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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.

Leopard Gecko Chore Chart

Leopard Gecko 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
Gecko watch Is your gecko on the warm side or the cool side? Look, don't touch	3+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Read the thermometers Write down the warm-side and cool-side numbers	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fresh water Rinse and refill the shallow dish, then wash hands	6+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Spot-clean Scoop poop from the toilet corner with a scooper	9+	Daily	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feeding day With a grown-up: insects with tongs, dusted as shown	9+	Feeding days	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feeding log How many insects were eaten?	9+	Feeding days	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mist the humid hide Keep the moss damp, not soaking	9+	Every 2–3 days	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Shed check Look for stuck skin on toes and tail. Tell a grown-up	9+	Weekly	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Grown-up check (initials)			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

For grown-ups

- CDC advice: children under 5 shouldn't touch reptiles, and everyone washes hands after touching a gecko or its tank, because reptiles can carry Salmonella.
- A grown-up sets up and checks the heat. Ask your vet how often to feed and dust insects for your gecko's age.
- A gecko that stops eating, loses tail thickness or has stuck shed needs a vet who treats reptiles.

This week I'm proud that I...

My Pet Chore Chart

Write in your own jobs for any pet

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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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