

HERDING GROUP DOGS & SMALL MAMMALS



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ROP VET

AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG

- Extremely intelligent
- High Energy
- Aggressive and agile cattle herders.
- Blue or Red Merle in color or also tan and white
- Wary of strangers.
- Also known as Queensland Heelers or Blue Heelers.



AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

- All purpose farm and ranch dog.
- Needs a lot of activity and a sense of purpose.
- Excel in obedience, agility and herding.
- Can be black, blue merle, red merle, or red with or without white markings.
- People dogs who love their families.



BORDER COLLIE

- The workaholic of the dog world, the Border Collie is the world's premier sheep herder.
- Prized for its intelligence, extraordinary instinct and working ability.
- Medium-sized
- Can be rough or smooth coated and includes any color in bi-color, tri-color, merle, sable, or solid patterns.



COLLIE

- Large and Active, but elegant and graceful.
- Loyal and affectionate.
- Have a long rough coat and a narrow wedge shaped head.
- Lassie was a collie.



GERMAN SHEPHERD

- The German Shepherd Dog is hailed as the world's leading police, guard and military dog,
- Consistently one of the United States most popular breeds
- Also a loving family companion, herder and show competitor.
- Mostly black and Tan.



OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG

- Its trademark is its beautiful, profuse coat.
- Intelligent and active.
- Square in build and strong.
- Can be any shade of gray, grizzle, blue or blue merle with or without white markings.



PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI

- Low-set, strong and sturdily built,
- He is one of the most agreeable small house dogs, as well as an avid competitor in many dog sports
- His ears are pointed at the tip and stand erect, and he has a short tail.
- The coat can be red, sable, fawn, black and tan.



SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

- The Shetland Sheepdog, or "Sheltie" as it is commonly called, is essentially a working Collie in miniature.
- Alert, intensely loyal and highly trainable.
- Excels in agility
- The coat can be black, blue merle or sable, marked with varying amounts of white and/tan





SMALL MAMMALS
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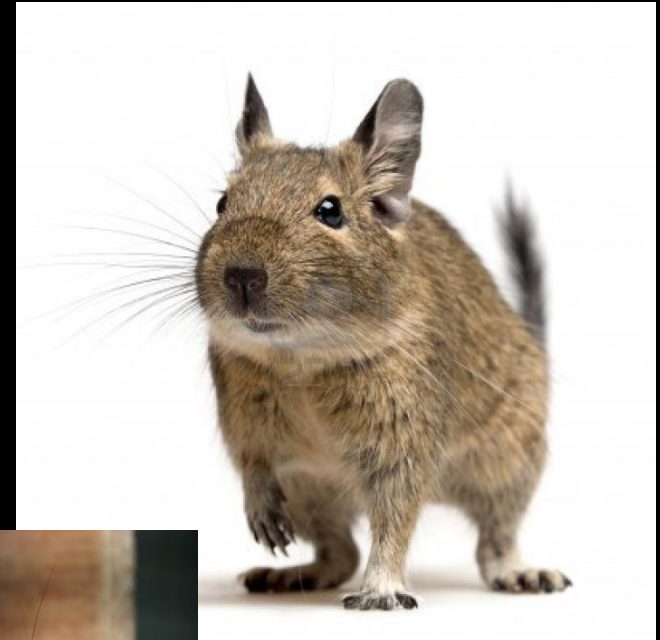
CHINCHILLA

- Rodent that is larger and rounder than a squirrel.
- Herbivore
- Most active during dusk and dawn.
- Need extensive exercise, and toys to help file down their teeth which will grow out of control if not filed down by chewing.
- Can jump up to 6 feet!
- Popular in the Fur Trade
- They don't sweat so they must be kept cool.
- In nature they are only gray.



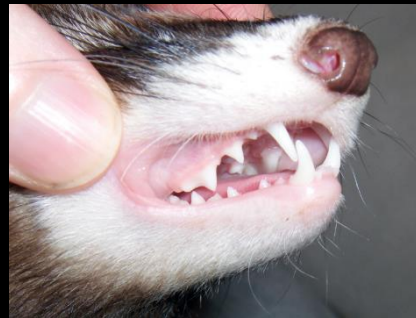
DEGUS

- Small Rodent with yellow-brown fur.
- Herbivore
- Extensive chewers and can not be housed in plastic cages.
- Bubbly personality and long life span (13 Years) makes them a pet growing in popularity.
- Have haired tails.



FERRET

- Belongs to the same Genus as the weasel.
- Carnivorous and used to hunt rabbits.
- Most sleep in the day and are active during dusk and dawn.
- Anal glands can spray sent like a skunk. Pet Ferrets are often de-scented.
- They need to eat often due to their quick metabolism.
- They are illegal to own in California, but it is not illegal for a Vet to treat them in California.
- Will hop and dance when happy, but hiss when angry.



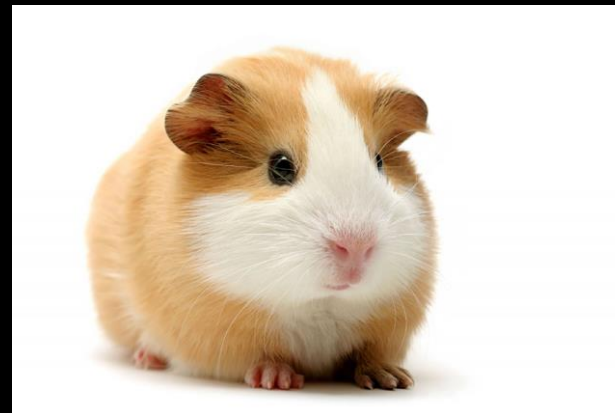
GERBILS

- Diurnal- Active in the day and sleep at night.
- Will kill other rodents that don't carry the scent of their clan.
- Illegal to sell, trade, buy, or own in California. They pose a threat to different ecological and agricultural systems.
- Can not live in plastic cages like hamsters and mice. Will chew through plastic and need to be allowed to create tunnels.
- Relatively clean animal with little odor.
- Social with humans and rarely aggressive.



GUINEA PIG

- Large Rodent
- Lives 4-5 Years
- Can learn and remember complex paths to food.
- Grass is their natural diet, usually fed alfalfa pellets.
- Can be trained to not scratch and bite when handled young.
- Should be kept in pairs or groups as they easily become depressed.
- Need supplemental Vitamin C or they can get scurvy.



HAMSTER

- Short and stocky bodied rodent with a tail that is shorter than the body.
- Omnivores
- Have poor eyesight
- Hoard food and store it in their cheeks.
- They do best alone
- Live 2-3 Years



HEDGEHOG

- Easily recognized by their spines. Spines are not barbed or poisonous.
- Hedgehogs are fairly vocal and communicate through a combination of grunts, snuffles and/or squeals
- Omnivores
- Live 4-7 Years
- Cancer is common in hedgehogs.



SUGAR GLIDER

- A Tree Gliding Possum, with a body similar to a squirrel.
- Omnivore with a preference for sugary or sweet foods.
- One of the most commonly traded wild animals in the illegal pet trade.
- Illegal in California.
- Highly Social Animal.



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