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Warm Kitty

by Edith Newlin

Warm kitty, soft kitty, Little ball of fur. Pretty kitty, sleepy kitty, Purr, purr, purr. Warm puppy, soft puppy, Little ball of fluff. Happy puppy, sleepy puppy, Ruff, ruff, ruff.

Animal Sounds

Making animal sounds is a surefire way to get babies to smile. Children enjoy imitating these sounds because they are fun to say. Sharing animal sounds together encourages children's speech development.

Ideas

- While out for a walk with baby, point out animals in your environment: birds, dogs, cats, ducks, deer and squirrels. Listen to and copy the noises they make.
- While baby plays with different toy animals, say the animal's name and imitate the sound it makes. Encourage baby to copy the sounds.
- Sing the song "Old MacDonald Had a Farm:" Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O, And on that farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O, With a moo-moo here, and a moo-moo there. Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo-moo. Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. (Repeat for different farm animals, making sounds for each.)
- Visit Point Defiance Zoo to see and hear many different animals. Admission is free for children ages two and under, and parking is free. In the Contact Junction area, children can pet and feed goats. pdza.org/kids-zone



- Can You Growl Like a Bear? by John Butler
- Cock-a doodle-doo, Creak, Pop-pop, Moo by Jim Aylesworth
- Hello Lamb by Jane Cabrera
- Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin





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