

# Owning a Pet

Who wouldn't want to snuggle with a tiny, fluffy puppy? How about a kitten that loves to chase your finger and leap at your feet? Owning a pet sounds like a lot of fun, but it is also a lot of work. What are the most popular pets to own? Dogs come first, followed by cats. Fish are next, and then smaller animals such as rabbits and mice. Pet ownership is more popular than ever.

There is work involved in owning pets. Dogs have to be walked every day and sometimes more than once. Their coats have to be brushed as well as their teeth! Don't forget about food. You will have to feed them twice a day and fill their water bowl. Cats are less work, but still, need attention, food and water. If a fish sounds like the perfect pet, consider how often you will have to change its water, scrub its tank and feed it.

If owning a pet involves so much responsibility, then why do so many people have one? It feels good to care about something. It is nice to have a pet of your own. Most of all, having a pet really is a lot of fun.