

Welcome to the Operation Forever Home “Match Me” Quiz

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Finding the right pet is about more than choosing a cute face, it's about making sure your lifestyle, home, and preferences match the needs of your future companion. I designed this quiz to help guide adopters to the type of animal best suited for their living situation, activity level, and expectations.

Answer each question honestly, to help you make an informed and compassionate adoption decision. Let's find the right match and give an animal their forever home.

Section 1: About You

What is your current living situation?

- **Apartment:** Cats, Guinea pigs/rodents, Reptiles
Best pets: Small pets with minimal space needs. Cats can adapt to indoor-only lifestyles. Rodents and reptiles are quiet and self-contained.
- **House with a yard:** Dogs (all sizes), Cats
Best pets: Ideal for higher-energy dogs that need space to run. Cats still benefit from window space and quiet zones.
- **Farm/Rural property:** Large dogs, Cats (especially barn cats), Livestock guardians (if applicable)
Best pets: Room for roaming, lower noise restrictions, and ideal for dogs with guarding or working instincts.

Do you live in a neighborhood with a Homeowners Association (HOA)?

- **Yes, with strict pet rules**
Best pets: Cats, small dogs, indoor pets
Why: HOAs may limit pet types, sizes, or require leash and noise regulations.
- **Yes, with lenient pet rules**
Best pets: Dogs, cats, small animals
Why: You have more freedom to choose but still need to follow some guidelines.

- **No HOA**
Best pets: Any pet
Why: You're free to choose pets without formal restrictions (just check local laws).

Do you rent or own your residence?

- **Rent:** Cats, Rodents, Reptiles
 Best pets: Many landlords allow small pets. Reptiles and rodents are low-impact. Double-check pet policies.
- **Own:** Dogs (including high-energy breeds), Cats, Rodents, Reptiles
 Best pets: More flexibility to adapt home for pet needs (fencing, enclosures, etc.).

Are pets allowed in your residence?

- **No:** Not recommended to adopt until pet ownership is approved.
- **Not sure:** Confirm with the landlord first. Recommend holding off.

Do you currently have other pets?

- **Yes – Dog(s):** Dogs (if dog-social), Cats (if dog-friendly), Rodents (if secured), Reptiles
Best pets: Consider temperament matching and species compatibility.
- **Yes – Cat(s):** Cats (friendly), Dogs (cat-tested), Reptiles
 Best pets: Rodents not recommended unless housed securely.
- **No:** All animals are eligible depending on lifestyle.

Section 2: Lifestyle & Preferences

How would you describe your daily activity level?

- **Very active:** High-energy dog breeds (Border Collie, Lab), Young active cats
Best pets: Needs align with high-exercise pets.
- **Moderately active:** Low-to-medium energy dogs, Adult cats, Rodents
Best pets: More flexible pets, moderate enrichment needs.
- **Low activity:** Senior cats, Reptiles, Guinea pigs
Best pets: Calm animals that enjoy relaxing and lower care demands.

How much time can you dedicate to a pet daily?

- **Less than 1 hour:** Reptiles, Guinea pigs/rodents
Best pets: Require less interaction but still need daily care.
- **1–3 hours:** Cats, Low-energy dogs, Guinea pigs
Best pets: Allows time for feeding, cleaning, bonding.
- **More than 3 hours:** Dogs (esp. high-energy), Kittens or active breeds
Best pets: Good match for training, walks, play.

What is your preferred pet energy level?

- **High energy:** Working/herding breeds, Young active cats
Best pets: Thrive with lots of stimulation and time.
- **Moderate energy:** Family-friendly breeds, Adult cats, Guinea pigs
Best pets: Balanced play/rest needs.
- **Low energy:** Senior cats, Reptiles
Best pets: Ideal for chill companions, minimal movement needs.

What size of pet are you comfortable with?

- **Small:** Cats, Rodents, Reptiles, Small dogs
Best pets: Easier in small homes, manageable for first-timers.
- **Medium:** Spaniels, Labs, larger cat breeds
Best pets: Fit well in most family settings.

- **Large:** German Shepherds, Retrievers
Best pets: Require more training, yard space.
- **No preference:** All animals!

Are you open to special needs pets?

