



Good for a laugh, a cuddle or company, most pets are largely harmless and tame. Nevertheless, many people across the globe choose to own something a bit different to most normal pets!

Although it is not recommended to have wallabies as pets, many people around the world have fallen for the charms of these small, hopping creatures. Wallabies need large areas of land in order to roam, preferably with natural grasses that they can eat. They are quite intelligent and captive wallabies are well known for escaping their enclosures. In the UK, there have been several wild red-necked wallaby populations that have developed over the last century that have escaped from private owners or closed zoos. Subsequently, there have been a large number of sightings of wild wallabies around many places in the UK, such as Sheffield, Cornwall and the Chiltern Hills west of London.



1

Find and copy one word which means 'caged' or 'without freedom'.

2

Compare a typical pet with the one mentioned in this text.

3

Explain why some people disagree with keeping unconventional pets.

4

List **two** benefits of having a pet.

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2.

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Having read this text, do you think you would like to keep an unusual pet?

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