

# THE ANIMAL EVIDENCE LAB

BRR - ACT-002 | INDOOR ACTIVITY

● INDOOR

● 20-30 MINUTES

● LOW PREP

● CONTAMINATION: LOW

● BASICALLY FREE

One card. Three tests. Infinite curiosity. Zero lab coats required.

## PURPOSE

Turn animal picture cards into a movement + language + observation lab. Investigate, imagine, and make connections through play.

Builds curiosity, vocabulary, listening, and creativity - all while having fun.

## MATERIALS

- Animal Picture Cards (Pets, Farm, Safari, Forest, Ocean, Wings, Hops & Waddles)
- Open space
- Family Field Notes Binder
- Optional: stuffed animals or animal toys

## PREPARATION

1. Gather materials.
2. Mix the animal cards and place face down.
3. Open the Field Notes Binder to a fresh page.

NOTE: Use cards on-screen or print and cut for hands-on investigation.

## FIELD NOTES SETUP

TODAY'S SPECIMEN: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

INVESTIGATORS: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw, label, scribble, or add a sticker. One genuine observation counts.

## QC - ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- ☐ One animal investigated.
- ☐ Movement, sound, or both attempted.
- ☐ One creative connection made.

Activity may be released even if the procedure completely derails.

## PROCEDURE

### BEHAVIOR TEST

1

Reveal one animal card.  
How might it move?  
Stomp like an elephant. Hop like a rabbit. Gallop like a horse. Waddle like a penguin.  
Let creativity lead the way.

### SOUND TEST

2

What sound does it make?  
If nobody knows:  
"Result inconclusive. Further investigation required."  
Looking it up later absolutely counts as part of the rabbit hole.

### EVIDENCE HUNT

3

Find one thing in the room that reminds you of the animal.  
It could be fluffy, striped, tiny, long, strong, soft, or just weirdly perfect.  
There is no wrong answer. The explanation is half the fun.

### FIELD NOTES ENTRY

4

Pick a favorite from today's investigation.  
Draw it, scribble it, label it, or add a sticker.  
Write one thing you noticed or wondered.

## RESULTS DISPOSITION

- ☐ Record in Field Notes Binder
- ☐ Celebrate curiosity
- ☐ Repeat with a new specimen

Reinvestigate anytime curiosity returns.

## BENCH NOTES

Expect giggles, dramatic roars, sudden dances, and deep debates about whether a goldfish is an animal (spoiler: yes).

Unexpected behavior is normal. Curiosity is the goal.

