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Unusual pets

Read the passage and then answer the questions which are on the main paper.

Not everyone wants a cat or a dog as a pet. Of course we love them, but sometimes people want something unusual and a bit exotic! We are going to have a look at four examples of animals kept as pets.

- 5 Potbellied pigs are easily trained having a curious and affectionate nature. They're smart and enjoy a good belly-scratch. They're quick to house-train, are quite clean and odour-free animals. **They** don't bark, don't chew and shed very little. Their eyesight is poor but they have a keenly developed sense of smell. But be careful - cute piglets can grow to be
- 10 quite large pigs.



- Parrots provide excellent companionship because of their ability to learn how to speak. It is amusing to **them** to repeat the words they have been taught. The time spent talking with the bird, to get it to learn new words, is a bonding experience that many enjoy. Parrots also have a long life expectancy. If properly cared for, they can live for up to fifty years. **This** is more
- 15 than twice as long as the life expectancy for dogs and cats, which are the most common household pets.

- The third example of unusual pet is the hedgehog. As well as being able to roll into a tight spiny ball when frightened they are also bundles of personality, loyalty, and activity. **They** can be trained to use a litter box, are virtually odour free, and will happily spend the day
- 20 riding around in your breast pocket. Hedgehogs make a very quiet, small friend and are not aggressive as long as you hold them regularly, making them a great choice for adults and older children.

- The final example of unusual pet is the miniature donkey. Reaching a height of three feet, they are great with children but they can't stand loneliness. So, you must be prepared to buy
- 25 two of **them**!

