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The World of Pets. Everything You Need to Know About Our Animal Friends

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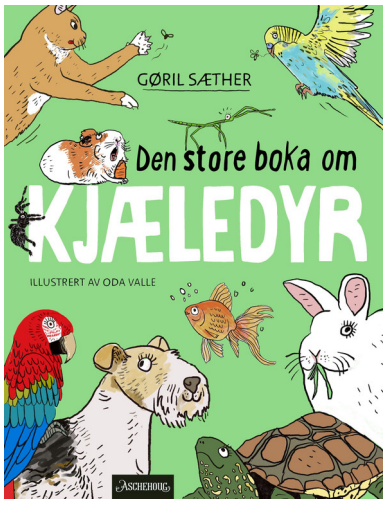
A perfect book for everyone who is dreaming of getting a pet or just enjoy reading about animals.
Many children want a pet. The animals we call pets don't really come from the pet shop. They come from the desert, the sea, high mountains and the rainforest.

To *pet* means to *cuddle*. But many pets are not so cuddly. Some pets are more like a hobby animal. Or maybe we instead should call them family pets? After all, these animals live at home with a human family. Some say companion animals, because animals keep us with company.

It's fun to have a pet! You get a good animal friend and memories for life. But there's also a lot to think about. Do you want to change drinking water, pick up poop and make sure your pet doesn't get bored? Not just for a few weeks, but for many years? And do you know what kind of equipment you need to keep a cat, a rabbit, a dog or a budgie?

In *The World of Pets* you can read and learn about pets that live in our homes. It's a great introduction of all kinds of pets: the most common and the more unusual. It's a guide that give you the basis of knowledge for choosing the pet that is perfect for you. Or just knowledge for animal lovers. A book to enjoy by young readers again and again.

Pets in the book:
guinea pig * cat * dog *rabbit * chinchilla * lizard * walking-stick insect * birds * rat * mini pig * fish * ferret * reptile * hamster * turtle



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