

# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics



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## African Grey

- Comes in several  of grey feathers with other colors often mixed in
- Are  birds with observant qualities utilized for understanding their environment




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## Amazon Parrots

- Are covered in predominantly  feathers with other colors on various parts of their body
- Are intelligent and




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## Canaries

- Come in an array of  colored feathers
- Are noted for their desire to  on a regular basis




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## Cockatiels

- Have mostly gray feathers, with distinct orange circles on their faces and additional coloring on
- Are sociable and intelligent birds needing  attention from their owners



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## Cockatoos

- Come in a wide variety of  with white being the most common
- Are very lively and affectionate birds known to live for more than  if cared for properly



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## Macaws

- Have brightly colored feathers which can be red, blue, yellow and green
- Are one of the most  and expensive exotic birds
- Include several of the most  species on earth



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**Parakeets**

- Come in a large variety of
- Are highly  birds found throughout the world



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**Fish**



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**Fish**

- Vary greatly in size and color
- depends on the breed, though most are calm and responsive
- Are often chosen as pets due to their low

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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Fish

- Are cold-blooded aquatic vertebrates
- Used as pets include the following species:

### – freshwater

- Betta
- Cichlids
- Goldfish
- Gourami
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- Mollies
- Tetra

### – saltwater

- Angelfish
- Butterfly
- Clownfish
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- Seahorse
- Tang

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## Freshwater Fish

- Live in freshwater the  or entirety of their lives
- Thrive in a large variety of environments with larger numbers in tropical areas
- Inhabit lakes, ponds, streams,  wetlands, marshes and more

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## Bettas

- Come in a wide variety of  colors
- Are also known as  Fighting Fish because of their aggressive nature towards other fish, including other bettas




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## Cichlids

- Include more than  species identified around the world
- Most often come in bright colors and thrive in  areas




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## Goldfish

- As their name implies, are often golden in color, with others coming in  black and combinations
- Are  of wild carp




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## Gourami

- Come in a wide variety of colors, sizes and
- Are known for their unique physical features including  Gourami which feed and breathe in a manner giving the impression of kissing




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## Guppies

- Come in a large variety of
- Include more than  different varieties of fish, native primarily to South and Central America




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## Mollies

- Are  which come in large varieties of colors and patterns
- Include two different varieties:  and short finned




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## Tetra

- Come in a large variety of colors with a shiny  body often dominating their appearance
- Are active  fish in need of a peaceful aquarium environment




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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Saltwater Fish

- Live in saltwater the majority or entirety of their lives
- Thrive in a large variety of environments with larger numbers in  areas
- Inhabit oceans, seas and saltwater

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## Angelfish

- Are  colored fish coming in a large variety of colors and patterns
- Come in more than  different varieties and species



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## Butterfly

- Is a brightly colored fish best known for its distinct linear body patterns and narrow mouth which is used for  food from crevices in coral reefs
- Are currently endangered due to habitat destruction  and increased predation



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## Clownfish

- Is a brightly colored fish most recognized for its  color, white vertical body stripes and black fin tips
- Create a symbiotic bond with dangerous sea anemones for protection from



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## Puffers

- Include several species whom come in mostly tan and  colors with a wide variety of markings and patterns
- Are primarily native to tropical areas
- Are known for their unique  mechanism which allows them to swell with water when threatened



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## Seahorse

- Are unique fish coming in a variety of colors with thick  and long snake-like tails
- give birth to live young, something unique to their genus



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**Tang**

- Come in a large  of colors, often very bright in appearance
- Are heavily reliant upon coral  environments



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**Guinea Pigs**



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**Guinea Pigs**

- Are small rodents native to South America
- Include the following breeds:
  - Abyssinian
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  - Coronet
  - Peruvian
  - Silkie
  - Skinny
  - Teddy
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  - White crested

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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Guinea Pig Behavior

- Includes the following:

- active
- affectionate
- observant
- emotional

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## Abyssinians

- Come in a wide variety of colors and color patterns with  patterns called rosettes appearing  throughout the coat



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## American

- Come in a wide variety of color options and  patterns
- Are the most  guinea pigs found in stores



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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Coronet

- Come in a wide  of colors and coat patterns
- Have long and  hair, strongly desired at breed shows




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## Peruvian

- Come in a wide variety of  options and coat patterns
- Hair grows forward over their head and down their back, giving them a  appearance from above




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## Silkie

- Come in a wide variety of mostly  color options and color patterns
- Have long flowing hair with a soft and flowing texture identified by breeders and enthusiasts as




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## Skinny

- Are mostly  guinea pigs with soft pink skin and black patterns covering various parts of their body
- Are more susceptible to environmental extremes such as  and weather




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## Teddy

- Come in wide variety of color options and color patterns with  and dense hair
- Have  coats adapted for tough weather conditions




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## Texel

- Come in a wide variety of mostly  color options and color patterns
- Have long and soft hair that is formed into curls or




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**White Crested**

- Are most often tan in color with a  specific white rosette located on the top of their head



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**Breeds of Companion Animals: Exotics**

**Hamsters**



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**Hamsters**

- Are short tailed, burrowing rodents
- Include the following breeds:
  - 
  - Dwarf Campbells Russian
  - Dwarf Winter White Russians
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  - Syrian

