

Amazing Facts

Here are some amazing facts about friendly pets that might perch on your shoulder or fit in your pocket!



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Has your pet parakeet or parrot tried to feed you yet? It will probably want to. If you're a parrot's friend, your pet might want to clean under your fingernails, fix your hair, rest on your arm or even sleep on your nose!



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Hamsters like to ham it up! They have cheeks that can stretch and stretch like balloons.

They blow up their cheeks to help them float on water. They also store food there. When it's time to eat, hamsters pat their cheeks—out pop some seeds and nuts!



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When gerbils were wild, they lived in hot deserts. They had fur coverings on their feet. Scientists say the fur acted like a pair of boots. It kept the gerbils from getting burned. Your gerbils still have their boots on. See them?

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