- **Yes:** Senior/disabled dogs, FIV+ cats, tripod pets
Best pets: Provides loving homes to often-overlooked animals.
- **No:** Recommend low-maintenance, healthy pets.
- **Maybe:** Match based on individual tolerance and availability.

Do you have any allergies?

- **Yes:** Reptiles, Hypoallergenic rodents (rats, some guinea pigs)
Best pets: Less dander; reptiles don't trigger allergies.
- **No:** All pets possible.

How important is it for your pet to be good with children/other animals?

- **Very important:** Family-friendly dog breeds, Gentle cats, Social guinea pigs
Best pets: Consider known temperament and past history.
- **Somewhat important:** Flexible with introductions and training.
- **Not important:** Consider shy or solo animals.

Section 3: Pet Preferences

What type of pet are you interested in adopting?

- **Dog:** Match by energy, size, space, time.

- **Cat:** Match by age, indoor/outdoor setting.
- **No preference:** Match based on your lifestyle!

Do you have a preference for the pet's age?

- **Puppy/Kitten:** High time/training needs.
- **Adult:** Ideal balance of energy and routine.
- **Senior:** Chill companions, often overlooked, lower exercise needs.

What is your primary reason for adopting a pet?

- **Companionship:** Cats, Dogs, Guinea pigs
Best pets: Social, bonding pets.
- **Emotional support:** Calmer breeds, Affectionate cats
Best pets: Animals that enjoy closeness.
- **Guard/protection:** Large confident dogs
Best pets: Ensure temperament and training.

Section 4: Commitment & Expectations

If the adopter isn't sure or isn't ready to commit fully, especially financially or for the pet's full lifetime, we'd recommend:

- Reptiles or rodents that have shorter lifespans or lower costs.
- Encouraging fostering or volunteering first.

Section 5: Experience & Household

Have you owned pets before?

- **Yes**, I have experience with **multiple types** of pets
Best pets: All pets
Why: Experienced owners can manage a wide range of pet needs.
- **Yes**, but only with **certain types** (e.g., cats, small rodents)
Best pets: Pets similar to prior experience
Why: Familiarity with species helps ensure good care.
- **No**, this would be my first pet
Best pets: Low-maintenance pets like reptiles or small rodents
Why: Easier to learn pet care basics and build confidence.

Are there children or elderly individuals in your household?

- **Yes, young children** (under 10 years old)
Best pets: Gentle dogs, calm cats, hardy rodents
Why: Choose pets with a gentle temperament and low risk for bites or scratches.
- **Yes, elderly** or individuals with **limited mobility**
Best pets: Low-energy cats, small to medium dogs, reptiles
Why: Pets with calm demeanor and easy care requirements fit best.
- **No** children or elderly
Best pets: All types
Why: No special considerations needed for vulnerable household members.

How many people live in your household?

- **1–2 people**
Best pets: Companions suited for smaller households, like cats, small dogs, or reptiles
Why: Less noise and activity can be ideal for more independent pets.
- **3–5 people**
Best pets: Medium-energy dogs, social cats, guinea pigs
Why: More interaction can benefit social pets.

- **6 or more people**

Best pets: High-energy dogs, interactive cats

Why: Active households can accommodate energetic pets needing stimulation.

Do any household members have allergies to pets?

- **Yes,** severe allergies

Best pets: Reptiles, hypoallergenic rodents, some dog breeds labeled hypoallergenic

Why: Lower dander and allergen levels reduce reactions.

- **Mild** allergies

Best pets: Cats and dogs with low-shedding coats, reptiles

Why: Manageable with grooming and cleaning.

- **No** allergies

Best pets: All pets

Why: No limitations on pet type.

Do you have a support system for pet care during vacations or emergencies?

- **Yes,** reliable family or friends available

Best pets: All pets

Why: Ensures pets receive proper care even when owners are away.

- **No,** I would need to find boarding or pet sitters

Best pets: Independent pets like adult cats, reptiles

Why: Easier to care for pets that tolerate shorter periods alone.

- **Unsure**

Best pets: Low-maintenance pets with minimal care needs

Why: Owners should plan ahead to ensure continuity of care.

Section 6: Environmental Considerations

How tolerant are you of animal-related mess (fur, chewing, litter boxes, etc.)?

