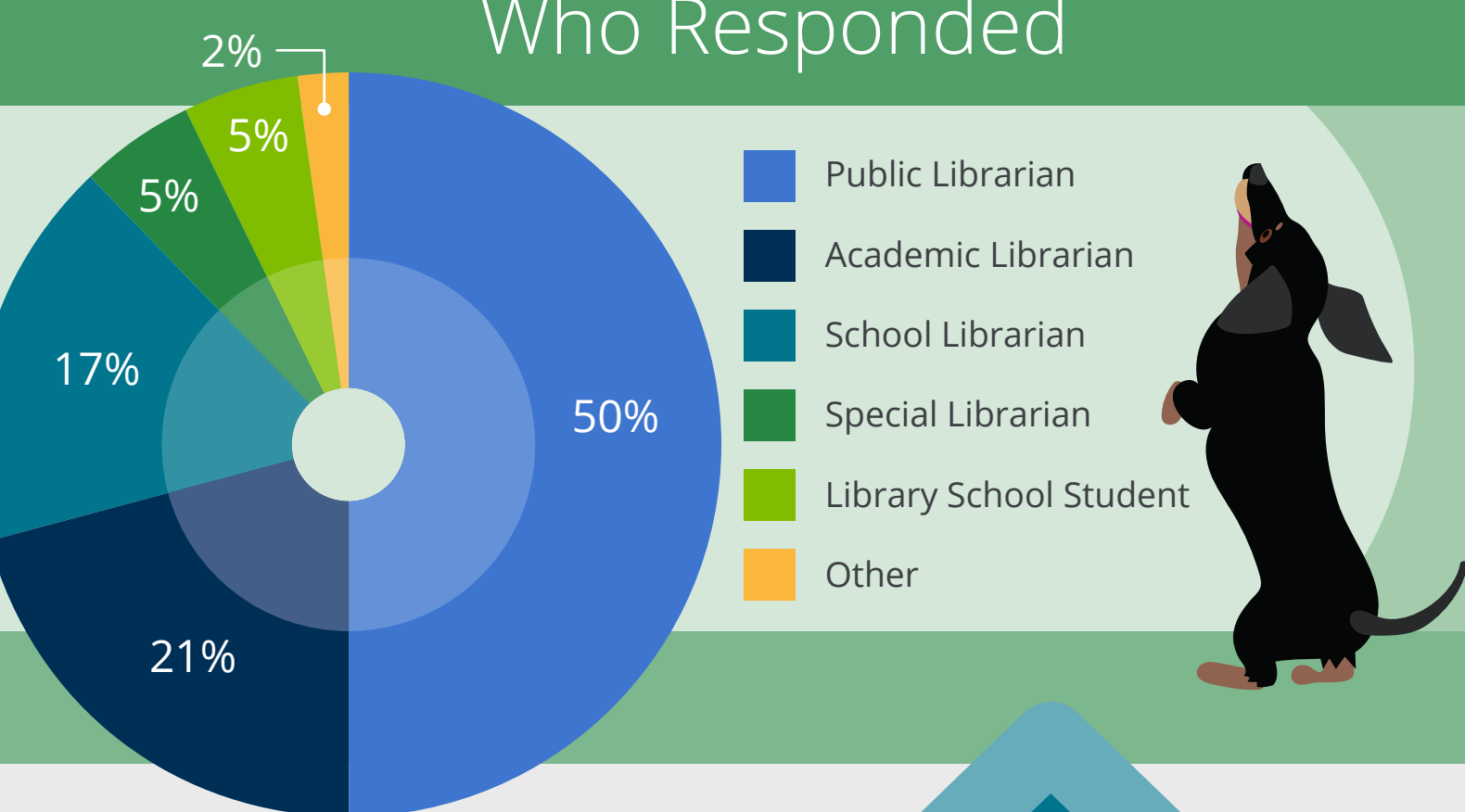


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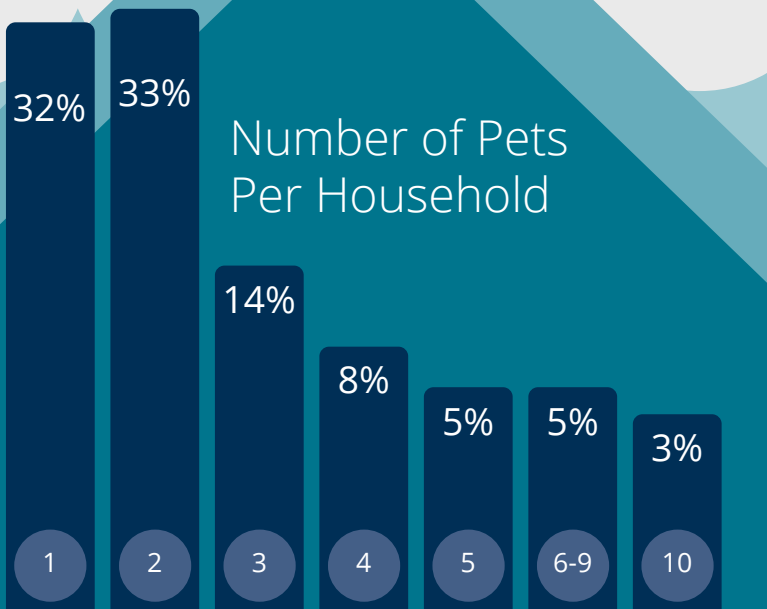
## Librarians Love Their Pets

We conducted an informal survey<sup>1</sup> of librarians to see which pets are most popular in their households.

