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FluentPet Hextiles and Sound Buttons



Introduction

FluentPet is a communication system designed to help pets (especially dogs and cats) express themselves using programmable sound buttons arranged on interlocking foam tiles called Hextiles. Each button plays a recorded word or phrase (like "outside," "play," or "food") when pressed by the pet's paw or nose. Inspired by the work of speech-language pathologist Christina Hunger and widely used by pet owners in the "talking pet" community, FluentPet promotes cognitive development and stronger human-animal bonding.

The FluentPet Compact HexTile is a durable, non-slip base designed to securely hold up to six FluentPet Sound Buttons. Measuring just 7.9 inches (200 mm) in diameter, it conserves space while allowing your learner to express themselves effectively. Its puzzle-piece connectors enable easy expansion as your learner's vocabulary grows. Available in various colours, Compact HexTiles help organise words by category, simplifying the learning process. Please note: Buttons are sold separately.

- Organises their words to help them discover and remember
- Each holds 6 buttons securely while allowing easy expansion
- Durable and non-slip compact HexTiles take up minimal space

• Portable and easily disassembled

Specifications

Hextiles

- Material: Soft EVA foam with Velcro for button attachment.
- **Shape**: Hexagonal, modular design for easy expansion.
- Colour Coding: Each tile is colour-coded to represent different word categories (e.g., green for actions, blue for places).
- Size per Tile: ~10.5 inches across.
- Capacity: Holds up to 6 sound buttons per Hextile.

Sound Buttons (FluentPet or HexTiles-compatible Buttons)

- **Dimensions**: About 1.8" tall and 2.5" in diameter.
- Power: Each button uses 2 AAA batteries (not always included).
- **Recording Time**: 10 seconds per button.
- Playback: Press-activated voice playback.
- **Durability**: Pet-safe and responsive to paw/nose pressure.

Give Them Room to Grow Their Vocabulary

Each FluentPet HexTile holds up to 6 recordable buttons securely while allowing for easy expansion.



Fit More in a Smaller Space

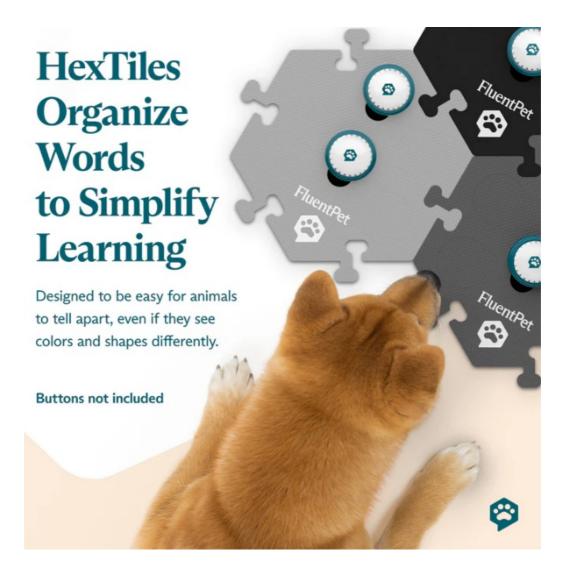
HexTiles take up minimal space at only 7.9in (200mm) in diameter and fit snugly together.



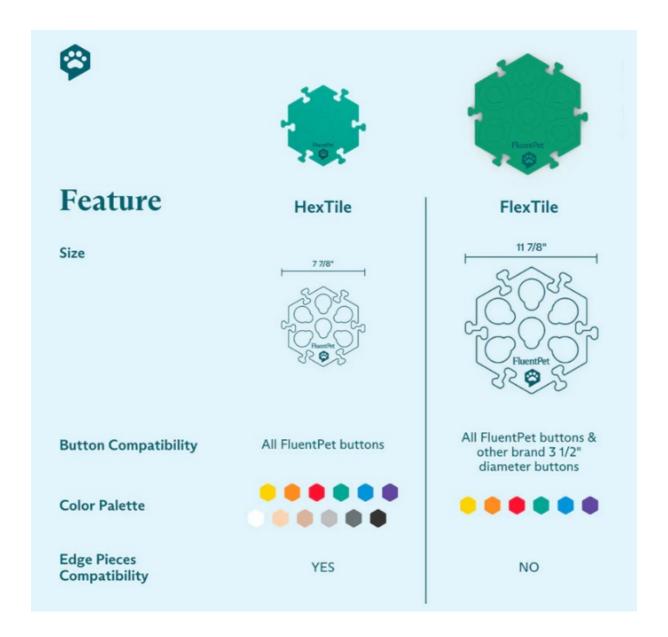
• Buttons not included

HexTiles Organise Words to Simplify Learning

Designed to be easy for animals to tell apart, even if they see colours and shapes differently. Buttons not included.



Features



Installation Guide

Step 1: Set up the Hextiles

- Choose a flat surface (like a mat or a floor corner).
- Connect the Hextiles by aligning their edges—interlocking via puzzle-like tabs.

Step 2: Prepare the Sound Buttons

- Insert 2 AAA batteries into each button.
- Record your voice by pressing and holding the "Record" button, then speaking your desired word/phrase.
- Press the playback surface to test the sound.

Step 3: Attach Buttons to Hextiles

- Use Velcro backing to stick each button securely onto a Hextile.
- Arrange buttons consistently (e.g., same words in the same locations) to help pet memory and training.

Step 4: Begin Training

- Associate the button with consistent actions (e.g., press "outside" before going out).
- Reinforce with praise or treats when the pet interacts correctly.

FAQs

Can any pet use FluentPet?

Yes. While most users train dogs or cats, any animal with the dexterity and motivation to press buttons can potentially use the system.

How many words can a pet learn?

Many pets can learn 10–40 words, with some famous pets (like Bunny the talking dog) reportedly using over 100 words.

How do I teach my pet to use the buttons?

Start with high-value or frequently used words (e.g., "treat", "outside"). Use modelling—press the button, say the word aloud, and do the action immediately.

Documents / Resources



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