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PETS, PETS, PETS!



Have you ever wanted to get a pet, but just didn't know which one was best for you? Have you ever sat and wondered just how many different breeds of each kind of common pets there are? Step right into the world of "Pets, Pets, Pets!!!" at the Learning Center and see many of the varieties of house pets we have!

Don't get wet as you watch our beautiful fish swim through their tanks of fresh water or salt water. Be sure you pay attention on how to care for them!! Don't you think fish are the pets for you?



Then head on over and, be careful, as you wander into the house of dogs!



Here you'll find many of them wandering around, waiting to bark and play as you venture through. You will learn which dogs are playful and which prefer to lie around. Don't like dogs and all that's required to take care of them?

Then climb through our cat tree and find out which breeds have long or short fur, which are family cats and love to play, or which ones would rather lie on your stomach and purr. Still not happy?



Slither or run through our miscellaneous pet areas of reptiles, mammals, rodents and more! Find out if you'd like to get a slithery snake, a wet frog, or cute little gerbils and hamsters that love to run around!! Still not satisfied?!?!





Fly on over to our bird cage and be wowed at the variety and colors of birds!!! Here you'll find birds of many, many colors. Ones that are friendly and love to sit on your finger and talk to you, or ones that prefer to stay in their cage and play.

You'll be sure to find a pet that fits your needs and one that you'll love as you walk through our many areas of Pets Pets Pets!!!

Theme Books @ your library

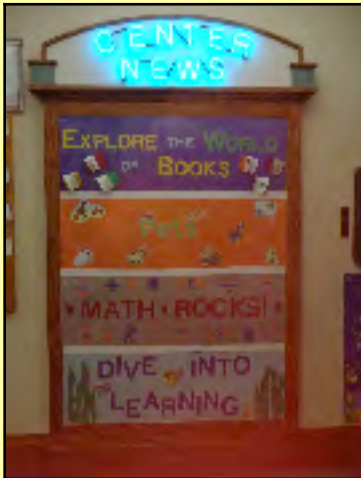
My First Pet Library Book Series from American Humane Association

written by Linda Bozzo

My First Bird
My First Cat
My First Dog
My First Fish
My First Guinea Pig and other Small Pets
My First Horse

Perfect Pets Series

Brilliant Birds - Mary Ellen Salzmann
Cuddly Cats - Anders Hanson
Dandy Dogs - Mary Ellen Salzmann
Flashy Fish - Mary Ellen Salzmann
Frisky Ferrets - Kelly Doudna
Goofy Guinea Pigs - Mary Ellen Salzmann
Handsome Horses - Anders Hanson
Hidden Hermit Crabs - Kelly Doudna
Lively Lizards - Anders Hanson
Rascally Rabbits - Kelly Doudna
Terrific Turtles - Anders Hanson



To learn more specifics about care and adoption, check these websites.

Birds: www.avianwelfare.org

Rabbits: www.rabbit.org

Hamsters:

www.hillopanimalhospital.com/hamster.htm

Gerbils: www.animalhospitals-usa.com/small_pets/gerbil_care.html

Ferrets: www.ferretcentral.org

Horses: www.harpsonline.org

Fish:

www.americanhumane.org/kids/aquarium.htm

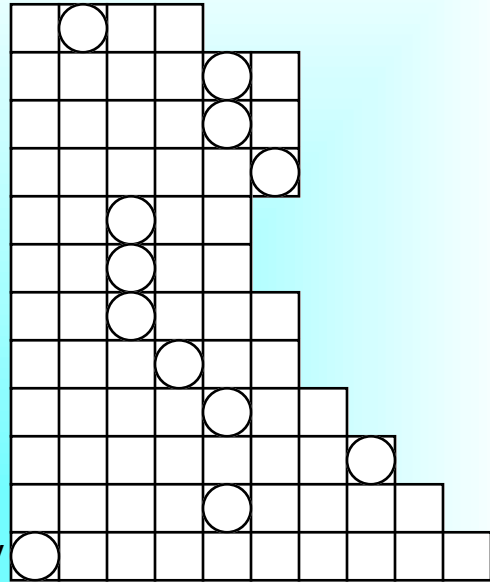
Double Puzzle

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final word below.