- **Very** tolerant
Best pets: Dogs, Cats, Guinea pigs/rodents
Why: Dogs and cats may shed or chew, and rodents require frequent cage cleaning.
- **Somewhat** tolerant
Best pets: Short-haired cats, Low-shedding dogs, Reptiles
Why: Less mess, more manageable grooming needs.
- **Not** tolerant
Best pets: Reptiles
Why: No fur or dander, minimal mess with proper enclosure care.

How comfortable are you with handling raw food or live insects (e.g., crickets, mealworms)?

- **Very** comfortable
Best pets: Reptiles
Why: Many reptiles need live insect feeding; ideal for hands-on caregivers.
- **Somewhat** comfortable
Best pets: Insect-eating reptiles, Cats (wet food diets)
Why: Possible to adjust diet or get pre-prepped options.
- **Not** comfortable
Best pets: Dogs, Cats, Guinea pigs
Why: Eat kibble, pellets, or hay-based diets—no insects.

What type of interaction are you hoping for from a pet?

- **Cuddly and affectionate**
Best pets: Dogs, Friendly cats, Guinea pigs
Why: Known for bonding and seeking affection from humans.
- **Independent but present**
Best pets: Independent cats, Reptiles
Why: Low-maintenance attention needs.

- **Fun to observe, not handle much**
Best pets: Reptiles, Rodents
Why: Entertaining but not always cuddly or hands-on.

How much noise are you comfortable with?

- **Can tolerate** barking or meowing
Best pets: Dogs, Cats
Why: Communicative animals with vocal needs.
- Prefer **minimal** noise
Best pets: Reptiles, Guinea pigs/rodents
Why: Reptiles are silent, rodents are soft vocalizers.

How often do you travel?

- **Rarely**
Best pets: Dogs, Cats, Guinea pigs
Why: Need regular interaction and routine care.
- **Occasionally** (weekend trips)
Best pets: Independent cats, Guinea pigs, Reptiles
Why: Cats and reptiles can be left alone longer with proper setup or sitter.
- **Frequently**
Best pets: Reptiles
Why: Can be maintained with minimal supervision by trained sitters.

Do you want a pet that can be housed entirely indoors?

- **Yes**
Best pets: Cats, Rodents, Reptiles
Why: Thrive inside with proper enrichment.
- **No preference** / Outdoor time is okay
Best pets: Dogs, Cats (with supervision or safe outdoor setups)
Why: Dogs benefit from walks, some cats enjoy leashed time or catios.

Do you or anyone in your household have a fear of certain animals (e.g., reptiles, rodents, large dogs)?

- **Yes**
Best pets: Small dogs, Cats
Why: Avoid triggering fear; focus on comfort and familiarity.
- **No**
Best pets: All pets are possible.
Why: Consider personality and home readiness.

How much supervision will your pet get each day?

- **Most** of the day
Best pets: Dogs, Kittens, Guinea pigs
Why: Young and social pets need more supervision and care.
- A **few hours** a day
Best pets: Adult cats, Reptiles, Older guinea pigs
Why: Independent pets or those with lower activity needs.
- **Minimal** daily supervision
Best pets: Reptiles (e.g., leopard geckos, corn snakes)
Why: Thrive on routine, tolerate short periods alone.

Section 7: Time Commitment & Routine

What is your daily schedule like?

- **Mostly at home** (work from home, student, retired)
Best pets: Dogs, Cats, Guinea pigs
Why: Pets like dogs and guinea pigs thrive with frequent interaction.
- Out of the house **4–8 hours** a day
Best pets: Adult cats, Guinea pigs, Reptiles
Why: Lower separation anxiety, can entertain themselves.

- Out of the house **10+ hours** a day
Best pets: Reptiles
Why: Require minimal interaction and can be left alone with proper setup.

Do you want a pet with a long lifespan?

- **Yes**, the longer the better (10+ years)
Best pets: Cats, Dogs, Turtles or tortoises
Why: Cats and dogs can live 10–20 years; some reptiles even longer.
- **5–10** years is ideal
Best pets: Guinea pigs, Cats
Why: Guinea pigs live 5–7 years; cats 12–15 on average.
- **Shorter lifespan** is okay (under 5 years)
Best pets: Mice, hamsters, some reptiles
Why: Good for first-time pet owners or temporary commitment.

