

Pet WriMo-Rock Care Instructions

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WriMo-Rock name:

Congratulations on your new pet WriMo Rock! A WriMo Rock (WMR) is an ideal pet for a writer as it is easy to care for, eminently portable and does not mind being squeezed when you are wracking your brains for ideas.

Feeding: WriMo Rocks are incredibly quick. Don't be surprised if you can't see your WMR eat. As long as you keep them near healthful food you are eating, they will help themselves to tiny portions.

Sleeping: WMR attune themselves to the sleep rhythms of their owners. While these are invariably disrupted during the *Writing Month* in *November*, owners should take care not to deprive their WMR (or themselves) of too much sleep.

Safety: WMR dislike being thrown. So don't!

Writing: WMR enjoy writing but, having no hands, can only find satisfaction vicariously in your own writing pursuits.

Hygiene: WMR are easy to keep clean; just gently wipe them with a lint-free cloth. They do have keen senses of smell, however, so it is important that their owners maintain their own hygiene, even in November.

Conversation: Most WMR are mute (though a few have been known to cry) but they greatly enjoy being talked to by their owners and they love being read stories or novel excerpts—this brings a smile to their face.

Tricks: WMR like to pose and balance. Some of them enjoy wearing costumes. Most prefer being useful (e.g., holding down paper notes from being blown away).

Cuddling ♥: You may notice that WMR are usually cool to the touch. WMR, despite their hard exterior, enjoy being touched and can provide some nice relief to the fevered brow if their owner is in the throes of writing.

Adventures: Share your WMR's adventures with you through micro-blogging sites like twitter or identi.ca! See the instructions at http://naperwrimo.org/wrimorocks