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Take your pick of pet guides

BY CAROL COOPER
Correspondent

These two guides, one fun, the other functional, give the scoop on pet care.

Pets Part of the Family walks first-time pet owners through the all the steps, from choosing a pet to dealing with its death.

The four authors — three vets and one animal behaviourist — provide chapters on settling the pet in the new home, dealing with minor health problems, teaching proper behaviour and daily living with your pet.

This guide claims to deal with a wide

range of potential pets, but is mostly about cats and dogs. Information on each type of animal is divided among the chapters, so keep your finger in the index or browse to learn all about Fido.

While browsing, you may or may not enjoy the book's info-tainment style. Its pages are generously decorated with inserts offering anecdotes and advice, as well as repetitious illustrations.

Headings, too, are repetitious and a little cutesy, such as "Her Rings are Rosy" and "Make the Pen a Pal".

A second guide, *Trade Secrets Pets*, by contrast lacks inserts and illustrations, instead giving straight-ahead, no-frills

advice. It assumes you have chosen a pet and limits its information to identifying and caring for it.

Its author, with the appealing name of Katherine Lapworth, has compiled more than 1,000 tips from professionals and arranged the information by animal species for quick reference.

This guide deals with a wider range of animals than the first book and offers more details on physical care.

However, it does leave out pet ownership issues that the first book covers well, such as travelling with pets and dealing with pets and children and pet death.



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