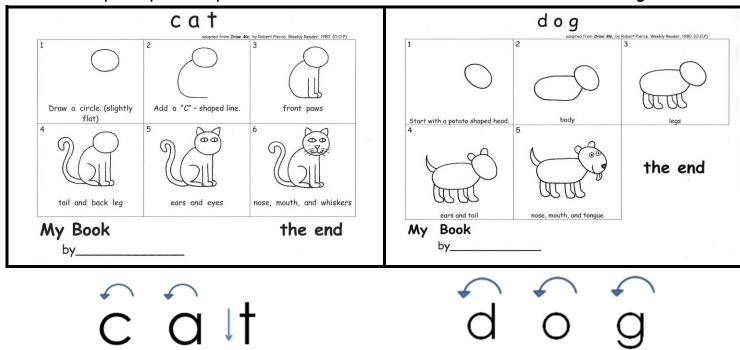
Cat and Dog Are Handwriting Anchor Words

These simple drawing models (from our Writing-to-Read Accelerates Literacy: All Kindergartners Love to Write and Draw! resource book and CD) teach children how to draw two favorite animals with increasing detail. Soon they no longer need models and they can confidently draw any animal! Expect the children to print "cat" and "dog" efficiently early in the year as these are anchor words for basic handwriting motions.



Handwriting, drawing, and word work practice builds fluency and writing stamina for later animal research books. Children start by printing simple labels and then "heart word" sentences. Mature writers soon add detailed, informative writing. These Drawing Cards and the Sing, Sign, Spell, and Read! pages pictured below are all included in the Beginning Lesson Templates.

"I Can Read" Notebook pages provide another opportunity to integrate handwriting with multisentory Sing, Sign, Spell, and Writing-to-Read activities.