- CEAG
- GUINBT
- TAICNP
- LALOCR
- SELFA
- LEAHS
- LENKEN
- RENTUE
- HIBTNGA
- RESCEEXI
- ELRAEGLSI
- TIADACNCV

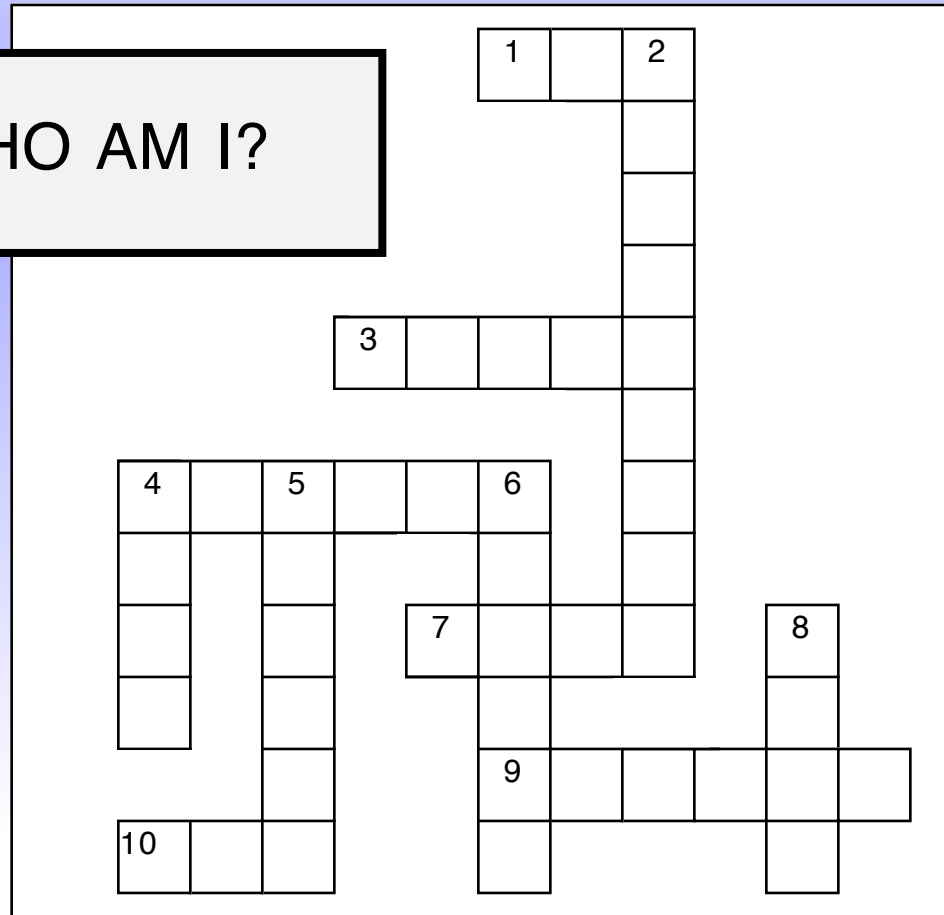


- A _____ is a structure of wire bars in which birds are kept.
- _____ is a plastic material used in gerbil's habitat.
- _____ is a plant many cats love.
- A _____ is a band with tag that put on the dog's neck.
- _____ are little parasites.
- A _____ is a long thin piece of leather to the dog's collar.
- A _____ is a small building where animals stay in while owners are out of town.
- _____ or spay your pet.
- _____ a cat or dog can be fun and messy.
- Daily _____ is important to pets to keep them healthy.
- Fish is an option for people who have _____.
- Dogs and cats need to be _____ to prevent from getting a disease.



It is a person who is qualified to treat sick and injured animals.

WHO AM I?



Across

1. I am a four-legged animal that is often kept by people as a pet or to guard or hunt.
3. I am a large animal which people can ride.
4. I am a small, fierce animal which is used for hunting rabbits and rats.
7. I am a small creature with smooth skin, big eyes, and long back legs which it uses for jumping.
9. I am a reptile with short legs and a long tail.
10. I am a furry animal that has a long tail and sharp claws.

Down

2. I am a small furry animal without a tail.
4. I live in an aquarium.
5. I am a small furry animal with long ears.
6. I am a large reptile which has a thick shell covering its body.
8. I am an animal with feathers and wings.

Fun Facts About Pets!

A dog named Laikia became the world's first astronaut in 1957, when she was sent into space by the Russian government.

Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, while dogs have only 10.

A goldfish can live up to 40 years.



Ferrets are currently the third most popular pets in the United States, with an estimated eight to ten million being kept as pets.

Many hamsters only blink one eye at a time.

A bird's heart beats 400 times per minute while resting.

Cats have five toes on their front feet and four toes on their back feet.

Dogs do not have an appendix.

Dogs like sweets a lot more than cats do. While cats have around 473 taste buds, dogs have around 1,700 taste buds.

Animal Shelters

Do you have an animal shelter in your area? Animal shelters care for millions of abandoned dogs and cats and other animals each year. Most shelters are places that care for animals while workers search for good homes for the animals. There are several reasons why we have animal shelters. Some people decide they can't take care of a pet, and they drop the pet at the shelter. Animals get abandoned and end up in a shelter, hoping to find new owners who will give them good homes. Shelters provide food, water, housing, and medical care. Volunteers pet and play with the animals, especially taking dogs for a walk.



Answers:
 Pg 3. - cage, tubing, catnip, collar, fleas, leash, kennel, neuter, bathing,
 exercise, allergies, vaccinated--veterinarian
 Pg 4 - Across (1) dog, (3) horse, (4) ferret, (7) frog, (9) lizard, (10) cat
 Down (2) guinea pig (4) fish, (5) rabbit, (6) turtle, (8) bird