In the House
by Gail Benton and Trisha Waichulaitis
(tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)

Can you guess what kind of pet is in the house?
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They would sleep and sleep all day
And chase the mice away...
Can you guess what kind of pet is in the house?
Let children guess: “A CAT!”

(Repeat first two verses each time)
They would swim around a bowl
And dive into a hole...
Let children guess: “A FISH!”

They would sing so very sweet
And eat seeds for a treat...
“A BIRD!”

They would hop and hop around
And eat bugs off the ground...
“A FROG!”

They would bark to guard the place
And slobber on your face...
“A DOG!”

Kittens and Dog
5 little kittens, standing in a row.
See them bow to the children so.
They run to the left, they run to the right.
They stand up and str-e-tch in the bright sunlight.
Along comes a dog,
(move closed fist toward fingers)
Looking for some fun.
Meow! See those 5 little kittens run!
(fingers scurry behind back)

How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?
How much is that doggie in the window?
The one with the waggly tail.
How much is that doggie in the window?
I do hope that doggy’s for sale!

I don’t want a bunny or a kitty,
I don’t want a parrot that talks,
I don’t want a bunch of little fishies.
You can’t take a goldfish for a walk!
Repeat chorus...
(a fun song to sing while showing
pictures of each animal)

Things to do Together

• Pet/Home Match—Copy off (from Google images/clipart online) pictures of different pets and their homes. Play a game with your children where you match the pets with their homes.

• Animal Sounds—Talk with your baby about the sounds that different animals make. “What does the doggy say? Woof! Woof!” Children will be able to “say” animals sounds before they can say a lot of words so you are helping to develop their language!

• Shape Pets—Let children create “paper pets” from pre-cut basic shapes out of paper like triangles, circles, and squares. Children are very imaginative and will come up with all kinds of creative pets. They can even name them!

Other Resources
Ready-to-go-storytimes by Gail Benton and Trisha Waichulaitis