

Canadian Federation of Humane Societies list of acceptable species as pets

Although legislation exists at the provincial and national levels pertaining to the trade and keeping of animals, these laws are not comprehensive enough nor are they sufficiently enforced to ensure the wellbeing of animals and the prevention of illegal trade.

List of Acceptable Species as Pets

For urban dwellings, the following captive born species are appropriate as pets or companions:

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| Dog | Budgerigar |
| Cat | Canary |
| Guinea pig | Pigeon |
| Rabbit | Other common cage birds |
| Mouse | Aquarium Fish (captive born) |
| Rat | Psittacines (captive bred) |
| Gerbil | Finches (captive bred) |
| Golden hamster | Ferret |
| Chinchilla | |

For country dwellings with access to fields or paddocks, plus the appropriate shelter, the following captive born species, in addition to the above, are appropriate as pets or companions:

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| Horse | Domestic fowl |
| Donkey | Goosey |
| Pig | Duck (Mallard type or Muscovy) |
| Sheep | Turkey |
| Goat | Guinea fowl |
| Cattle | Peafowl |
| Llama | Alpaca |