



Critter Care

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Critter Care is about choosing a pet and taking care of it well. You'll compare pets, learn what they need, and find out how animals help people. Caring for a pet is a big responsibility and a lot of love.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/critter-care/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

☐ **1** Name an animal that would make a good pet for your family

Tip: Think about your family's space and time. Would a fish, cat, or dog fit best?

Example: A goldfish might fit a small apartment and a busy schedule, while a dog might fit a family that's home a lot and likes to walk every day.

☐ **2** Pick two animals your community allows as pets; compare and contrast why each could be a good pet for you

Tip: Compare two pets allowed where you live, like a hamster and a rabbit. Which fits you better and why?

Example: Compare a guinea pig and a cat: guinea pigs need a big cage, fresh vegetables every day, and a friend to live with. Cats need a litter box and can be alone longer. Which fits your family?

☐ **3** Research how to properly care for the animal you chose in requirement 1

Tip: Find out what your pet eats, how to keep it clean, and when it needs a vet.

Example: For a rabbit, you might learn it needs lots of hay, fresh water, room to hop, chew toys to keep its teeth healthy, and regular visits to a veterinarian.

☐ **4** Discover three ways pets can help people

Tip: Learn about service dogs, therapy animals, and pets that keep people company.

Example: Guide dogs help people who are blind cross streets safely, therapy dogs visit hospitals and schools to comfort people, and pets at home help people feel less lonely.