

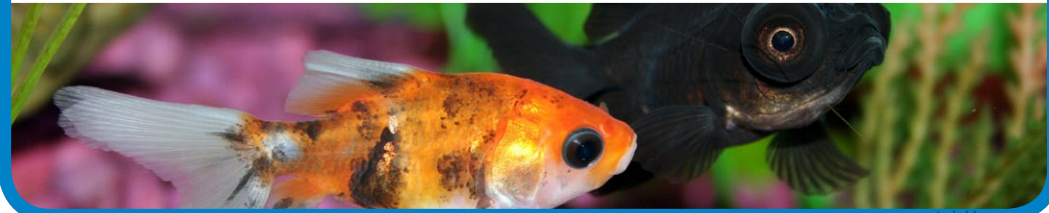


# How to Care for Your Pet **Fish** Fact Cards



## How to Care for Your Pet Fish

People often like to keep fish as pets. There are lots of different types of fish and they need looking after in different ways. Some fish, like goldfish, like to live in cold water. Tropical fish need to live in warmer water. Some fish need salt water as they are fish that would live in the sea but other fish need fresh water as they are from rivers, ponds or lakes.



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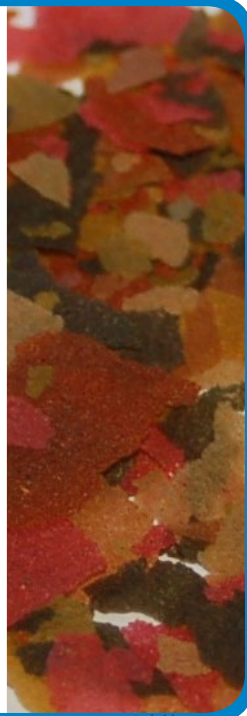
Many people choose fish that can live in an aquarium or fish tank inside their house. It is important to check what type of home will suit your fish. It is best to have a good size tank as it is difficult to keep your fish healthy in a goldfish bowl. Remember to check how big the fish will grow to when it is an adult. Fish such as catfish grow to be very large and would not make a suitable pet in an aquarium.



## How to Care for Your Pet Fish

If you decide to have an aquarium, you will need special equipment to keep your fish healthy. The aquarium needs a filter to keep the water clean.

Warm-water fish will need a special heater to keep the water at the right temperature. You will also need a special light for the aquarium. Pet fish often eat dried fish food flakes although they can have other foods as well.







# How to Care for Your Pet **Dog** Fact Cards



## How to Care for Your Pet Dog

Dogs are very popular pets. They come in all different sizes and colours. Some have short fur, some have long fur, some have curly fur and others don't have very much fur at all! All dogs need looking after very carefully.



## How to Care for Your Pet Dog

Dogs need to be given food and water to keep them healthy. It is best to feed them food that is made especially for dogs. Human food won't have all the nutrients that dogs need. Some foods that humans eat, like onions, chocolate and grapes, can make dogs very ill.



## How to Care for Your Pet Dog

Dogs like to have company. They can get lonely and bored if they are left on their own for too long. Some dogs enjoy playing with other friendly dogs. All dogs need exercise. They might like a long walk or a run around at the park. Dogs like to play. Some dogs might like to play with a ball and others might play chase with other dogs. You can even buy special toys for dogs to play with.







## How to Care for Your Pet Guinea Pig Fact Cards

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### How to Care for Your Pet Guinea Pig

Guinea pigs are small, friendly rodents. There are lots of different breeds that all look a little bit different. Another name for guinea pigs is 'cavies'. Guinea pigs can live for up to 8 years and will need lots of care during that time.



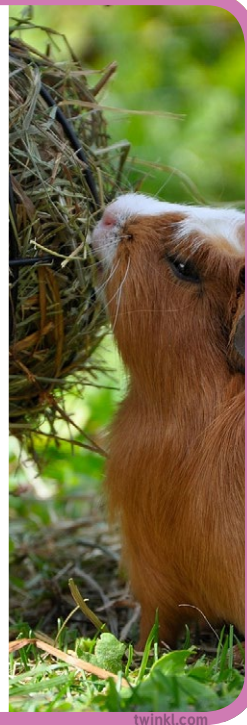
### How to Care for Your Pet Guinea Pig

Guinea pigs like to live with at least one other guinea pig for company. They will need somewhere to live that will keep them safe and dry. In cold weather, it is best to keep guinea pigs indoors. If the weather is very hot it is important to make sure they have plenty of shade and somewhere cool to rest. Wherever you choose to keep your guinea pig, it will need plenty of space to move around.



### How to Care for Your Pet Guinea Pig

Guinea pigs need to have lots of hay. They eat the hay all through the day to keep them healthy. They also like to snuggle up in the hay to keep warm and comfortable. Guinea pigs need to eat special guinea pig food as it has all the vitamins that they need. Another way to keep your guinea pig healthy is to make sure they have some fresh leafy vegetables each day. Guinea pigs will always need fresh water to drink.







