



Small Mammal Pets

- 1. Have the Mammal Honor.
- 2. Keep a small mammal pet for at least six months. (Dogs and cats are not included as small mammal pets.) For a suggested list of pets to choose from, see #5 below.
- 3. Complete one of the following:
 - a. If you currently have a small mammal pet, keep a record of the care for your small mammal for one month. Include in your record when it is watered, fed, and when its cage is cleaned. (Complete Chart #1)
 - b. If you do not currently have a small mammal pet, but you have kept one for at least six months, “babysit” someone else’s small mammal pet for at least one week. Record the care that was required. (Complete Chart #2)
- 4. Give an oral report (at least 3 minutes) on what you have observed about your small mammal pet. Include favorite foods, some of its habits, when it is most active, and favorite story about pet, etc.
- 5. a. Be able to distinguish between the following groups of small mammal pets:

(1) Hamster	(5) Guinea pigs
(2) Gerbils	(6) Chinchillas
(3) Rats	(7) Rabbits
(4) Mice	(8) Ferrets

Note: If the list of domesticated small mammals above are not found in your area you may substitute local domesticated small mammals from your area.

- b. Describe the basic care for one of the above list and describe one way the care of another one of the list differs from the one you selected.
 - c. Which two of these pets are not rodents?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- 6. Write a 200 word essay on the history and value of one of the above and what characteristics they have that make them good pets.

- 7. Be able to identify five varieties of hamsters and five varieties of rabbits.

Hamsters

Rabbits

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

- 8. Why is it not good to make pets out of small mammals taken from the wild?

- 9. Rabies: What is it? _____

How is it spread? _____

Can you get rabies from small mammals? _____

Is it curable? _____

How can you avoid getting it? _____

Which small mammal pets can carry it? _____

- 10. Why should you not handle your small mammal pets when you have a cold?

- ❑ 11. Find in the Bible three references to animals that we now consider to be small mammal pets. According to the Bible, are they considered to be clean or unclean meat?

Bible References	Clean/Unclean
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Small Mammal Pets, Chart #1

If you currently have a small mammal pet, keep a record of its care for at least one month.
Include food habits, water needs, cage cleaning, etc.

Day 1	Day 8	Day 15	Day 22	Day 29
Day 2	Day 9	Day 16	Day 23	Day 30
Day 3	Day 10	Day 17	Day 24	Additional Notes:
Day 4	Day 11	Day 18	Day 25	
Day 5	Day 12	Day 19	Day 26	
Day 6	Day 13	Day 20	Day 27	
Day 7	Day 14	Day 21	Day 28	

Small Mammal Pets, Chart #2

If you do not have a small mammal pet now but completed requirement #1 in the past, take care of some one else's small mammal pet for at least one week while they are on vacation, etc., and maintain a record of the required care.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Additional Notes:						