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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.

Hamster Chore Chart

Hamster 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
Let them sleep No tapping or waking during the day	3+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Say hello at wake-up time Talk softly near the cage in the evening	3+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Refill the water bottle Fresh water, then tap the spout to check it flows	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Check the food bowl Top up the mix a grown-up measured	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Play-pen time In a safe pen, with a grown-up close by	6+	Most days	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Spot-clean the pee corner Scoop it out and add a little fresh bedding	9+	Every 2–3 days	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health check Eyes, teeth, wet bottom? Tell a grown-up	9+	Weekly	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Part cage clean With a grown-up. Keep some old bedding so it smells like home	9+	Every 2–4 weeks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Grown-up check (initials)			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

For grown-ups

- Hamsters sleep during the day. Waking one is a common cause of bites, so plan care for the evening.
- Hold hamsters low over a soft surface or a lap; they wriggle and can fall.
- A wet bottom, diarrhea or not eating needs a vet who treats exotic pets the same day.

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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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