# How to Care for Your Pet Rabbit

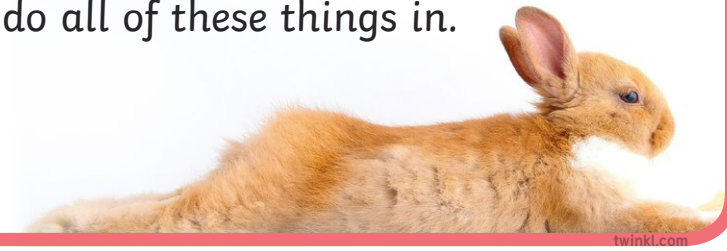
## Rabbit

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#### How to Care for Your Pet Rabbit

Lots of people choose to keep rabbits as pets. Although rabbits can make lovely pets, they take lots of looking after. Rabbits are very active and like to hop, run and jump all through the day. They even like to stand up on their back legs and when they lie down, they like to stretch out! This means that they need a home that is big enough for them to do all of these things in.



#### How to Care for Your Pet Rabbit

Rabbits are clever animals and very curious. If they are left on their own for a long time, they will get bored. They like to play with other friendly rabbits and one rabbit kept on its own may feel lonely.

Rabbits sometimes like to play with people too but they don't always enjoy being picked up and cuddled as it can make them feel scared.



#### How to Care for Your Pet Rabbit

Rabbits need to eat a variety of things to stay healthy. They need to be able to eat hay throughout the day. If they don't have hay it can make them very ill. They also need special food that is made for rabbits. Often this is little pellets that contain all of the nutrients that rabbits need. Rabbits also like to eat some fresh food, especially green leafy vegetables and grass. Rabbits need fresh water every day.







# How to Care for Your Pet Cat Fact Cards

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## How to Care for Your Pet Cat

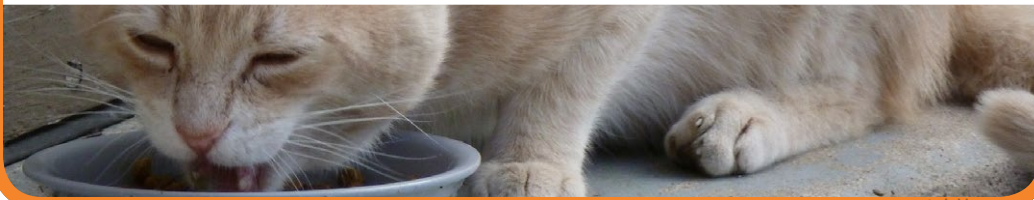
Cats make wonderful pets but they do need a lot of care. They will need somewhere clean and quiet to rest. Cats often enjoy going outside to explore and play but sometimes they may prefer to stay indoors. Cats are very clever animals and will get easily bored. Make sure they have plenty of things to do and space to exercise and climb. Cats often enjoy playing with special cat toys.



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## How to Care for Your Pet Cat

Cats need to be given food and water to keep them healthy. Some people like to give cats milk to drink, but this can give them an upset tummy. Cats like to eat meat and it is best to feed them food that is made especially for cats. Human food won't have all the nutrients that cats need. Some foods that humans eat, like onions and grapes, can make cats ill.



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## How to Care for Your Pet Cat

When you are choosing a kitten, remember that cats live for a long time and will need taking care of for up to 17 years. All cats are different. Some cats like to snuggle up on your knee for a cuddle but others like to spend their time outdoors. Some cats are very friendly but others prefer to be left alone. Some cats are very energetic whilst others like to nap.



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# How to Care for Your Pet Chicken

## Chicken

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#### How to Care for Your Pet Chicken

More people are beginning to keep chickens as pets. If you decide to keep chickens then you will need to make sure that they have somewhere warm and dry to rest. The chicken coop will need lots of cleaning to make sure that your chickens stay healthy. Hens like to have company and it is good to keep at least three hens together. Cockerels don't usually like to live with other cockerels but they do like to live with hens.



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#### How to Care for Your Pet Chicken

Chickens like to spend most of the day outdoors so you will need a space where they can roam around. It is a good idea to have some fences to protect your chickens from other animals. Each night it is important to make sure that all of your chickens have returned to their coop before you close it up.



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#### How to Care for Your Pet Chicken

If you would like your hens to lay fresh eggs for you, they will need quiet nest boxes. Put some straw or wood shavings into the nest box to make it comfortable and then wait and see if they lay an egg!



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## How to Care for Your Pet **Bearded Dragon** Fact Cards

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### How to Care for Your Pet Bearded Dragon

Reptiles can be kept as pets. There are lots of different types of reptiles. One of the most popular pet reptiles is the bearded dragon. People often call them 'beardies'.



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### How to Care for Your Pet Bearded Dragon

Reptiles such as bearded dragons need to be kept in a special tank called a vivarium. It needs to be very secure to make sure that the reptile doesn't escape. Bearded dragons can grow to about 45cm long so it is important that their home is big enough for them.



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### How to Care for Your Pet Bearded Dragon

Reptiles need to have their home at just the right temperature. This means that you will need special equipment to make sure your bearded dragon doesn't get too warm or too cold. They also need special lights to keep them healthy. Bearded dragons eat some fresh vegetables and also insects such as crickets and locusts. You will also need to clean out their vivarium.



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# How to Care for Your Pet **Budgerigars** Fact Cards

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## How to Care for Your Pet Budgerigars

Some people like to keep birds as pets. Budgerigars are popular pet birds. It is quite difficult to keep budgies as pets because they need lots of room to fly around. You can get little cages for birds but they don't give them much space. It is best if budgies can be kept in aviaries or given space to fly.



## How to Care for Your Pet Budgerigars

Budgies like to live with other budgies. They need to eat bird food, grit and they also like some fresh food such as apples, grapes and broccoli.



## How to Care for Your Pet Budgerigars

Some of the other birds that people like to keep as pets are parrots, canaries and lovebirds.

