

Which pet is right for you?

A guide to finding your perfect **PetBond**



***Becoming a pet parent
is one of the most rewarding
and exciting things you can
do in life.***



Recent studies have proven that not only does caring for a pet improve our physical health (such as reducing blood pressure, help recovery) it also improves our general mood, mental health and behaviour.

Above all else, our pets are our best friends. And everyone needs a best friend- *if you live alone or not!*

This is a handy guide to help you answer some questions of becoming a pet parent and make you consider how amazing and beneficial it can be for you!



Ask yourself these questions before you make a PetBond

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Buddy Bonding

What type of interaction do you want?

Maybe you want a **door greeter** after a long exhausting day of work. To be hugged and licked by a hyper-excited tail wagging, saliva-slobbering, life loving pet.

If you're a **nature lover**, a good cycle or lung filled run with their four legged pal through the local forest or park is the key to nourishing that special petbond.

Or a little bit **more sedate PetBond- hanging out with the sofa**- a hugging, channel surfing movie buddy whilst savouring those lazy golden moments as the twilight hours' approach.

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Petbonding time

How much time can you offer your pet?

In the modern fast pace of life, it is important to remember that our pets also need to be allocated daily time. This time is when we most bond with our beloved pets, and together that connection brings us closer.

Time spent together can be done through walking, jogging, playing, watching TV, chatting together, grooming or just **hanging out!**

Have a look at your daily planner and consider where you and your pet can spend quality time together. **It is so worth it and a great investment of your time.**



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Room to Wiggle

Do you have enough space for them?

Nowadays, people rent their spaces as opposed to owning a home. This means that we must now consider landlord regulations when bringing a pet into a home.

And if allowed- how big is the actual property?

Consider that a small home may not be suitable for a fast moving high energy dog but if you're considering a sedentary older dog and there is a park near by this option may be okay.

It's just a matter of choosing the best options for you and your pet given the circumstances.

We encourage pets especially dogs to be walked outside and having a safe environment in which to do so is important. Having a green area, forest, lakeside, park or some other natural features can make a walk more interesting for you both.

Pets also like distractions and mental stimulation, as they are curious creatures by nature. Some older pets will require more shut eye time, and also being undisturbed during their snooze time is important.

It would be also good to consider where will their bed be located- is it somewhere quiet which is warm and comfortable?



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Pet People

Is everyone ready for the new family member?

If you live with others, be it room mates, housemates or family, then you need to consider them when introducing a new pet to the home.

Sometimes housemates may initially agree that having a pet is a fantastic idea, however, it is always worth speaking with them regarding the needs of a pet from the very start. Sometimes you may be running late from work, or have an exciting weekend away planned with friends and cannot bring your beloved friend. It is then that you may actually call upon your family or housemates parenting skills.

Once all housemates understand the fundamental needs of your pet, it can make life much smoother for everyone.

For all our pets, they thrive on interaction with humans, and if other people in your home can also invest time in your pet, this will create an even stronger bond within the house.



In many households with children, parents often like to teach values such as responsibility, discipline and love from an early age. This can be a key factor in deciding to source a pet. Always consider the age of your kids and the extent of their contribution as you may prefer a pet that requires lower maintenance for younger children, whereas older kids can accept more responsibility. The welfare and health of the pet must always be the priority.

If the odd late night bark or tickly dog hairs attached to your room mates brand new shiny suit doesn't completely un-nerve them, then you all should be just fine.

Now you've answered all your questions, you're ready to get started making your own PetBond!

***Thank you for taking
the time to read our brochure.
Good luck with your search!***



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