

Cat Fact Sheet

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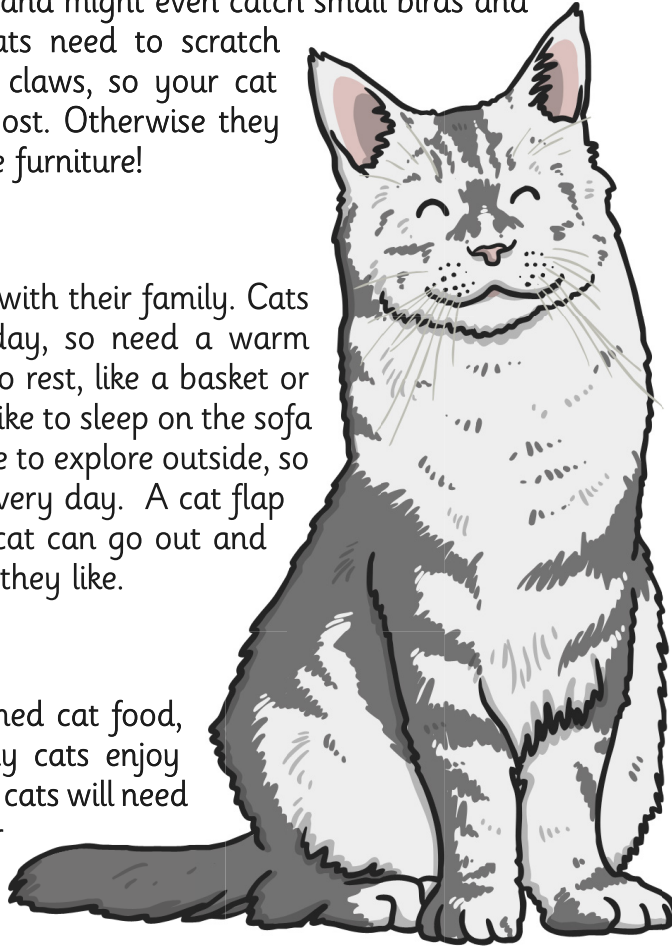
Cats come in many shapes, sizes and colours. Some cats are very friendly and love to be stroked and cuddled. Some cats prefer peace and quiet! You need to get to know your cat to find out what they like best. Cats are clever animals, that love to hunt and play. Your cat will enjoy chasing special cat toys and might even catch small birds and mice in the garden. Cats need to scratch things to sharpen their claws, so your cat will need a scratching post. Otherwise they will probably scratch the furniture!

Shelter:

Cats like to live indoors with their family. Cats sleep for most of the day, so need a warm and comfortable place to rest, like a basket or blanket. Your cat might like to sleep on the sofa or on your bed! Cats love to explore outside, so will need to be let out every day. A cat flap is a good idea so your cat can go out and come back in whenever they like.

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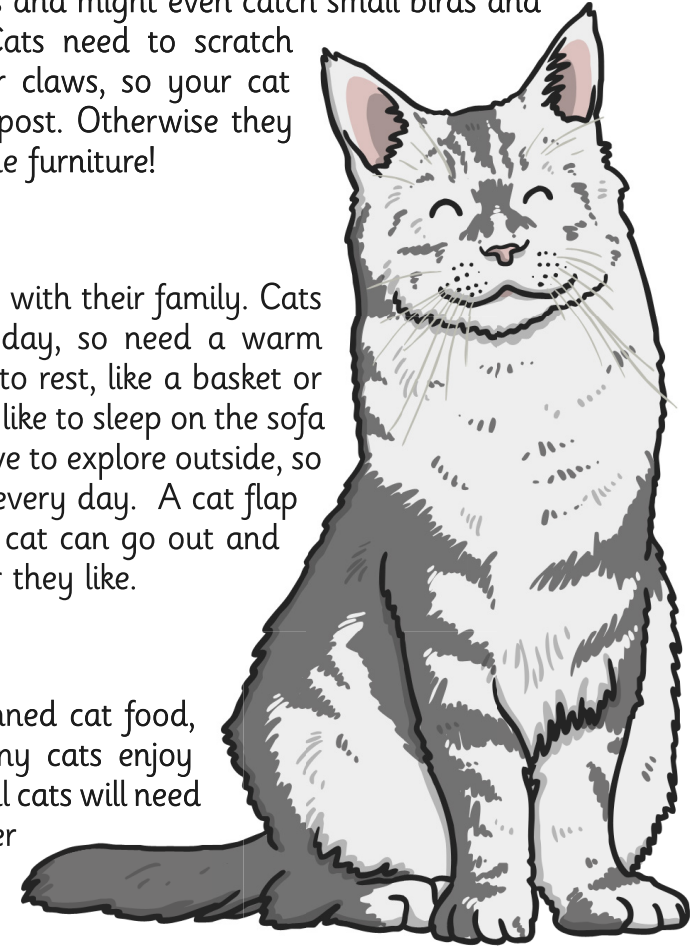
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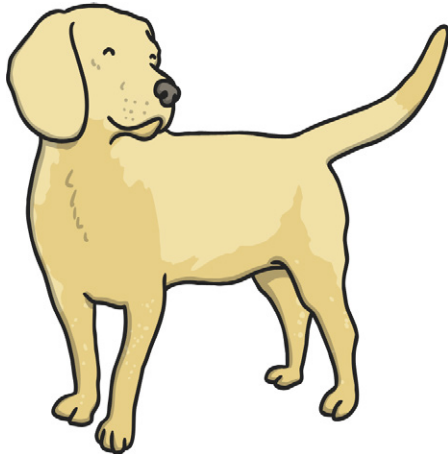
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Shelter:

Dogs like to live in a comfortable house, with a safe outside space they can visit when they want to. They like to have a bed or basket to sleep in when they get tired.