### Who Responded

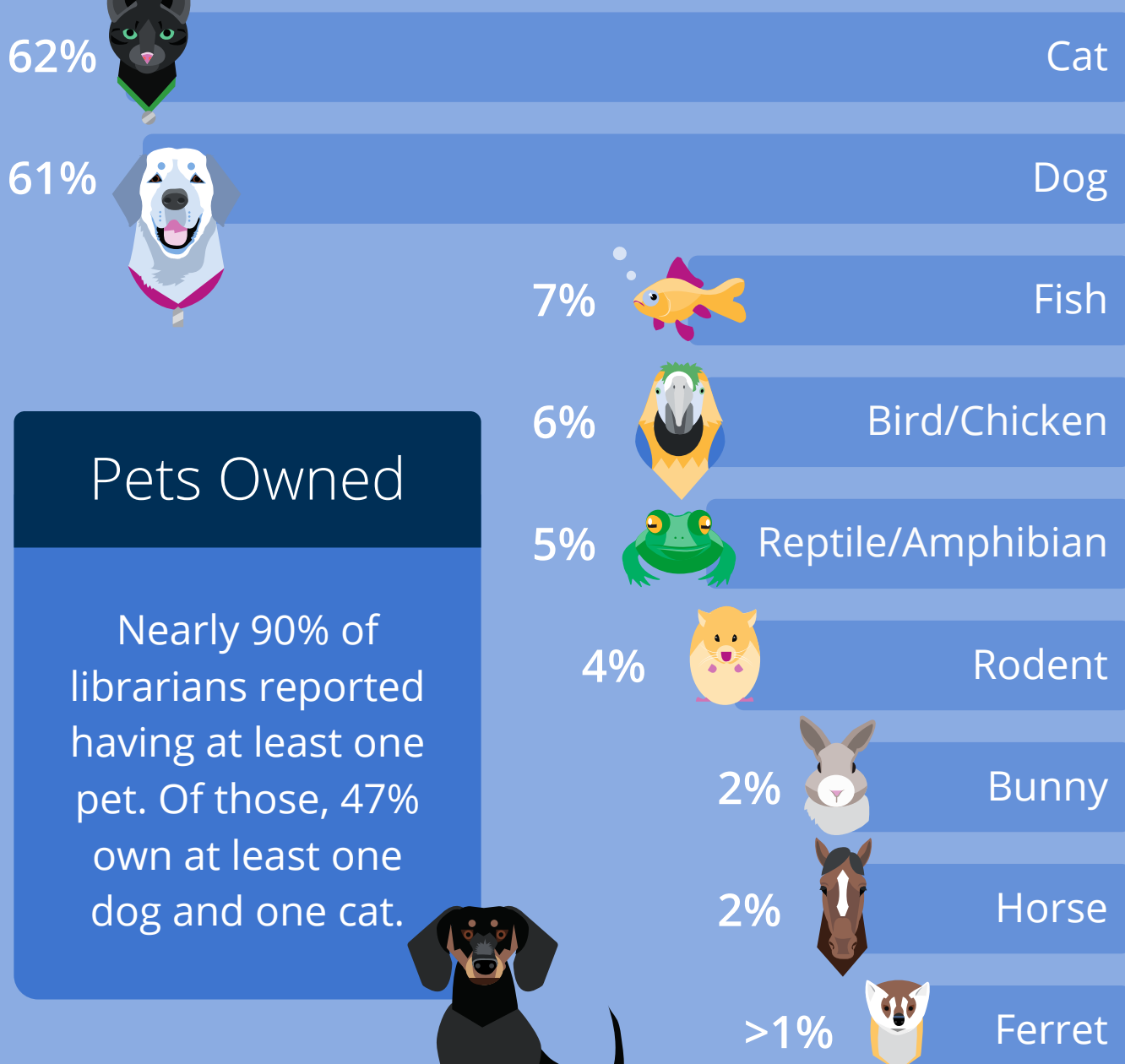


### Number of Pets Per Household

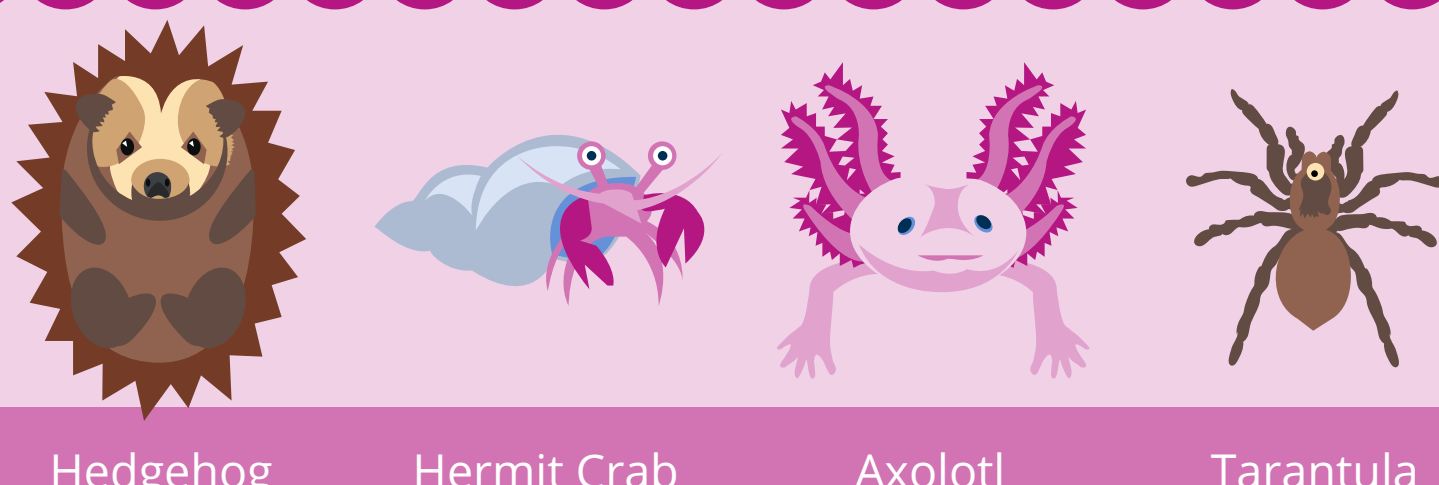


### Pets Owned

Nearly 90% of librarians reported having at least one pet. Of those, 47% own at least one dog and one cat.



