

## How to Pet the Pet

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Most people look at me very funny when I talk about this... Pet the Pet? How hard is that? Well, here is a few things to consider... 1. Most people pet animals in the wrong place... 2. Most people pet with way too much pressure and too fast.. 3. Most people are not in the best position to touch the pet...

So, here are a few tips... 1. Stroke very very very slowly... I mean slowwwwwwwly... like 6 sec to move 12"...

2. Never hover over an animal that you are petting... it freaks them out, even though they may not tell you... 3. Behind the head (neck) on back... NOT to start... Best place is very short strokes on the back toward the rear... working toward the head... Using circles is better than straight movement.

So, short, light, circular and on the back... Eventually you do the neck under the chin, the belly... and finally you touch everything in a full petting... Remember when stroking the whiskers of animals with them, should always go with the direction of the hair... They have very sensitive nerve endings there... highly acute...

And if you do this over time, you will be able to touch their paws without them fussing... Initial fussing is because they feel confined and threatened... Helps when you want to clip clip those sharp things...

Ears are also OK, but not at first.