Section 8: Temperament Preferences

How social would you like your pet to be?

- **Very social, enjoys being around people**
Best pets: Dogs, Friendly cats, Guinea pigs
Why: Love attention and thrive in interactive homes.
- **Moderately social, independent but friendly**
Best pets: Cats, Some reptiles (e.g., bearded dragons)
Why: Comfortable alone but still bond with humans.
- **Not very social, I prefer quiet companionship**
Best pets: Reptiles, Some rodents
Why: Low touch, calming presence, great for observing.

Do you prefer a pet that can be trained or learn tricks?

- **Yes**, I'd love a trainable pet
Best pets: Dogs, Cats, Bearded dragons
Why: Can learn commands and tricks with consistent effort.
- **Somewhat**, I'm open to it
Best pets: Guinea pigs (can learn basic commands), Tame reptiles
Why: Require patience, but possible.
- **No**, I prefer low-effort companionship
Best pets: Rodents, Reptiles
Why: Don't need training to be enjoyable.

Section 9: Financial & Space Considerations

What is your expected monthly pet care budget?

- **Under \$50**/month
Best pets: Reptiles (after setup), Guinea pigs
Why: Lower ongoing costs once habitat is established.
- **\$50–\$100**/month
Best pets: Cats, Guinea pigs
Why: Covers food, litter, and basic care.
- **\$100+**/month
Best pets: Dogs (especially large breeds)
Why: Higher costs for food, grooming, vet visits, etc.

Do you have space for pet enclosures or habitats?

- **Yes**, I can dedicate a large area
Best pets: Dogs, Large reptiles (e.g., iguanas, tortoises)
Why: Need runs, pens, or enclosures.
- A **medium** space (like a cage or small habitat)
Best pets: Guinea pigs, Leopard geckos, Cats
Why: Manageable enclosures and litter boxes.

- Very **limited** space
Best pets: Small reptiles, Mice, Hamsters
Why: Compact habitats, suitable for small apartments.

Would you be willing to modify your home for a pet (e.g., gates, scratch posts, heating lamps)?

- **Yes**, whatever is needed
Best pets: All types
Why: Flexibility supports pet well-being.
- Only **minor** adjustments
Best pets: Rodents, Reptiles, Cats
Why: Less intensive changes than for dogs.
- **No**, I prefer things as they are
Best pets: Reptiles
Why: Stay contained in their tanks or enclosures.

Section 10: Veterinary Access & Preparedness

Do you have access to a veterinarian or emergency animal clinic nearby that you can afford?

- **Yes, I already have a vet I trust**
Best pets: Dogs, Cats
Why: These pets need regular checkups, vaccines, and occasional urgent care.
- **Yes, there's a vet or clinic nearby I could use**
Best pets: Dogs, Cats, Guinea pigs
Why: It's important to have access even if you're new to pet ownership.
- **No, I live far from any veterinary services**
Best pets: Reptiles (e.g., leopard geckos, turtles)
Why: Reptiles generally need fewer vet visits, but still require occasional care from an exotic vet.

- **I'm not sure or I've never used a vet**

Best pets: Reptiles, Small rodents

Why: Lower risk of emergencies, but owners should still research nearby exotic or small animal vets.

Are you prepared for unexpected veterinary expenses such as emergencies or surgeries?

- **Yes,** I have savings or pet insurance to cover emergencies

Best pets: All pets

Why: Prepared owners can responsibly care for pets with possible medical needs.

- **No,** I have a limited budget for unexpected costs

Best pets: Reptiles, Low-maintenance rodents

Why: These pets generally require fewer emergency visits.

- **Unsure,** I would need to explore options like pet insurance or payment plans

Best pets: Pets with low to moderate medical needs (adult cats, small dogs)

Why: Owners should research financial options before committing.

What is your monthly budget for routine veterinary care (vaccinations, checkups, preventative treatments)?

- **Under \$20/month**

Best pets: Reptiles, Guinea pigs

Why: Lower ongoing costs with routine care.

- **\$20–\$50/month**

Best pets: Cats, Small dogs

Why: Vaccines and preventatives typically fall into this range.

- **Over \$50/month**

Best pets: Dogs (especially large breeds, puppies), Cats with special needs

Why: More frequent visits or treatments may be necessary.