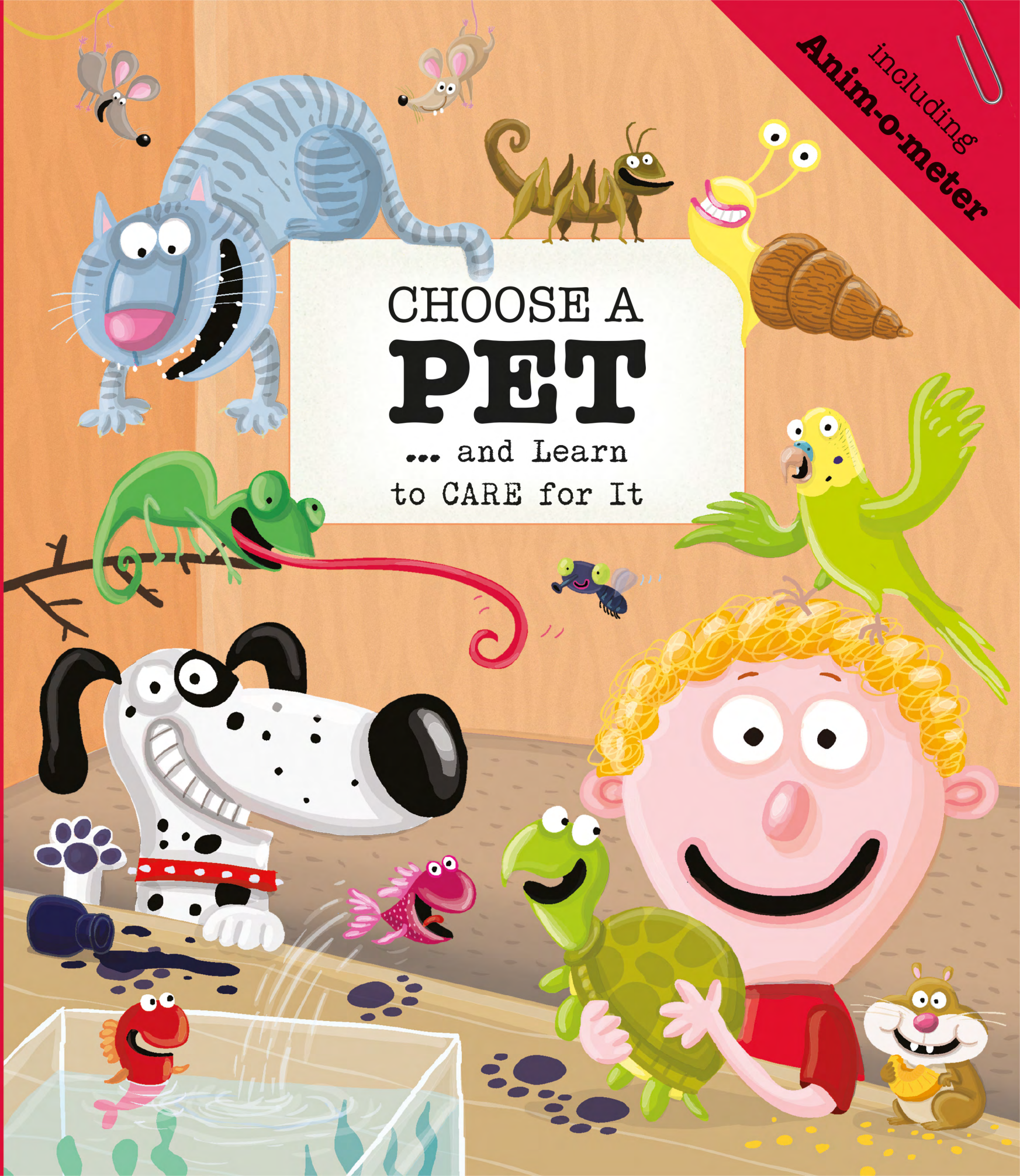




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How to Keep a Pet

So you want to get a pet! That's great. A pet will bring you a great deal of pleasure. And the better you care for it, the more pleasure it will give you. But take care with your choice – some pets can sometimes get along quite well without you, while others depend on you.