Food:

Dogs eat dry or tinned dog food, or a mix of both. Most dogs enjoy treats like bones or special dog chews. Dogs like to eat human food, but should not eat too much of it, as it is not very good for them. There are also some human foods that are dangerous to dogs! Most dogs always appear hungry, so you need to make sure they don't eat too much! All dogs will need a bowl of fresh water to be left for them to drink when they are thirsty.



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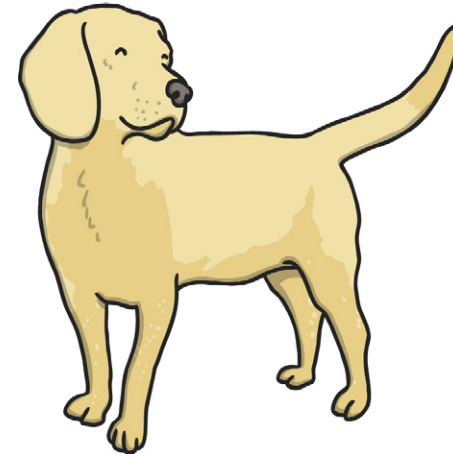
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Gerbils like company and should be kept with other gerbils, otherwise they may become lonely. Gerbils are friendly and will enjoy being picked up, but they need to be handled very carefully. Gerbils enjoy playing with toys. They also love to nibble, especially on bits of wood. They will enjoy a wheel or ball, that they can run in for exercise.

Shelter:

Gerbils need a large shelter with space for them to exercise, rest, play and use the toilet. Their shelter must be made of strong material, or they will chew through it! A glass tank with a strong lid works best. Put some tunnels or cardboard tubes in the cage for your gerbil to hide in, and a nest box where they can make a bed. The floor of your gerbil shelter should be covered in a thick layer of sawdust or paper bedding, so they can tunnel and burrow. Make sure you keep your gerbil home nice and clean!

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Feed your gerbil on special gerbil food from a pet shop. They also like to nibble small pieces of fruit and vegetables. Gerbils need to have fresh water available for them to drink whenever they are thirsty.



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Guinea Pig Fact Sheet

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Guinea pigs like company and should be kept in a pair or a small group. Guinea pigs are friendly and will enjoy being held gently, once they have got to know you. Guinea pigs are not usually interested in toys, but might enjoy playing in cardboard boxes or tubes. They also love to nibble on cardboard or blocks of wood, which is good for their teeth.

Shelter:

Guinea pigs can live in a hutch, indoors or outdoors. Your guinea pig hutch must be big enough for your pets to easily move around in and needs to have a closed space where they can shelter and sleep. Your guinea pigs will need plenty of clean bedding, for them to tunnel and burrow in. Outside guinea pigs, will also need a run. This is a large cage that they can safely run around in for exercise and play. Indoor guinea pigs need to be let out of the cage every day, so they can run around.

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Hamsters need to be handled very carefully, because they are so small and delicate. Your hamster will enjoy being held gently once it gets to know you, but might bite if it becomes frightened. Hamsters like to explore outside their cages, but need to be watched closely to make sure they don't get lost. You must be sure to keep hamsters away from cats or dogs, which could frighten or even kill them. Hamsters enjoy toys to chew and play with, and will like a wheel that they can run in for exercise.

Shelter:

Most hamsters like to live alone. If they are kept with other hamsters, they may fight and hurt each other. Hamsters need a good sized cage with space for them to exercise, rest, play and use the toilet. They will enjoy a cage with different levels that they can climb in. Put some tunnels or cardboard tubes in the cage for your hamster to hide in, and a nest box where they can make a bed. The floor of your hamster cage should be covered in a thick layer of sawdust or paper bedding, so they can tunnel and burrow. Make sure you keep your hamster cage nice and clean!

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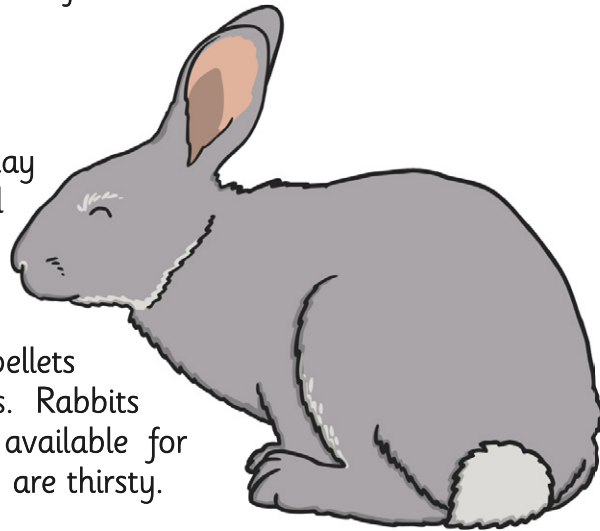
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Some rabbits live indoors. These rabbits will need a litter tray so they can go to the toilet and will enjoy being outside sometimes. Some indoor rabbits like to be walked on a lead and harness.

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