



# CREATURE COMFORTS

Enjoy these fun facts about domestic animals from Pets at Home

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## Guinea pigs

Did you know guinea pigs are actually called cavyies? These peace-loving rodents need a large, predator-proof hutch with separate compartments to which they can retreat.

## Rabbits

Female rabbits are called does, males are called bucks, and young rabbits are called kits or kittens. Rabbits like companionship and will always be happier together.

## Puppy

A dog's noseprint is unique, much like a person's fingerprint! Give your pup plenty of toys – that way, she'll chew them instead of the furniture!

## Budgies

Budgies grind their beaks when they're happy, similar to a cat purring. They love to be active, so make sure their cage has more than one perch for them to practise acrobatics on.

## Reptiles

There are more than 8,000 species of reptiles on the planet! Find out how large yours will grow and make sure your cage or tank will fit him!



## Fish

Fish have a great sense of sight, touch and taste, so keep their tank clean by adding a filter so your fish stays healthy and happy.



## Gerbil

In the wild, gerbils live in the desert, so make sure your furry friend has plenty of bedding so he can burrow. Recycled paper is ideal.



## Cats

Did you know a group of cats is called a clowder? Cats love a comfy place to curl up and fall asleep in so make sure you have a cosy blanket or two dotted around their favourite places.



## Hamster

There are 25 species of hamster but only five of them can be kept as pets. Hamsters run around their cages when they're happy, so invest in a hamster wheel, and a hamster ball for outside the cage.



## BADGE



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## Free instore workshops for Beavers and Cubs

Pets at Home stores are inviting Beavers and Cubs to join a free pet workshop, where they can meet pets and work towards their Animal Friend or Animal Carer Activity Badges.

Find your local store at [petsathome.com/shop/en/pets/store-locations](https://petsathome.com/shop/en/pets/store-locations) and arrange a free workshop. Can't make it to a store? Then download the wonderful activity packs created by Pets at Home from [scouts.org.uk/petsathome](https://scouts.org.uk/petsathome) to help Beavers and Cubs work towards the badge requirements.