

Pet Fact File

Tail bone

We know lots of our readers love their pets or would love to own a pet, so we thought you might find it fun to fill in a pet fact file. It could be about an animal you already own or your ideas about the kind of pet you'd most like. We've included a few fun facts about some paw-some pets to help get you thinking!



Top Dogs



New dog crossbreeds are super-cute and have such cool names, such as the doxiepoo – a mix between a dachshund (sausage dog) and a toy poodle. But you might prefer a labradoodle, schnoodle, puggle, yorkipoo, pekapoo or whoodle, to name just a few...

That's Wild!

Some cats are bred to look like big cats. The toyger looks like a toy tiger, the Bengal cat looks like a tiny leopard and the cheetoh resembles a miniature cheetah. The rare safari is a mix between a wild cat from Bolivia and a domestic cat – it has a spotted coat and yellow or green eyes.



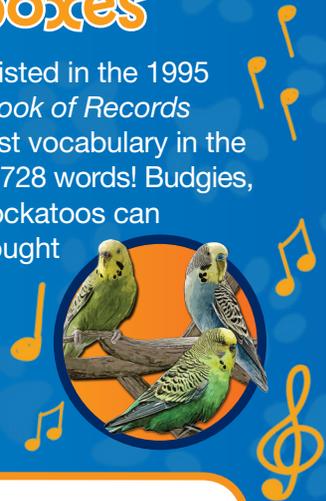
Weird and Wonderful!

Perhaps you'd like a humongous hissing cockroach as a pet or maybe a big-eared fennec fox, giant African land snail, pocket-sized possum, cuddly chinchilla or mischievous marmoset. What about a hairy, scary tarantula or an axolotl – a salamander that looks like a Pokémon? There's also the water-loving capybara, a ginormous guinea pig from South America – you'll need a swimming pool, though!



Chatterboxes

Puck, a pet budgie, was listed in the 1995 edition of the *Guinness Book of Records* as the 'bird with the largest vocabulary in the world' – he could speak 1,728 words! Budgies, parakeets, parrots and cockatoos can all learn to talk but it's thought that the hill mynah bird from South East Asia is the best at imitating the human voice. It can also learn to whistle tunes!



Draw your ideal pet here

My Ideal Pet

My ideal pet is:

My pet's name is:

My pet eats:

What I like about my pet:

Fascinating facts about my pet: