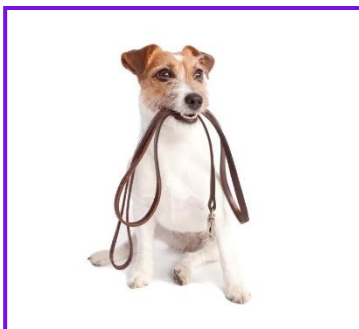


## Owning dogs

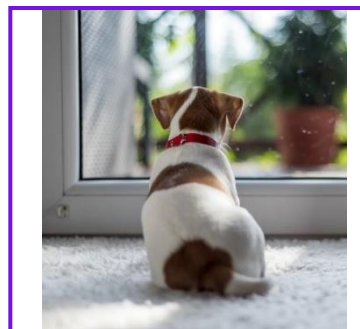
There is no one perfect way to care for all dogs because every dog and every situation is different. However, if you really like dogs and are hoping to home one, you should know:



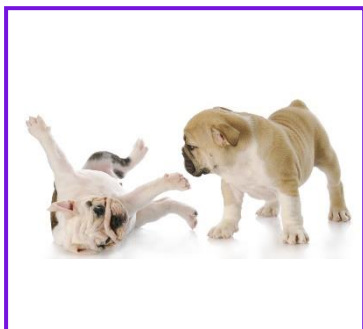
Dogs are really clever and get bored easily - make sure they have their own toys to play with and keep them entertained.



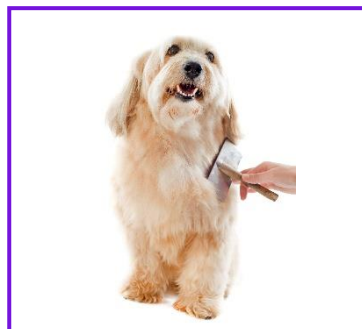
Dogs need a lot of exercise - they need to go for a walk at least twice a day, even if the weather isn't nice.



Dogs have a sense of time and they miss us when we are away.



Dogs really like company - it's good for them to have a person or other dog to play and be with.



Just like humans, dogs need to be fed and groomed. Some dogs with longer hair may need you to brush them.

## Owning cats

There is no one perfect way to care for all cats because every cat and every situation is different. However, if you really like cats and are hoping to home one, you should know:



Cats are really active animals and need regular opportunities to run, jump and climb - they often feel safest when they're high up.



Many cats are given outside access, but others are kept as indoor-only pets.



Many cats enjoy and benefit from human company - if they're treated well when they're kittens, cats can learn to see people as friends and companions.



Cats are playful and often enjoy having fun with toys and people.



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## Owning birds

There is no one perfect way to care for all birds because every bird and every situation is different. However, if you really like birds and are hoping to home a bird (such as a budgie), you should know:



Budgies are very playful, they need a roomy cage with plenty of toys and perches. Their cages should be changed around often so that the birds don't get bored.



Budgies are very social and they don't like to be left alone. If you're often away, you should think about getting them a bird friend to keep them company.



With lots of patience and care you can train budgies so they trust you enough to let you hold them.



Free flying time is very important for budgies. Try to offer them several hours of free flying time in a bird safe room every day.



Water, food dishes, and the bottom of a budgie's cage need to be cleaned every day. The cage needs to be deep cleaned every week.

## Owning rabbits

There is no one perfect way to care for all rabbits because every rabbit and every situation is different. However, if you really like rabbits and are hoping to home one you should know:



Most rabbits don't like being picked up. The best way to interact with them is on the floor, where you can pet and stroke them.



Rabbits are really social and playful animals. They need to interact and play with other friendly rabbits and people.



Rabbits eat all day long. They need to eat grass or hay to stay healthy, so this something to think about if someone in your house has hay fever.



Rabbits can live indoors or outdoors. Wherever they live, they need lots of space to safely hide, hop, run, stand upright, fully stretch out, and lay down.



Rabbits need a lot of care. Their toilet areas or trays must be cleaned every day.

## Owning guinea pigs

There is no one perfect way to care for all guinea pigs because every guinea pig has their own personality and preferences. If you really like guinea pigs and are hoping to home one you should know:



Guinea pigs can live indoors or outdoors. Wherever they live, they need lots of space to safely run, explore, play, and hide, and a secure shelter where they can rest.



Guinea pigs are really clever - they need plenty of toys and activities to stop them from becoming bored.



To stay happy and healthy, guinea pigs need a balanced diet of grass hay, leafy green vegetables, and pellets. They need constant access to clean water.



Guinea pigs are really sociable - they normally prefer to be with one or more others, and they may suffer if they're left without company.



Guinea pigs communicate using around eleven different noises including their well-known 'wheek-wheek' noise.