



# Pets

## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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**The 2008 Requirements incorrectly show this revision as 2005. It is actually 1995. This workbook is correct as of 2008.**

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Present evidence that you have cared for a pet for four months. **Get approval before you start.** \* Work done for other merit badges cannot be used for this requirement. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Write in 200 words or more about the care, \_\_\_\_\_

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feeding, \_\_\_\_\_

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and housing of your pet. \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell some interesting facts about it. \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell why you have this kind of pet. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Give local laws, if any, relating to the pet you keep. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Show that you have read a book or pamphlet, **approved by your counselor**, about your kind of pet. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Do any ONE of the following:
- a. Show your pet in some pet show. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. Start a friend raising a pet like yours. Help your friend get a good start. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. Train a pet in three or more tricks or special abilities.  
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**Online Resources** *(Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)*

**Boy Scouts of America:** ▶ [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) ▶ [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ▶ [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ▶ [Safe Swim Defense](#)  
 ▶ [Scout](#) ▶ [Tenderfoot](#) ▶ [Second Class](#) ▶ [First Class](#) 🎥 [Rank Videos](#) ▶ [Safety Afloat](#)

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks:** [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org) -or- [meritbadge.org](http://meritbadge.org)    **Merit Badge Books:** [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

**Requirement Resources**

2: Animal Care references: [http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Animal\\_Care](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Animal_Care)

Dogs: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog>    Cats: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cat>    Goldfish: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldfish>

American Cat Fanciers Association: <http://www.acfacat.com>

American Humane Association: <http://www.americanhumane.org>

The American Kennel Club: <http://www.akc.org>

2-4: [ExpertVillage.com Lesson Videos:](#)

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| 🎥 <a href="#">How to Train A Cat</a> | 🎥 <a href="#">Buying Fish</a> | 🎥 <a href="#">Aquariums</a>     | 🎥 <a href="#">Choosing a Bird</a> |                              |
| 🎥 <a href="#">Training a Parrot</a>  | 🎥 <a href="#">Hamsters</a>    | 🎥 <a href="#">Rabbits</a>       | 🎥 <a href="#">Rats</a>            | 🎥 <a href="#">Terrariums</a> |
| 🎥 <a href="#">Snakes</a>             | 🎥 <a href="#">Snake Care</a>  | 🎥 <a href="#">Water Monitor</a> | 🎥 <a href="#">Mice</a>            | 🎥 <a href="#">Turtles</a>    |
| 🎥 <a href="#">Guinea Pigs</a>        | 🎥 <a href="#">Lizards</a>     |                                 |                                   |                              |

**General Resources:**

Aquarium Fish, Bird Talk, Cat Fancy, and Reptiles magazines: <http://www.animalnetwork.com>

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: <http://www.asPCA.org>

The Humane Society of the United States: <http://www.hsus.org>

SPAY/USA: <http://www.spayusa.org>