### Most Unique Pets



Hedgehog

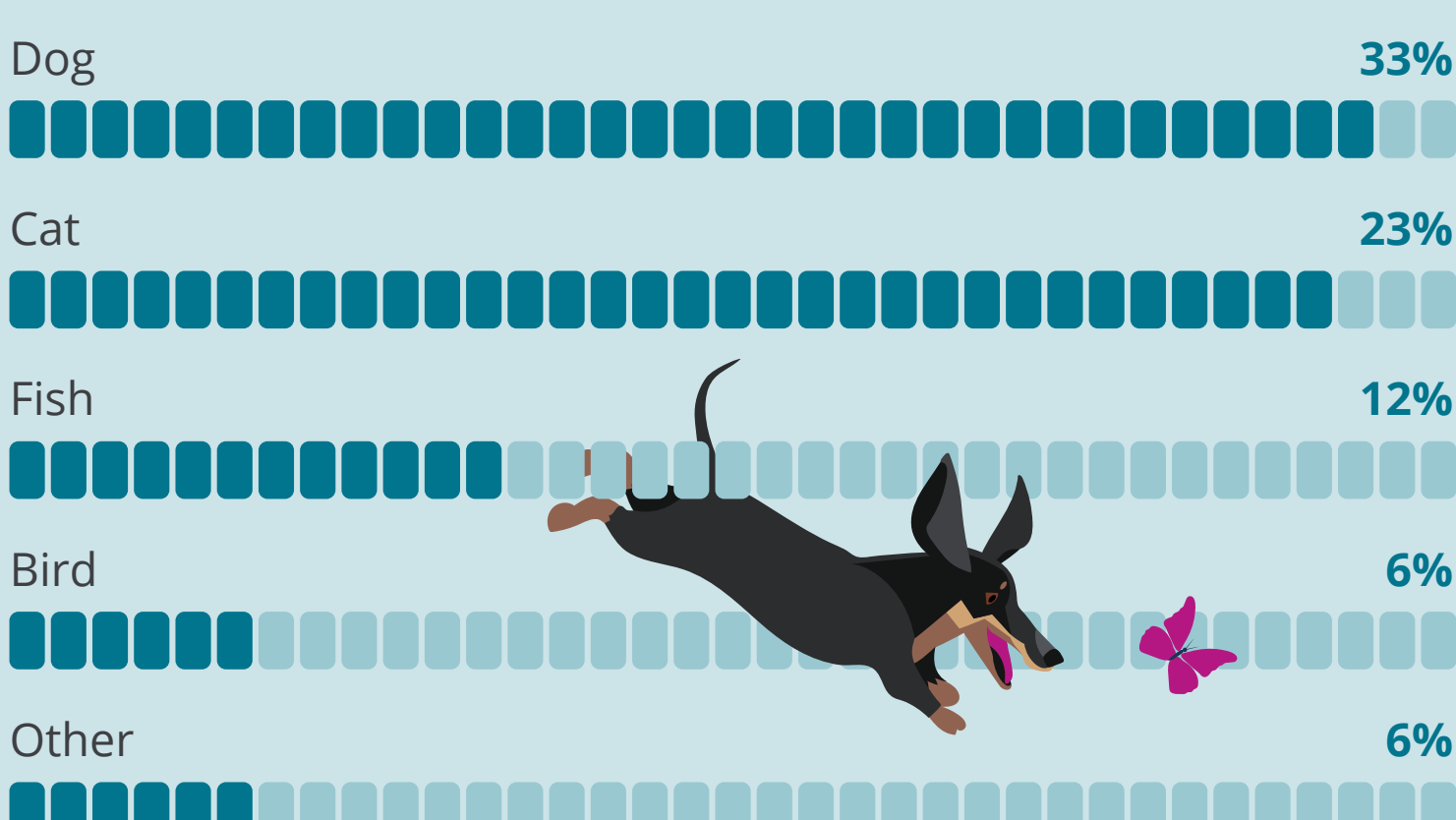
Hermit Crab

Axolotl

Tarantula

In 2017, some 68% of all households in the United States owned pets, up from 56% in 1988<sup>4</sup>. More than 50% of people worldwide have at least one pet<sup>5</sup>.

### Pet Ownership Around the World



1. The survey polled members of the Future Ready Librarians and Library Think Tank Facebook pages.  
 2. Includes snakes, iguanas, bearded dragons, tortoises, turtles, toads and frogs  
 3. Includes guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice and rats  
 4. Source: Household penetration rates for pet-ownership in the United States from 1988 to 2017/2018. Statista. Retrieved from <https://www.statista.com/statistics/198086/us-household-penetration-rates-for-pet-owning-since-2007>  
 5. Source: Global GfK survey: Pet ownership. (May 2016)