

ANIMAL CRACKERS

Special issue 9

The chances of you having a companion animal in Belgium are two to one. And most households with a pet usually have more than one animal. The average is actually 2.3 animals per household. Those pet lovers are sure to enjoy bpost's latest special issue, which features ten little beauties.

Companion animals have never been so popular in Belgium, or elsewhere for that matter, and that popularity is growing all the time. Keeping domesticated animals is a tradition going back tens of thousands of years. Cats and dogs continue to be the most widespread species in the modern era. That's no surprise, considering they were the first animals to be domesticated by humans. In fact, our bonds with felines and canines go back many millennia. It's difficult to say exactly when we started domesticating animals, but historians claim that dogs were the first to be tamed, some 10,000 years ago. The Egyptians started domesticating wild African cats around 3500 BC. For them cats had the status of demigods. Their life was worth more than a human's. If your house caught fire, the cat was the first to be saved, only then followed by the human inhabitants.



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COMPANION ANIMALS
(SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS)

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1 booklet is included in the postage stamp subscription



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Companion animals (self-adhesive stamps) TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Theme: a little book packed with animal companions

Stamps: a. canaries/b.guinea pig/c.cat/d. goldfish/e. parakeets/f.pony/g. small dog/ h. hamsters/i. rabbits/ j. big dog

Photos: Kris Coppieters

Lay-out : MVTM

Denomination: 1

Price of the booklet: € 6.50

Stamp size: 30 mm x 25 mm

Booklet size: 60 mm x 163,4 mm

Presentation : booklet with 10 different stamps

Paper: polyvalent white FSC, self-adhesive layer fixed on a supporting paper

Perforation: partly straight and partly type 10 perforation

Printing method: rotogravure

Repro: De Schutter 'Neroc nv

Printing: Stamps Production Belgium