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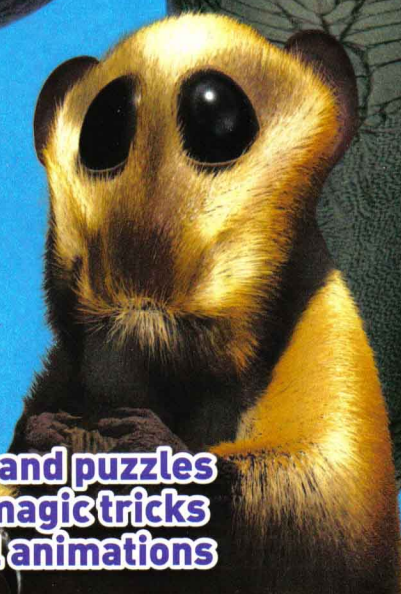
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# Animal doctor



From tiny frogs to huge giraffes, celeb vet Scott Miller has the answers to all your animal questions!

**Q** I'm thinking of getting a pet frog. Are they easy to take care of?  
**Bobby Jones, 12**

Keeping a croak is no joke, Bobby! For a start, frogs need to be fed on live bugs, and need a large, clean tank to call home, with light and water provided to keep them healthy and happy. Put some rocks inside the tank and build a hide-hole for your amphibian pet to hop into when it's feeling shy. This should all help to keep your new froggy friend jumping for joy!



Fancy a fab frog as your new friend?

**Q** Is it true that bones are good for dogs?  
**Bethany Simpson, 10**

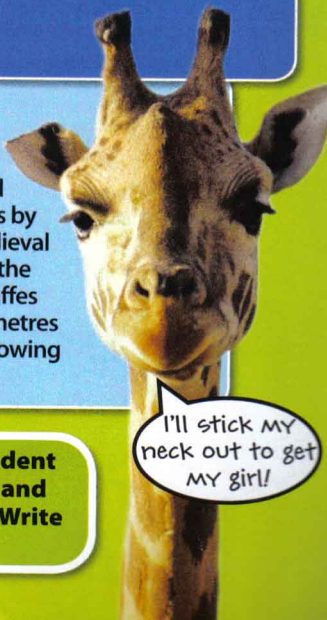
This is a tricky one, Bethany. Although chewing bones can help to keep your dog's teeth and gums healthy, sometimes they can cause a blockage and upset their tummies. Never give a dog cooked bones, in any case, as they can break into splinters. It's probably better if you ask your local vet or supermarket for special dog chews, which will help keep your pet's teeth clean without causing any problems.



Grrrr-et off - it's mine!  
All mine!

**Q** Do giraffes have long necks so that they can reach higher leaves?  
**Christopher Newport, 9**

A giraffe's long neck is handy for reaching the tasty leaves that grow at the tops of trees, Christopher, but many scientists think their necks are about fighting as well as feeding. Male giraffes fight over females by swinging their necks and heads like a medieval ball and chain - and the heavier the neck, the harder the slams. Not surprisingly, the giraffes with the biggest necks - some can be six metres long - tend to win the mating contests, allowing them to get their girl, winning by a neck!



I'll stick my neck out to get my girl!

Do you have a question for our resident vet, Scott? Write or email it to him and mark your mail *Animal Doctor* (see 'Write to us' box on top left).