

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PET FOR YOUR FAMILY

Selecting the right pet to match your family’s personalities and lifestyle is an important decision. You are making a commitment for the life of your pet. Some pets require a lot of special care, exercise and training, which may take extra time and money to provide. This should be taken into consideration when searching for an animal to adopt. Each species has its own requirements and among each species, each individual animal will have a unique personality and behaviors. Most shelters house a variety of animals and can help you make an informed decision. You can also learn more online or at your local library.

Below are some common and not-so-common pets available for adoption.



DOGS NEED:
FOOD & WATER
EXERCISE, ATTENTION & LOVE
TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION
VETTING
PARASITE PREVENTION
GROOMING
Younger dogs require more exercise & larger dogs cost more for food & vetting



CATS NEED:
FOOD & WATER
EXERCISE, ATTENTION & LOVE
TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION
VETTING
PARASITE PREVENTION
GROOMING
Cats require less exercise & attention than dogs, but still need both.



FISH NEED:
FOOD & WATER
LOVE
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE
Fish require little interaction beyond feeding, but do require good maintenance of their living space.



POCKET PETS NEED:
FOOD & WATER
EXERCISE, ATTENTION & LOVE
VETTING & SOCIALIZATION
SPECIAL HOUSING
MAINTENANCE OF HABITAT
Rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils & Guinea Pigs require less handling and have a shorter lifespan.



RABBITS NEED:
FOOD & WATER
EXERCISE, ATTENTION & LOVE
TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION
VETTING & GROOMING
MAINTENANCE OF HABITAT
Rabbits like to chew, so the space where you keep your rabbit will need to be “rabbit-proofed” to be safe.



BIRDS NEED:
FOOD & WATER
EXERCISE, ATTENTION & LOVE
TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION
VETTING
MAINTENANCE OF HABITAT
GROOMING
If trained well, birds can be very social and entertaining. Some have a long lifespan.




EXOTIC PETS (Reptiles, Amphibians, Chinchillas, Ferrets) NEED:
FOOD & WATER
EXERCISE, ATTENTION & LOVE
SPECIALIZED VETTING
SPECIAL HANDLING
TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION
SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT
Exotic animals have very special needs and habits. Please research each species individually to educate yourself on their requirements before deciding to adopt.


