.
- Have your child identify what sounds each animal makes.
- Point out the labels and prices on the animal’s enclosures.
- Compare and contrast some animals. Who is bigger, who is sleepier?
- Once you get home, have your child draw a picture of their favorite animal in the store and label it.
- Decorate a pet rock together. Give it a name and label too.

Books about pets and pet stores:
I Want a Pet by Lauren Child
Pet Shop Lullaby by Mary Ann Fraser
I Spy Pets by Edward Gibbs
Say Something Perico by Trudi Harris
Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev
Lizard from the Park by Mark Pett
Pet Store Subtraction by Simone T. Ribke
What Pet Should I Get? by Dr. Seuss

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