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Youngest age for each job: 3+ 6+ 9+ 13+

FREE PRINTABLE FOR FAMILIES

Pet Chore Chart

Age-by-age pet jobs that help kids feel proud, capable and close to the family pet, with a daily grown-up check built in.

Dog | Cat | Guinea Pig | Hamster | Cockatiel or Budgie | Leopard Gecko

How to use it

1. **Print your pet's page.**
   Stick it on the fridge or near the cage, tank or food bin.
2. **Pick the jobs that fit.**
   Each job has a dot for the youngest age that can usually do it. Cross out any that don't suit your child yet.
3. **Tick a box each day.**
   Your child ticks the day once a job is done. Weekly jobs only need one tick.
4. **Grown-up check.**
   At bedtime, check the pet really has food, water and a clean home, then initial the day.

What kids can usually do

3+ Little helpers, 3 to 5
Jobs side by side with a grown-up: filling water, tidying toys, talking gently to the pet.

6+ Daily helpers, 6 to 8
Simple daily jobs with a reminder: serving measured meals, brushing, short training games.

9+ Care partners, 9 to 12
Cleaning jobs, health checks and simple logs, with a grown-up checking the result.

13+ Teen keepers, 13+
Can lead most routine care and bigger cleans. A grown-up still oversees health and safety.

A grown-up stays responsible

Chore charts teach responsibility, but a pet's food, water, health and safety are always an adult's job. Check every day that the jobs really got done, and never let a missed chore become a missed meal.

Good to know

Ages are a rough guide, not a rule: you know your child and your pet. Everyone washes hands after pet jobs. This chart is general information, not veterinary advice. If your pet seems unwell, call a vet, and for small pets, birds and reptiles, one who treats exotic pets.

Dog Chore Chart

Dog jobs for kids, with a grown-up check every day

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My name _____ Pet's name _____ Week of _____

Youngest age for each job: 3+ 6+ 9+ 13+

Job	Age	How often	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Fill the water bowl Fresh, cool water, filled to the line	3+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tidy the dog toys Toys back in the basket after play	3+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Serve breakfast or dinner A grown-up measures it. Step back while the dog eats	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Practice "sit" or "down" Five minutes, a few tiny treats, lots of praise	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Brush the coat Short, gentle strokes the way the fur grows	6+	2–3× a week	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Go on the walk With a grown-up. Teens may walk solo if a grown-up says the dog is ready	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pick up the yard Bag or scooper, then wash your hands	9+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Paw & ear check Look for cuts, burrs or anything new. Tell a grown-up	9+	Weekly	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Grown-up check (initials)			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

For grown-ups

- A grown-up decides how much food and when, and holds the leash on walks until the dog and child are both ready.
- Teach kids to leave a dog alone while it eats, sleeps or chews, and to ask before petting any dog.
- Wash food and water bowls daily with hot, soapy water.

This week I'm proud that I...

My Pet Chore Chart

Write in your own jobs for any pet

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My name _____ Pet's name _____ Week of _____

Youngest age for each job: 3+ 6+ 9+ 13+

Job	Age	How often	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Grown-up check (initials)			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

For grown-ups

A grown-up stays responsible for the pet's food, water, health and safety every day. Wash hands after every pet job. If your pet seems unwell, call a vet.

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