We conducted an informal survey of librarians to see which pets are most popular in their households.

In 2017, some 68% of all households in the United States owned pets, up from 56% in 1988. More than 50% of people worldwide have at least one pet.

Nearly 90% of librarians reported having at least one pet. Of those, 47% own at least one dog and one cat.

**Most Unique Pets**
- Hedgehog
- Hermit Crab
- Axolotl
- Tarantula

**Pet Ownership Around the World**

- **Dog**: 33%
- **Cat**: 23%
- **Fish**: 12%
- **Bird/Chicken**: 6%
- **Other**: 6%

**Who Responded**

- Public Librarian: 50%
- Academic Librarian: 17%
- School Librarian: 21%
- Special Librarian: 5%
- Library School Student: 2%
- Other: 7%

**Number of Pets Per Household**

- 1 pet: 14%
- 2 pets: 21%
- 3 pets: 17%
- 4 pets: 5%
- 5 pets: 5%
- 6-9 pets: 5%
- 10+ pets: 3%

**Source:** Global GfK survey: Pet ownership. (May 2016)

**Proof Pawsitive**

Librarians Love Their Pets

Who Responded

- 62% Cat
- 61% Dog
- 7% Fish
- 6% Bird/Chicken
- 5% Reptile/Amphibian
- 4% Rodent
- 2% Bunny
- 2% Horse
- >1% Ferret

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1. The survey included members of the Future Ready Librarians and Library Think Tank Facebook pages.
2. Includes snakes, iguanas, bearded dragons, tortoises, turtles, toads and frogs.
3. Includes guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice and rats.
5. Source: Global GfK survey: Pet ownership. (May 2016)