Start with some general rules:

1. Feed your animal regularly

A well-fed tummy = a happy tummy. But only give your pet the food that is intended for it. Anything else may do it harm.



2. Be sure to keep things clean

Your pet will be happiest in a clean environment. Keep an aquarium well washed, and change a hamster's sawdust before your room starts to smell.

3. Don't do anything that will upset your pet

Don't pull its legs or tail. Don't make it play with you when it doesn't want to. If you treat it kindly, it will get to like you, and you'll become lifelong friends.

4. Keep an eye on how it is

If you have the feeling that something is wrong with your pet, tell your parents. Then take it to the vet's to check that it is well and has everything it needs.

5. Love is what it's all about

You are your animal companion's whole world. Without you, it probably wouldn't survive. You should never forget this.



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Pet:

TURTLES

Species: *terrestrial turtle (tortoise) and aquatic turtle*

Photograph:

Details:



Amalie, the turtle



Every apprentice
can manage this pet.



It is necessary
to dedicate 20 minutes
a day to this pet.



A turtle needs a well-
equipped terrarium.



You can take
a tortoise for walks.

If a tortoise senses your presence nearby, it will run up to you in delight and let you tickle it under the chin. If you treat a turtle or tortoise well, it will become fond of you and let you know it.



Their Home

Keep an aquatic turtle in an aquarium and a terrestrial turtle (tortoise) in a terrarium. What's the difference between these? An aquarium contains water, while a terrarium contains fine sand or coconut pulp, stones and wood. Both types of turtles need lots of space and small houses for shelter, as well as lots of warmth and light, which are vitally important to them.



A Turtle's Menu



What They Eat

An aquatic turtle likes meat, particularly fish. Tortoises love everything green, so pluck a few green leaves from the garden for them, such as dandelion, plantain and clover. They also like cucumber, banana, tomato and carrot.



Which one?

Aquatic or terrestrial?

It may seem that there's hardly any difference between them, but a terrestrial turtle is less demanding to look after than its aquatic relation. You have to devote far more time and effort to turtles that live in water, as you often have to clean their aquarium, keep them well heated, and keep them in an environment that is natural for them.



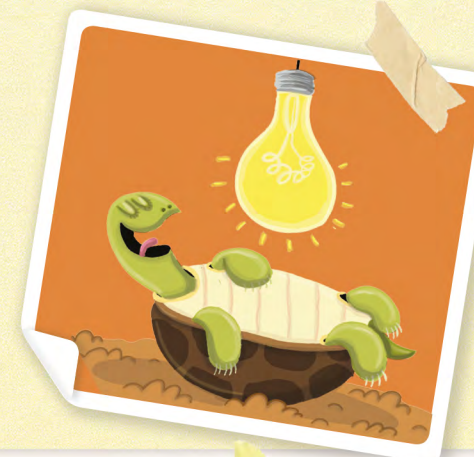
Caution

A terrarium needs to be at least 120cm long, 60cm wide and 40cm high. Inside, put bedding material, for instance coconut pulp, a bowl of food and a large bowl of water, in which the turtle will be able to bathe, too.



What They Need

Turtles love heat, and if they have it, they grow well and thrive. For this reason, both aquatic and terrestrial turtles need a constantly burning light bulb in their aquarium or terrarium, under which they can keep warm and bask.



Learn More ...

Turtle old-timers

If you care well for your turtle pal, he'll live for a long time and become an old man. Properly cared-for turtles can live to be a hundred, so it may easily happen that your own children will one day play with your pal!



Hibernation

Some species of turtles sleep over the winter. An adult tortoise hibernates for 3 – 4 months at a temperature of 1°C – 5°C. It will need you to cover it in sand inside its box or terrarium. Hibernating a tortoise is a tough job, so ask a grown-up to help you with it.





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One looks like a walking branch, the second resembles a fluffy ball. The third is happiest in water, the fourth on a branch. The fifth likes the park, where it can run around like mad. A stick insect, a guinea pig, a fish, an iguana and a dog. Which animal would you like to care for? We'll help you make up your mind. In this book with amusing illustrations you'll discover which animal is the right one for you, what it eats, where and how it lives, and what you have to watch out for so that it doesn't get hurt.



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