

# Package ‘PetfinderR’

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**Description** Wrapper of the 'Petfinder API' <<https://www.petfinder.com/developers/v2/docs/>> that implements methods for interacting with and extracting data from the 'Petfinder' database. The 'Petfinder REST API' allows access to the 'Petfinder' database, one of the largest online databases of adoptable animals and animal welfare organizations across North America.  
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| <code>.Petfinder.class</code> | <i>Internal R6 class</i> |
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**Description**

Internal R6 class

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**Methods****Public methods:**

- `.Petfinder.class$new()`
- `.Petfinder.class$animal_types()`
- `.Petfinder.class$breeds()`
- `.Petfinder.class$animals()`
- `.Petfinder.class$organizations()`
- `.Petfinder.class$clone()`

**Method** `new()`:

*Usage:*

```
.Petfinder.class$new(key, secret)
```

**Method** `animal_types()`:

*Usage:*

```
.Petfinder.class$animal_types(types = NULL)
```

**Method** `breeds()`:

*Usage:*

```
.Petfinder.class$breeds(animal_types = NULL, return_df = FALSE)
```

**Method** `animals()`:

*Usage:*

```
.Petfinder.class$animals(  
  animal_id = NULL,  
  animal_type = NULL,  
  breed = NULL,  
  size = NULL,  
  gender = NULL,  
  age = NULL,  
  color = NULL,  
  coat = NULL,  
  status = NULL,  
  name = NULL,  
  organization = NULL,
```

```
location = NULL,  
distance = NULL,  
sort = NULL,  
good_with_cats = NULL,  
good_with_children = NULL,  
good_with_dogs = NULL,  
before_date = NULL,  
after_date = NULL,  
pages = 1,  
results_per_page = 20,  
return_df = FALSE  
)
```

**Method** organizations():*Usage:*

```
.Petfinder.class$organizations(  
  organization_id = NULL,  
  name = NULL,  
  location = NULL,  
  distance = NULL,  
  state = NULL,  
  country = NULL,  
  query = NULL,  
  sort = NULL,  
  results_per_page = 20,  
  pages = 1,  
  return_df = FALSE  
)
```

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

```
.Petfinder.class$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

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animals

*Returns adoptable animal data from Petfinder based on specified criteria.*

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**Description**

Returns adoptable animal data from Petfinder based on specified criteria.

**Usage**

```

animals(
  animal_id = NULL,
  animal_type = NULL,
  breed = NULL,
  size = NULL,
  gender = NULL,
  age = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  coat = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  organization_id = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  distance = NULL,
  sort = NULL,
  pages = 1,
  results_per_page = 20,
  return_df = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <code>animal_id</code>   | Integer or vector or list of integers representing animal IDs obtained from Petfinder. When <code>animal_id</code> is specified, the other function parameters are overridden. If <code>animal_id</code> is not specified, a search of animals on Petfinder matching given criteria is performed. |
| <code>animal_type</code> | Character vector representing desired animal type to search. Must be one of 'dog', 'cat', 'rabbit', 'small-furry', 'horse', 'bird', 'scales-fins-other', or 'barn-yard'.                                                                                                                          |
| <code>breed</code>       | Character vector or vector or list of character strings of desired animal type breed to search. Available animal breeds in the Petfinder database can be found using the <code>:code:'breeds()'</code> method.                                                                                    |
| <code>size</code>        | Character vector or vector or list of character strings of desired animal sizes to return. The specified size(s) must be one of 'small', 'medium', 'large', or 'xlarge'.                                                                                                                          |
| <code>gender</code>      | Character vector or vector or list of strings representing animal genders to return. Must be of 'male', 'female', or 'unknown'.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>age</code>         | Character or vector or list of strings specifying animal age(s) to return from search. Must be of 'baby', 'young', 'adult', 'senior'.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>color</code>       | String representing specified animal 'color' to search. Colors for each available animal type in the Petfinder database can be found using the <code>animal_types()</code> method.                                                                                                                |
| <code>coat</code>        | Desired coat(s) to return. Must be of 'short', 'medium', 'long', 'wire', 'hairless', or 'curly'.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| status           | Animal status to filter search results. Must be one of 'adoptable', 'adopted', or 'found'.                                                                       |
| name             | Searches for animal names matching or partially matching name.                                                                                                   |
| organization_id  | Returns animals associated with given :code:'organization_id'. Can be a vector or a vector or list of character strings representing multiple organizations.     |
| location         | Returns results by specified location. Must be in the format 'city, state' for city-level results, 'latitude, longitude' for lat-long results, or 'postal code'. |
| distance         | Returns results within the distance of the specified location. If not given, defaults to 100 miles. Maximum distance range is 500 miles.                         |
| sort             | Sorts by specified attribute. Leading dashes represents a reverse-order sort. Must be one of 'recent', '-recent', 'distance', or '-distance'.                    |
| pages            | Specifies which page of results to return. Defaults to the first page of results. If set to NULL, all results will be returned.                                  |
| results_per_page | Number of results to return per page. Defaults to 20 results and cannot exceed 100 results per page.                                                             |
| return_df        | If TRUE, a data.frame will be returned. Does not currently do anything.                                                                                          |

### Value

List of JSON data of resulting animals.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
pf <- Petfinder(key=key, secret=secret) # Initialize Petfinder class
pf$animals(results_per_page = 100, pages = 10)
pf$animals(location='Seattle, WA', distance = 100, results_per_page = 50, pages = 5)
pf$animals(animal_id=c(animalid1, animalid2, animalid3))

