



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

“ Although I used Pets in the Classroom to get a bearded dragon for my 4th grade class, she was a wonderful motivator and reward for several students with special needs. When nothing else would calm them down, the mention of visiting Jellybean would immediately turn behaviors around. Students all around the school would get so excited to see and pet her. Students would work hard to get the opportunity to have her on their shoulder as they did their work. Students lined up to give up their recess time to care for her, clean her enclosure, and feed her. I loved this opportunity to share my love of animals with students and provide a rewarding experience for them. ”

- Nicole Sisco

“ Pets in the Classroom is an amazing opportunity. We've only had our Guinea pigs since August, but they have made a huge impact on not only the students I work with (I am a Speech and Language Pathologist), but with the whole student body and staff. Two students that I tested this year were eased by holding and petting the Guinea pigs while they completed their evaluation. A group of 5th graders come in before school starts and during some of their recesses to spend time with guinea pigs. This group whether they know it or not are building social skills. One of my students has limited verbal skills, but when he is with Bubbles and Bella the words flow. He has even gone home and told his parents about them (the first time he has made a school to home connection). I cannot say enough about how Pets in the Classroom has impacted our small school. ”

- Yvonne Howard





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Are you ready to add a pet to your classroom?

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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

WWW.PETSINTHECLASSROOM.ORG

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!

FIND US ONLINE:

