



Rabbits and Ferrets and Fish, Oh My

Most Popular Specialty Pets, 1996*

Type of Pet	Population
Fish	55,554,000
Birds	12,600,000
Rabbits	4,940,000
Hamsters	1,876,000
Guinea pigs	1,091,000
Turtles	950,000
Miscellaneous reptiles	924,000
Snakes	900,000
Ferrets	791,000
Gerbils	764,000
Lizards	705,000

**Minor species only*



Paws and Compare

Cats
59,100,000

Dogs
52,900,000

(Source: American Veterinary Medical Association)