



Pet Badge

Otters (Do 4 requirements including the 2 starred)

- _____1.* Be responsible for the majority of care for a pet for a minimum of two weeks. You must provide food, water, shelter, grooming, exercise and love.
- _____2.* What are the most common injuries to humans from owning the type of pet you have chosen. Find out what first aid is necessary to treat those injuries and what can be done to prevent them.
- _____3. Choose 10 animals and explain why each would or would not make a good pet.
- _____4. Create a scrapbook about your pet, or if you don't have one, about a pet you would like to have. There should be journaling on each page to tell about the pictures. Include things like the day your pet joined your family and how you felt, funny things your pet does, your pet sleeping or playing, etc.
- _____5. Visit at least one animal shelter in your area and find out what type of animals they take in and how they care for them.
- _____6. Write a short essay about why you love your pet. If you do not have a pet yet, tell what pet you would choose and why.

Dolphins (Do 5 requirements including the 2 starred.)

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- _____2.* Calculate what it costs to keep the pet of your choice. This can be either for a current pet, or for one you wish to get. Make sure to find out what kind of food it eats, and how much, any medical needs, any special cage or bedding requirements, toys, special equipment such as a leash, collar, or litter box, any licensing fees, etc. Average out the daily, monthly and yearly cost of owning this type of animal.
- _____3. Find out what animal rescue groups there are in you community and visit at least one. Find out why most of the animals are there and what can be done to help prevent further abandonment or abuse.
- _____4. Research at least 6 pets and then identify 3 that would make a good pet for *you*. Consider their daily care, the cost of keeping it, temperament, how well it would fit in with your family and home, and how long it generally lives.
- _____5. Create a care chart for your pet in case you ever need a pet-sitter. Your chart should contain the following information:
 - Name and description of your pet.
 - Feeding schedule - What type of food, how much, and how often.
 - Exercise - How much and what type is preferred.
 - Training - commands or discipline
 - Grooming - how often and what type
 - Medical History and Care - Veterinarian Contact info.
 - Cleaning - bathing, cages, stalls, etc.
 - Location of essential items - food, grooming tools, leash, etc.

_____6. Read at least 2 books about your kind of pet. Write a short report telling what you learned about your pet.

_____7. Compare and contrast different foods for your pet. Collect ads for at least 6 different types of food for your pet. What information do they give you about the nutritional needs of your pet and which does the best job of meeting those needs. Compare cost versus nutrition and find the best value for your pet.

Butterfly (Do 6 requirements including the 2 starred)

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_____2.* Research the most common illnesses and injuries for your pet. How can you prevent them? Learn to recognize the warning signs of common illness and symptoms of common injuries. Show the proper way to administer medication to your pet (if possible). Write down the name, address, and phone number of the vet nearest you that handles your type of pet.

_____3. There are many homeless animals that need the love and support of a family. Design a campaign to find homes for these animals and share it with your local animal shelter.

_____4. Find out how to care for a female pet before and after she has her young. What do the newborns need if natural food is not available and at what age can they be weaned? What kind of bed or nest is needed? How can you housebreak the young if they are going to be allowed inside? Find out how to prevent your pet from having unwanted young.

_____5. Volunteer at a local animal rescue center for a minimum of 6 hours. Make sure you take any training required by the organization before you start.

_____6. Write a short essay (minimum 200 words) about why you own the type of pet you do (or why you want to own one.)

_____7. Read at least 2 books about your kind of pet. Write a short report telling what you learned about your pet.

_____8. What is the best way to transport your animal? What type of animal containment devices are available for your pet? Compare and contrast at least 2 different types of devices and decide which would be best suited for your pet.

Eagle (Do 7 requirements including the 2 starred)

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leash, collar, or litter box, any licensing fees, etc. Average out the daily, monthly and yearly cost of owning this type of animal.

_____2.* Research the most common illnesses and injuries for your pet. How can you prevent them? Learn to recognize the warning signs of common illness and symptoms of common injuries. Show the proper way to administer medication to your pet (if possible). Write down the name, address, and phone number of the vet nearest you that handles your type of pet.

_____3. Pets can also pass on certain diseases to humans. Find out about what illnesses your specific pet may be able to pass on. Examples may include tick-borne Lyme disease, rabies, or tularemia. What can you do to prevent your pet from getting and passing on these diseases? Create a flyer that will help educate people about a pet disease or help prevent a common pet disease.

_____4. Volunteer to provide exercise , grooming, or transportation to the vet for the pet of a homebound person. Provide this service at least once a week for one month.

_____5. Research animal assisted therapy. What is it? What is it's history? What type of animals work best for different types of therapy and what are the benefits to people?

_____6. Interview the owner or an employee of a pet store. What type of training did they need in order to perform their job safely and correctly? How long have they worked there? What do they love/dislike about their job? What changes have they seen in pet products over time?

_____7. Write in 200 words or more about the care, feeding, and housing of your pet.

_____8. Attend a training class, or watch a DVD on the proper way to train your pet. Teach your pet at least 3 commands, tricks, or special abilities.

_____9. Write an essay on what responsible pet ownership means to you.

