



ANIMAL ANTICS

Note for Pet Owners:

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“A PET IS FOR LIFE ... NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS”



A twist on the old adage, but it still holds true. If you're getting a pet this Christmas, please think very carefully. No matter how large or small the animal may be, it is a big undertaking and one to be given serious consideration. Although most people's intentions are good, unfortunately, some don't take into account the bigger picture of responsible pet ownership. You need to choose an animal that fits into your lifestyle and consider the commitment and financial implications for your pet's lifetime.

It's also worth considering all the noise and disruption around Christmas and New Year. Wait until after the upheaval of the festive period before introducing a new animal to the household. In the meantime, consider making a donation to an animal charity of your choice or purchase some gifts from their Christmas catalogue or shop. If you're still serious about getting a pet, think about re-homing an animal that may have been discarded on last year's Christmas rubbish pile, local charities include:

- Cats Protection www.cats.org.uk Tel: 03000 121212
- Last Chance Animal Rescue www.lastchanceanimalrescue.co.uk Tel: 01732 865530
- The Kit Wilson Trust for Animal Welfare www.kitwilsontrust.org.uk Tel: 01825 830444
- Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare www.raystede.org Tel: 01825 840252
- Celia Hammond Animal Trust www.celiahammond.org Tel: 01892 783367

(Most animal welfare charities will not allow any animals to be re-homed over the Christmas and New Year period as the months after Christmas are sadly their busiest ... make contact with them and discuss your intentions).

PET QUIZ

How much do you know about your pets? Take our quiz below and find out.
(Answers at the bottom of the page)

- 1. Which popular pet belongs to the felidae family?**
a) Dog
b) Rabbit
c) Cat
- 2. Which breed of dog is the fastest dog on earth?**
a) Great Dane
b) Greyhound
c) Border Collie
- 3. Which country did Guinea Pigs originate from?**
a) North Africa
b) East India
c) South America
- 4. The Golden Hamster is also known as what?**
a) Syrian Hamster
b) Russian Hamster
c) Chinese Hamster
- 5. What is a baby mouse called?**
a) Tinky
b) Pinky
c) Slinky
- 6. In the wild, rabbits construct special enclosures. What are they called?**
a) Burrows
b) Rabbit Hills
c) Warrens
- 7. What is the colour of all cats' eyes when they are born?**
a) Blue
b) Green
c) Yellow
- 8. Chihuahua, Bishon Frise and King Charles Spaniels are all kinds of which dog?**
a) Sporting Dog
b) Working Dog
c) Toy Dog
- 9. What is a group of rabbits called?**
a) Herd
b) Clan
c) Mob
- 10. Dogs belong to the same family as which other animal?**
a) Deer
b) Wolf
c) Bear

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Answers 1.c, 2.b, 3.c, 4.a, 5.b, 6.c, 7.a, 8.c, 9.a & 10.b