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Finding Out About Which Animals Makes The Best House Pets

From the common cats and dogs to exotic animals, you can find a variety of animals in people's homes. For apartments or houses with small backyards, small dogs and cats make good pets. They are almost always kept indoors, except for the times when you need to take them for a walk, grooming or for physical training. Fish, turtles, canaries and Guinea pigs are on the list of preferences too.

Not everybody affords to grow large dog breeds as house pets because the costs of maintenance, food and training are very high. You need to have enough space for the dog to play, moreover, depending on the specificity of the breed, grooming and fur maintenance can be very demanding. Long-haired cats can also be a nuisance if not groomed properly. Guide yourself by more than first impressions when choosing house pets.

Don't buy house pets on a whim or because you feel 'it's love at first sight'. Be reasonable and practical, because it is cruel to toy with a life. The decision to take a four-legged companion involves a high level of responsibility: there are medical needs, diet concerns, old age, physical training challenges and so much more. The well being of the pet as well as your peace of mind depend on your ability to correctly evaluate such situations. Heart and reason meet in your choice.

A special category of [house pets](#) is that of dogs trained to assist physically challenged people with specific tasks indoors and outdoors. There are very complex forms of training for such animals, and they receive some form of certification after passing all their skill evaluation tests. A disabled user can then adopt one such animal. Golden retrievers and German shepherds have a good reputation as dogs with an innate sense of looking after the person 'entrusted' to them.

Another issue that is often neglected by pets owners is that of health insurance. Did you know that you can dramatically reduce the veterinary bills by creating a health insurance policy for your four-legged companion? On the average, very few [house pets](#) are insured particularly in the context of the recession. Pet health insurance is good if you can afford it.

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