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Librarians Love Their Pets

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

Who Responded

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

Number of Pets Per Household

- 1-2 pets: 26%
- 3-4 pets: 23%
- 5-9 pets: 14%
- 10+: 8%
- 5-9 pets: 5%
- 1-2 pets: 3%

Pets Owned

- Cat: 62%
- Dog: 61%
- Fish: 7%
- Bird/Chicken: 6%
- Reptile/Amphibian: 5%
- Rodent: 4%
- Bunny: 2%
- Horse: 2%
- Other: 3%

Most Unique Pets

- Hedgehog: 33%
- Hermit Crab: 23%
- Axolotl: 12%
- Tarantula: 6%

Pet Ownership Around The World

- 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. 

1. The survey polled 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)
6. *Note: Percentages are based on those who own pets.
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