



Meet Your Match

Many people don't realize that the BC SPCA has small animals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, mice and rats available for adoption. Small animals are often a first pet for many kids, but "small" doesn't mean less care - Each small animal has different housing, space, and feeding requirements and all of them need enrichment materials, such as toys!

Materials: worksheet, pencil, BC SPCA [small animals care guides](#)

Directions: Curious about which small animal suits you best? Take the quiz to *meet your match*. Circle the answer that best describes you. Be honest! Then add up your points and look at the next page to discover which pet could be your perfect match. Then, learn more about their needs and design a perfect habitat for your new pet!

When would you want to hang out with your pet?

- a. Anytime I want to play with it. (1 point)
- b. Only in the morning before school. (2 points)
- c. At bedtime - and all night long! (3 points)

How social would you like your pet to be?

- a. I don't mind if I cannot hold or pick up my pet. (2 points)
- b. I want a pet I can hold and play with (1 point)

How often would you be willing to clean your pet's cage?

- a. Every day (1 point)
- b. Once a week (3 points)
- c. Every month (2 points)



How much space do you have for your pet's home?

- a. Small space - I have a dresser or desk (2 points)
- b. Large space - I have a big room or a separate room just for them (1 point)

Would you want a pair or just one pet?

- a. A pair (1 point)
- b. Just one, please! (2 points)



Add up
your points
and turn
the page
for
answers!





Meet Your Match Answers

Making a great match means knowing what to expect from a pet – and what a pet can expect from you. Which small animal were you matched up with?

5 to 7 points: Rats or Guinea Pigs

8 to 9 points: Gerbils or Mice

10 to 12 points: Hamsters

[Download our care sheets to learn more](#) about your match, then pretend you are about to get that pet. What supplies would you need to give your new pet the best life? Sketch the perfect home for your pretend pet in the space below or create a diorama.