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## Hamster Behavior

- Includes the following:
  - gentle
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  - social (with owners)
  - 
  - fearful

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## Chinese

- Come in either a combination of brown and black or white, brown and black with  variations
- Look to similar to mice without a long tail and  hair



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## Dwarf Campbells Russian

- Are generally gray-brown in color with other color varieties common through
- Unlike most other breeds, are generally  with their own species if introduced at a young age



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## Dwarf Winter White Russian

- Are a generally a combination of white, black and gray with other color varieties common through
- May require  housing as they may be too small for traditional hamster habitats




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## Roborovski

- Are a generally a combination of  brown with a white stomach and other color varieties common through breeding




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## Syrians

- Come in a wide variety of colors and color patterns with  and soft hair
- Should be kept in groups until  weeks of age to avoid fighting




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## Rabbits

- Are any variety of small hares which possess soft fur and large
- Vary in color and size depending on breed
- May be solid colored or possess spots or
- Some common varieties include:
  - Angora
  - Californian
  - Flemish Giant
  - Himalayan
  - Lop

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## Common Rabbit Behavior

- Is characterized by the following:
  - good natured
  - lively
  - easily trained

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## Angora

- Thick white or cream colored  covers most varieties of Angora
- Require special grooming and



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## Californian

- Are white with black ears,  tail and feet
- Are popular at  shows and county fairs for their excellent physical traits



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## Flemish Giants

- Come in a variety of colors and
- Are the largest breed of rabbits with males growing well above  in weight and one or more feet in length



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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Himalayan

- Are white with black, blue, lilac or  colored feet, ears, nose and tail
- Have shorter ears and  bodies than most other breeds




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## Lops

- Come in a large variety of colors
- Include several different varieties developed in different areas for different  over time
- Are known for their distinctive lopped ears known to reach the ground  them




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## Breeds of Companion Animals: Exotics

### Amphibians




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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Amphibians

- Are cold blooded animals with  skin which may live on land or in water
- Are usually  or brown in color
- May possess dark spots or stripes
- Can usually be kept with fish

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## Amphibian Behavior

- Is characterized by the following:
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  - solitary
  - to care for

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## Common Amphibian Pet Breeds

- Include the following:
  - Dwarf Frogs
  - American Green Tree Frogs
  - Oriental Fire Bellied Toads
  - Salamanders

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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## African Clawed Frogs

- Come in a variety of colors often  a grey or brown body
- Are very hardy, with the ability to live for several  in good environmental conditions



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## American Green Tree Frogs

- Come in a bright and appealing -green color
- Require a steady diet of flies,  crickets and weekly vitamin supplement



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## Oriental Fire Bellied Toads

- Are bright green and black on their back and even brighter orange and black on their
- Are known to live for  years if properly cared for



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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Tiger Salamanders

- Come in a large variety of colors with  patterns giving the appearance of tiger fur
- Are disappearing  in the wild



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## Breeds of Companion Animals: Exotics

### Reptiles



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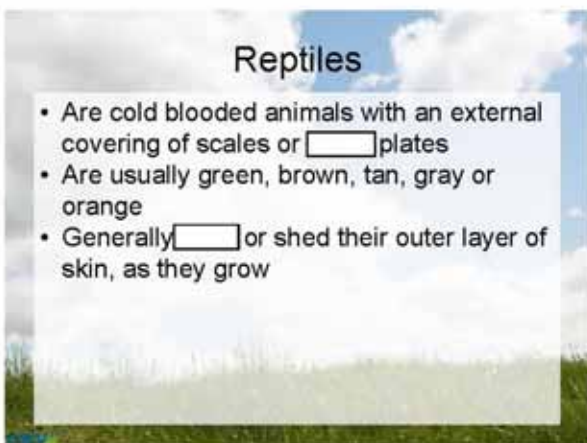
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## Reptiles

- Are cold blooded animals with an external covering of scales or  plates
- Are usually green, brown, tan, gray or orange
- Generally  or shed their outer layer of skin, as they grow



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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

### Common Reptile Behavior

- Includes the following:
  - solitary
  - gentle
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  - easily tamed

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### Common Reptile Pet Breeds

- Include the following:
  - Ball Pythons
  - Dragons
  - Box Turtles
  - Geckos
  - Green Iguanas
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### Ball Pythons

- Are most often covered in varying  of brown markings and lighter shades of brown spots
- Are docile and occasionally  if properly cared for



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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Bearded Dragons

- Are most often a tan and sand color with  scales for blending in with native environments
- Thrive on a diet of  and insects such as crickets



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## Box Turtles

- Are usually dark brown or  in color with bright orange and yellow patterns
- Are native to North America with  subspecies appearing in the United States and two appearing in Mexico



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## Gecko

- Come in wide variety of colors depending on the  and environment in which they reside
- Are known for their ability to walk up  surfaces



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# Breeds of Companion Animals - Exotics

## Green Iguanas

- Are variable in color, usually between different shades of  and brown
- Are known to live up to  if properly cared for




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## Tortoises

- Come in a variety of colors, often green, gray, tan or a
- Are known to grow as large as  depending on the species, diet and environment




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