## End(Not run)
```

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| animal_types | <i>Returns data on an animal type, or types available from the Petfinder API. This data includes the available type's coat names and colors, gender and other specific information relevant to the specified type(s). The animal type must be of 'dog', 'cat', 'rabbit', 'small-furry', 'horse', 'bird', 'scales-fins-other', 'barnyard'.</i> |
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### Description

Returns data on an animal type, or types available from the Petfinder API. This data includes the available type's coat names and colors, gender and other specific information relevant to the specified type(s). The animal type must be of 'dog', 'cat', 'rabbit', 'small-furry', 'horse', 'bird', 'scales-fins-other', 'barnyard'.

Usage

```
animal_types(types = NULL)
```

Arguments

types                      Specifies the animal type or types to return. Can be a character vector representing a single animal type, or a vector or list of animal types if more than one type is desired. If not specified, all animal types are returned.

Value

List of returned JSON data for each specified animal type from the Petfinder API.

Examples

```
## Not run:
pf <- Petfinder(key=key, secret=secret) # Initialize Petfinder class
cat <- pf$animal_types(types='cat')
cat_dog <- pf$animal_types(types=c('cat', 'dog'))
all_types <- pf$animal_types()

## End(Not run)
```

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| breeds | <i>Returns breed names of specified animal type, or types.</i> |
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Description

Returns breed names of specified animal type, or types.

Usage

```
breeds(types, return_df = TRUE)
```

Arguments

types                      Specifies the animal type or types. Can be a character vector representing a single animal type, or a vector or list of animal types if more than one type is desired.If not specified, all available breeds for each animal type is returned. The animal type must be of 'dog', 'cat', 'rabbit', 'small-furry', 'horse', 'bird', 'scales-fins-other', 'barnyard'.

return\_df                  If TRUE, the result set will be coerced into a pandas data.frame with two columns, breed and name.

Value

List of returned JSON data of available breeds for each specified animal type from the Petfinder API. If the parameter return\_df is TRUE, a data.frame is returned instead.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
pf <- Petfinder(key=key, secret=secret) # Initialize Petfinder class
cat_breeds <- pf$breeds('cat')
cat_dog_breeds <- pf$breeds(c('cat', 'dog'))
all_breeds <- pf$breeds()
all_breeds_df <- pf$breeds(return_df=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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| organizations | <i>Returns data on an animal welfare organization, or organizations, based on specified criteria.</i> |
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## Description

Returns data on an animal welfare organization, or organizations, based on specified criteria.

## Usage

```
organizations(
  organization_id = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  distance = NULL,
  state = NULL,
  country = NULL,
  query = NULL,
  sort = NULL,
  results_per_page = 20,
  pages = 1,
  return_df = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| organization_id | Returns results for specified :code:'organization_id'. Can be a character vector or a vector or list of character vectors representing multiple organizations.   |
| name            | Returns results matching or partially matching organization name.                                                                                                |
| location        | Returns results by specified location. Must be in the format 'city, state' for city-level results, 'latitude, longitude' for lat-long results, or 'postal code'. |
| distance        | Returns results within the distance of the specified location. If not given, defaults to 100 miles. Maximum distance range is 500 miles.                         |
| state           | Filters the results by the selected state. Must be a two-letter state code abbreviation of the state name, such as 'WA' for Washington or 'NY' for New York.     |

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| country          | Filters results to specified country. Must be a two-letter abbreviation of the country and is limited to the United States and Canada.        |
| query            | Search matching and partially matching name, city or state.                                                                                   |
| sort             | Sorts by specified attribute. Leading dashes represents a reverse-order sort. Must be one of 'recent', '-recent', 'distance', or '-distance'. |
| results_per_page | Number of results to return per page. Defaults to 20 results and cannot exceed 100 results per page.                                          |
| pages            | Specifies which page of results to return. Defaults to the first page of results. If set to NULL, all results will be returned.               |
| return_df        | If TRUE, the results will be returned as a data.frame. Currently does not do anything.                                                        |

### Value

List of returned JSON data of organizations matching given search criteria.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
pf <- Petfinder(key=key, secret=secret) # Initialize Petfinder class
pf$organizations(state='WA', results_per_page = 100, pages = 2)
pf$organizations(organization_id=c(orgid1, orgid2, orgid3))

## End(Not run)
```

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| Petfinder | <i>Creates an authenticated connection with the Petfinder API. The stored authentication is then used to call the Petfinder API methods. An API key can be obtained from Petfinder by creating an account on their developer page (<a href="https://www.petfinder.com/developers/api-key">https://www.petfinder.com/developers/api-key</a>). The function wraps the .Petfinder.class R6 class.</i> |
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### Description

Creates an authenticated connection with the Petfinder API. The stored authentication is then used to call the Petfinder API methods. An API key can be obtained from Petfinder by creating an account on their developer page (<https://www.petfinder.com/developers/api-key>). The function wraps the .Petfinder.class R6 class.

### Usage

```
Petfinder(key, secret)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                                |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| key    | The API key received from Petfinder                            |
| secret | The secret key received from Petfinder along with the API key. |

**Value**

Intialized Petfinder object that is then used to access the API.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
pf <- Petfinder(key) # Creates the connection with the Petfinder API.  
pf$breeds('cat') # The connection can now be used to access the Petfinder API methods.  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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