

# NATURE PROBE

I'm sure that  
Airedale Terrier  
is "somebody's"  
pet.



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# ooooooooo Editorial oooooooooo

Hello Everyone,

Last month I asked you to find out about the Water Buffalo. Did you remember?

The Water Buffalo lives in the northern part of the Northern Territory. The first Water Buffalo came from Indonesia as a domestic animal. The Water Buffalo in Australia are now feral animals.

It lives in swampy areas where there are lots of freshwater springs. It eats the plants and water plants that grow in the swamps.

It lives in an area called a range. Each range has a grazing area, camp, wallow, drinking point and rubbing trees. Trails link all these places.

Sometimes the Water Buffalo are in a group of 50 - 250 and may join with others to make a group of up to 500 animals. That is a lot of wild animals together. They wander in the wet season but stay near rivers and swamps in the dry season.

Ernie Echidna and Bruce the Bandicoot can't wait to receive your drawings for their competition, which is in the middle page. They are going to be the judges. I hope they can agree.

*Elaine Garner*

Do you know what wallow means?



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT

## CATS



Why can a cat move silently?

Because it has a soft pad under each toe.

Why doesn't a cat need a bath?

Because it makes sure that its coat is always clean by licking its fur with its rough tongue, at least once a day. It also washes its face after eating, by licking its paw and wiping it over its face. This removes the smell of food which could lead enemies to it in the wild.

How can a cat make so many different sounds?

It has two sets of vocal chords in its throat. When its annoyed it can growl, hiss and spit. It meows to ask for something, and caterwauls at night. When its content it purrs.

Why does a cat always land on its feet?

Because it twists in the air as it falls.

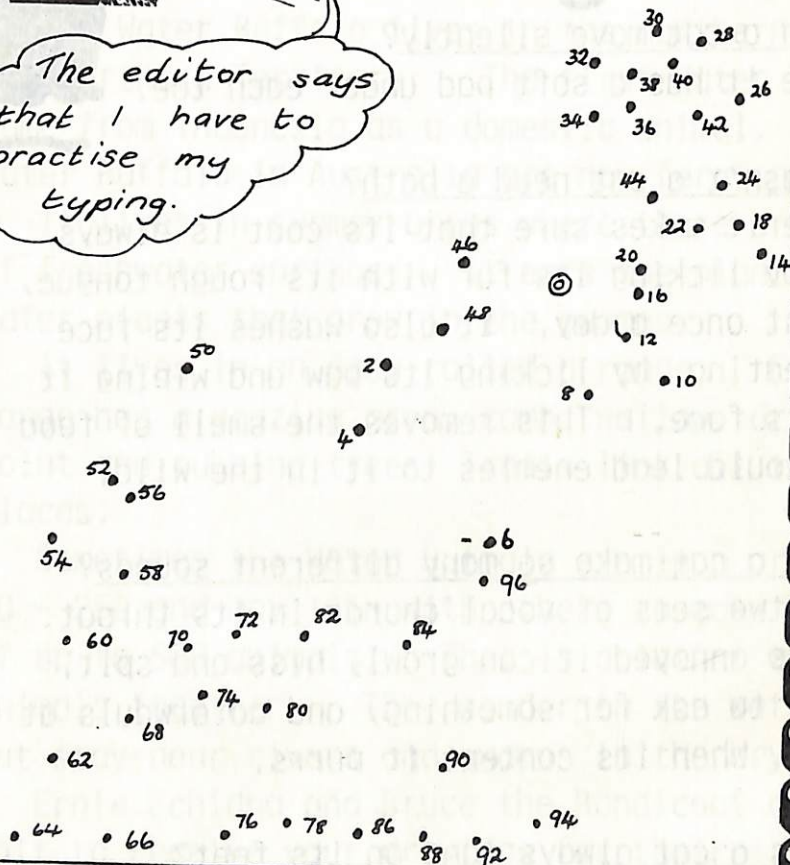




# Dot to Dot by 2s



The editor says  
that I have to  
practise my  
typing.



1. owl. 2. snail. 3. mouse. 4. bee.

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Fill the gap with the right animal.

1. As wise as an ----.
2. As slow as a ----.
3. As quiet as a ----.
4. As busy as a ----.



ANSWERS.

