



**pets in the
classroom**

How TEACHERS can introduce
children to the benefits of pets.

Kids benefit from exposure to pets in the classroom in ways that help to shape their lives for years to come.
Learn how you can get funding toward a classroom pet!

The Pets in the Classroom Grant Program provides teachers of Pre-Kindergarten through Ninth grade classes in both public and private schools with financial support to help purchase and maintain classroom pets through direct, no-hassle educational grants. Teachers can obtain a grant or coupons for the purchase of new pets and pet environments, or pet food and supplies for existing classroom pets.

SO WHY GET A CLASSROOM PET?

Pets Aid In Improving School Attendance

Students become excited about school because they get to see their animal friends!

Pets Encourage Nurturing

Kids soon learn that if they want their classroom pet to be happy and healthy, they'll need to treat it carefully and kindly.

Pets Build Self Esteem

Helping to take care of a pet gives a child a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Pets Promote Empathy

By caring for a pet, children develop an increased awareness of the needs and feelings of others, and see how their actions affect their little friends.

Pets Teach Responsibility

Having to take care of a pet builds a sense of responsibility in children.

Pets Stimulate Learning

When classroom pets are included in the lesson plan, students will approach learning with a new enthusiasm and interest.

Pets Enrich The Classroom Experience

Not only do pets bring a new excitement for learning, but they provide a warm and welcoming environment for students.

Pets Become Friends

Pets provide kids with unconditional love and support. They become a confidant and a non-judgmental friend.

TESTIMONIALS

“ My students have been performing better academically as well as behavior wise. The pets help motivate my students to learn. When they are used in a lesson, my students are automatically interested in learning the material because it has to do with something they like. ”

- Diana Albanez | Los Angeles, CA

“ When school first started six weeks ago, I had to write multiple referrals per day for violent acts. Since Ella the Guinea Pig came to share our classroom, I have not had any violent acts and the noise level has gone way down because they don't want her to be frightened. The best part is watching the empathy they developed for Ella begin to transfer to their peers. Ella has done something in four weeks that I may or may not have been able to do all year. ”

- Marie Roberts | Fort Worth, TX

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CLASSROOM PET OPTIONS:

Aquarium

Tropical Fish
Betta Fish
Glo Fish

Reptile/Amphibian

Bearded Dragon
Leopard Gecko
Frog/Toad
Snake
Crested Gecko
Anole

Small Animal

Guinea Pig
Hamster
Gerbil/Mouse
Bird
Hermit Crab
Tarantula

HOW TO APPLY:

Simply visit the website at

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and fill out the application. If you qualify, we'll send a coupon
directly to you for the support of your classroom pets.

That's all there is to it!

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