



## 11 My Dog Fred

Which of these animals you can keep as a pet?



I have a dog,  
His name is Fred.  
He won't play fetch.  
He won't eat bread.

He won't shake hands  
or sit or stay  
or bark or beg  
or run and play.



He won't roll over,  
shake or crawl.  
In fact, he won't  
do tricks at all.

When folks ask why  
I tell them that's  
because my dog  
was raised by cats.

— Kenn Nesbitt

## WORD NEST

play fetch : to throw something for the dog to bring back to you  
roll over : to turn one's body over and over again  
folks : people  
raised : brought up

## COMPREHENSION

1. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

a. The name of the dog in the poem is .....

i. Fred

ii. Fret

iii. Bruno

iv. Tomy

b. The dog does not shake .....

i. hands

ii. legs

iii. tail

iv. none of these

2. Answer the following questions.

a. What does Fred not eat?

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b. Why does Fred not do any tricks?

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c. Give two examples to show that Fred does not behave like a dog.

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d. Name three things that Fred refuses to do.

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3. Write words from the poem that rhyme with these words.

a. clay : .....

b. make : .....

c. land : .....

d. play : .....

B. Write five sentences on how animals help us.



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Fill colours in the dog to make him hearty and hale.

