



Pets



Badge Overview

Learn how to choose the pet that's right for you—or find out how to take the best care of a pet you already have. When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to take care of a pet.

Badge Components

1. Find out what care different pets need

Pick three pets that you think would be fun to have and with the help of an adult, search the Internet to answer these four questions for each animal:

- How much does it cost to care for this pet?
- How much space does this pet need?
- How much food does this pet need?
- What kind of human contact does this pet like?

2. Keep a pet comfy

Ask an adult what it takes to take care of a cage or a tank. For two weeks, help by taking care of this space for your pet!

- If your pet doesn't have a cage or a tank, make sure that your pet has a nice sleeping area. This could be a nice corner with a bed or comfy materials.
- If you don't have a pet, research with an adult what pets need to feel at home in your home.
- Bonus—Repurpose old t-shirts, blankets, or towels to donate to an animal shelter! This [website](#) has some great information about donating to animal shelters and making items like blankets and toys out of old fabric.

3. Help a pet stay healthy and safe

Using the three different animals from step one, with the help of an adult find out how often they need to be washed or brushed and any other special care tips.

4. Make a pet feel loved

- Option 1: Make up a game to play with your pet! Make sure you write this down so you can share with others.
- Option 2: Make some dog treats for your pet! This [website](#) shows 12 different recipes you can use to make homemade dog treats, some with little ingredients or mess!
- If you don't have a pet, find out what different animals like to do to feel loved!

5. Feed a pet

Print off the chart for the kind of pet you have [here](#). Make it your responsibility to take care of your pet for one week. What did you learn?

- If you don't have a pet, with the help of an adult, research the diet for two different pets and how much it would cost to feed them for one month.

Materials

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- Access to internet
- Printer

Florida Educational Standards

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