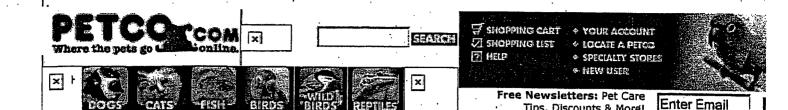
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Your information is secure

At PETCO.com our customers' data is strictly protected against any unauthorized access. PETCO.com also provides a "100% Safeguard Your Shopping Experience Guarantee" so you never have to worry about the safety of your credit card information.



Tips, Discounts & More!

Protecting your order information is a priority. PETCO.com makes every effort to protect your online order information by using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology.

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PETCO also supports the Verified by Visa Security Service. Learn more about this feature...



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We occasionally have third party agents, subsidiaries, affiliates and joint ventures that perform functions on our behalf. They have access to personal information needed to perform their functions, and are contractually obligated to maintain the confidentiality and security of the data. They are restricted from using this data for other purposes, and in any way other than to provide the requested services to PETCO.com, and may not alter or resell the data. You may elect to opt-out of personally identifiable site tracking activity by following the Optout link below. Keep in mind that PETCO.com may continue to collect anonymous aggregate site behavior from our customers. Opt-out.

We may occasionally have third party agents, subsidiaries, affiliates or joint ventures offer promotions on PETCO.com. You have the option to specifically opt-in to participate in the promotion and share your personal data with these parties and PETCO.com. These promotions may be in the form of a survey or a separate area offering you the opportunity to enter your data for the specific purpose of participating in that program or promotion. Data collected by these third-parties will be covered under the third-party's Privacy Policy

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Problems

To complete your order, fax your order form to us, toll-free, at 1-888-409-4567. Please remember not to fax your order after placing it online, or your order will be duplicated.

Payment Options

PETCO.com accepts the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. PETCO.com also redeems PETCO.com online gift certificates and PETCO gift cards as payment for purchases made at PETCO.com. We are unable to accept checks or money orders at this time.

Entering your credit card number via our secure server is completely safe. The server encrypts all of your information; no one except you can access it. (If you'd prefer, you are also welcome to place your order entirely by fax.)

Sales Tax

Please Note: taxes apply for recipients in all states EXCEPT HI, NC, OK, WV, WY, AK, DE, MT, NH, OR.

Pricing Errors and Omissions

Please be aware that prices and availability are subject to change without prior notice. We make every effort to insure the accuracy of the information on our site and when errors are discovered, we will correct them. Be advised that PETCO reserves the right to revoke any stated offer and to correct any errors, inaccuracies, or omissions including after an order has been submitted, after it has been confirmed, or after your credit card has been charged. If we discover a pricing error after your credit card has been charged and and your order is canceled as a result of the error, your credit card will be refunded back the full amount of your order. You will be notified via email if your order has been canceled and be given the opportunity to place the order at the correct price. Please note that individual bank policies vary when the amount is credited back to your account.

Return Policy

Our return policy is simple:

- Contact PETCO at <u>cs@orders.petco.com</u> or call 877-738-6742, indicating your name, order number and reason for return.
- 2. All returns should be complete and placed in their original packaging.
- Attach the "Return Mailing Label" located on the front of the packing slip to your carton, and send the item(s) along with your packing slip back to PETCO.com for your refund.

If your Return Mailing Label is missing, send the package to:

Petco.com Returns (Your Order #) 3801 Rock Creek Road Joliet, IL 60431

If you choose to return an item because you or your pet decide it is not what you want, we'll refund the price of the item plus the applicable sales tax, but we will not refund the shipping charges to and from PETCO.com.

If your purchase is defective or in error, we'll refund all charges, including shipping. Your return will be processed at PETCO.com, and a refund will be issued at that time.

For your protection, return your item using a carrier who offers package tracking such as UPS or Federal Express.

We will issue a refund to your credit card and notify you via email 24 hours after our warehouse has received your item.

If you return product purchased from PETCO.com that was bought using a Gift Card, the refund amount will be first credited back to the credit card used for the transaction, and any additional refund amount will be credited via a PETCO.com email gift certificate (we are currently unable to refund back to PETCO Gift Cards online).

At this time, we are unable to process online order returns in PETCO stores.

Requesting Products

If you'd like to suggest that we carry a particular product at PETCO.com, please email your suggestion to cs@orders.petco.com or phone us at 1-877-738-6742.

address is a house or an apartment and whether deliveries can be left outdoors. FedEx, UPS or USPS policies for your area may dictate that your package be held at a local office until you pick it up in person. Call your local FedEx, UPS or post office directly to learn the delivery policy for your area.

Do you offer Gift Certificates?

Yes. You can send a pet (and pet lover) in your life an email gift certificate valid on PETCO.com. This allows you to customize a message and choose an amount of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100. These email gift certificates are sent on the day you specify too! Please note that these are valid only on PETCO.COM but we also sell PETCO Gift Cards which can be redeemed either online or in our stores.

More information or to purchase either a PETCO.com or a PETCO Store Gift Certificate.

Do you offer Gift Cards?

Yes. You can <u>ourchase</u> or redeem gift cards on PETCO.com or in our stores. You can also easily <u>check your gift card balance</u>. At checkout you will be able to enter up to four PETCO gift cards and they will be applied to your balance due.

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- 1. Click on "Your Account" at the top right corner of any page.
- Log in, using your email address and password.
- 3. Under "In This Section", click on the "Update Your Newsletter Subscriptions" link.
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