



Why Do Dragons Make Great Pets?

Are you in the market for a new pet? Have you considered a dragon? Before you dismiss it out of hand, remember that there are so many different types of dragon, there's bound to be one that suits your needs. Let's have a look at some famous dragons and see which one you want to take home!

The Drakones

Okay, so drakones look more like a snake than your usual dragon. Their heads are filled with sharp teeth and they can grow to be 180 feet long. You might need a big cage or a large garden for this one. Having said that, it's better than any guard dog you could find!

Wyverns

Lots of people confuse wyverns with your standard dragon. There is a difference, though. Wyverns don't have arms. Instead, they simply have two wings and two legs. There are rumours that their spiked tails might be venomous, but don't let that put you off! Nobody who has been stung by them has ever complained! Wyverns are particularly loyal to their owners and love nothing more than to play "Fetch"!

Hydra

Are you looking for something a little bit different to your dragon-owning friends? The Hydra might be right up your street! When you first get it, it will have a lot of heads. We're talking at least nine, maybe more. If that's not enough, chop a few off and watch as two more take their place! One small problem, the Hydra's blood is definitely venomous. Heracles once used the blood of the Hydra to destroy a centaur. So, probably best to mop up quickly if it cuts itself.

Campe

Definitely not one for the beginner, Campe is a great challenge for anybody looking for something a little bit more unique. Thousands of years ago, Campe guarded the gates of Tartarus. Eventually,



she was defeated by Zeus and is now looking to settle down somewhere with a nice log fire. She has the body of a snake and a hundred feet. Despite all that, she's just a big softy, really.

Y Ddraig Goch (the Red Dragon)

The Red Dragon comes from a Wales. Originally found by an ancient Celtic king in the west of Wales, the Red Dragon is loyal and brave. King Vortigern found the Red Dragon battling against a white dragon underground. Eventually, Y Ddraig Goch won but has been in our adoption shelter ever since. If fame is your thing, you don't get much more famous than Y Ddraig Goch. The Welsh flag has a picture of it front and centre! Imagine owning a celebrity dragon!

Obviously, these are just a selection of some of the amazing dragons we have on offer. Why not head down to the shelter today to pick out a dragon just for you. Remember, a dragon is for life, not just for your birthday!

INFERENCE FOCUS

1. Do you think the author wants you to buy a dragon? What gives you this impression?
2. What might be one bad point of a drakone?
3. Why might a wyvern be similar to getting a dog?
4. Why might it be best to mop up the blood of the Hydra?
5. Why is the Red Dragon described as being famous?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

R

Which type of dragon helped to kill a centaur?

V

Find and copy a phrase that means "say no without thinking about it".

S

What is the main difference between a wyvern and a dragon?

R

How long can a drakone grow to?

E

What is the purpose of the text?

Answers:

1. The author is very positive about dragons being great pets. They keep mentioning how each one could be good for you
2. They are very big, have lots of teeth and look more like a snake
3. They both like to play “fetch”
4. It is venomous
5. It is on the Welsh flag

R: Hydra

V: Dismiss it out of hand

S: A dragon has arms

R: 180 feet

E: To persuade you to buy a dragon/to persuade you that dragons make good pets