

## Mapping it Out

**Directions:** In the space below, map out the whole area your pet or family member has access to. It can be the layout of your house including an outdoor area, or a terrarium/hutch for a smaller animal. You will need this map after you review the ethogram on page two and complete the scan sheet on page three. The goal is to watch and see just how much space your pet/family member uses.



## **Ethogram Definitions**

An ethogram is an exhaustive list of mutually exclusive behaviors. When using an ethogram to document behaviors, it is important to know what behaviors to look for as well as the specific definition of that behavior. Below is a list of basic behaviors with their definitions your pet/family member may do when you observe them.

Grooming	A variety of skin care patterns directed at themselves to obtain cleanliness.				
Playing	Interactions marked by behaviors such as play face, laugh, chasing, or playing with toys.				
Resting	Cease work or movement to relax, refresh oneself, or recover strength. Can include sleeping.				
Consume	Consumption of food or water spread throughout the area. Includes foraging.				
Locomotion	Movement from one place to another with a specific goal (food, water, etc.). Can include walking, running, or crawling.				
Other	Behavior not listed in ethogram but should be described elsewhere.				

On the third page is a general scan check sheet with columns for time, behavior, and location on it. Your goal is to document your pet/family member's behavior every 30 seconds until you have watched them for 5 minutes. Place a check mark in the column that holds the behavior they are doing. After you have marked their behavior, write down where they are at in the location column. Have fun, and feel free to watch them for longer!



## **General Scan Sheet**

Species:	Individual:	Date:	Time:	Weather:

Time/	Grooming	Playing	Resting	Consume	Locomotion	Other	Location
Behavior							
0.00							
0.30							
1.00							
1.30							
2.00							
2.30							
3.00							
3.30							
4.00							
4.30							
5.00							

After watching your pet/family member, look at the results and mark an X on the map in the space they where they spent most of their time.

What is the space?

Why do you think they spent most of their time in that space/part of the house?

What can you do to get them to use the whole space/part of the house?