

Which pet is right for me?

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Dusting crickets, thawing mice or a family heirloom?

Deciding on which pet is right for you and your family at any given time is a big decision! Here are a few possible pets and things to consider before you become a responsible pet owner.



Research your breed to know how active they are, how big they will get and any health conditions they're prone to.



Do a mock budget (below) to see how much food, toys, a bed, leash, crate and annual vet check ups will cost.

Dogs, birds or reptiles? So many choices!



To stay healthy and grow properly, reptiles require specialized diets. Research what your favourite critter eats and make sure you're comfortable feeding it to them (ie. live crickets or dead mice).



There are active networks of herp (reptile) owners so check to see if you can save money and get used terrariums and equipment (UV lights) as well as tips from experienced owners.

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★ Birds can live a very long time – from an average 7 years for a finch to 60 years for an African Grey parrot. Can you commit to caring for a pet this long?

★ Birds are intelligent and need new puzzles, challenges and a monitored diet to watch calories, vitamins and mineral intake.



Monthly budget for your pet

Draw a picture of the right pet for you!

Item	Cost
Food/vitamins	
Toys/tank furniture	
Bed/tank	
Vet check up/medicine	
TOTAL	

