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PET SHOP

The familiar “ding” of the door fades into the chores of excited barking, purring, and squeaking greeting you today. Why? Because the time has finally come for you to own your very first pet!

Or perhaps this is your second, third, or tenth pet, it doesn't matter! Take your time looking at each critter and the amazing skills each one possesses in this folk art puzzle. Maybe then the storeowner will be able to catch his breath and finally find that missing “O” to his sign.

1. Ball pythons are named after their natural defensive behaviors. They tend to curl up into a ball with their head toward the center when threatened.
2. Cichlids sleep with their eyes open because they don't have eyelids.
3. Some koi fish can outlive their owners; a few even having a lifespan of 200+ years.
4. Chameleons live in a variety of habitats, including rainforests, lowlands, deserts, and even mountains.
5. Clown Fish are immune to the venom of anemone because it has a thick layer of mucus on the surface of the body.
6. Huskies have a thick double coat that keeps them well insulated; the undercoat is short and warm while the overcoat is long and water-resistant.
7. Green iguanas generally live near water and are excellent swimmers. If threatened, they will leap from a branch, often from great heights, and escape with a splash to the water below. They are tough enough to land on solid ground from as high as 40 feet and survive.
8. Looks like this little guy is dressed for the occasion to be purchased by a new family.
9. Bearded dragons got their name from the spikes and scales around their head resembling a beard. When they feel threatened, they will expand their throat and use their “beard” as a defense mechanism.
10. On an average, rabbits tend to sleep 8 to 9 hours a day.
11. Since falling can be so dangerous for tarantulas, it's important for them to get a good grip when they're climbing, hence why they have special claws at the end of each leg.
12. Red Ear Slider Turtle or Pond Sliders communicate with touch and vibrations.
13. Hamsters are not diurnal (*active during the daytime*), or nocturnal (*active at night*), but rather “crepuscular,” which means they are most active during the twilight hours.
14. Cats can jump upwards five to six times their own height in a single bound.
15. Parakeets can live from 12 to 15 years!
16. Macaws can live up to 60 years in the wild and 80 to 100 years as a pet.
17. Can you help the storeowner find the 'O' missing from his sign?
18. Sugar gliders can glide for considerable distances, which have been measured at over 45 meters or 150 feet.
19. Birds are known for their poor smelling capability, but the Zebra Finches are exceptions. They use this sense of smell to locate relatives.
20. Praying mantises eat nothing but live food, mostly insects, including mates.
21. Guinea pigs have the ability to live on their own up to 5 days after being born.
22. It's no accident scorpions have survived for millions of years with modern scorpions living up to 25 years. They can live for a full year without food, can stay submerged underwater for up to 48 hours, and only require a tenth of the oxygen, unlike most insects, and survive.
23. Say hello to the King Snake, the non-venomous cousin to its nearly identical cousin the Coral snake. How can you tell? Red and Yellow, you're a dead fellow. Red and Black, is a friend to Jack.