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Installing Igpets on a Windows computer

I am still learning about code signing, so get in touch with me if the steps below fail.
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Assuming you have already downloaded IgpetsDocs.zip and Igpets2020XoJo.zip, there are two and possibly three steps to the installation.

1: Unzip **IgpetsDocs.zip** and put the resulting folder (IgpetsDocs) in your **Documents Folder**. This folder contains all the text files that tell Igpets what to do. Igpets will not run without them and only looks for them in the IgpetsDocs folder in the Documents folder. The specified location of the IgpetsDocs folder is required and not optional.

2: Unzip Igpets2020XoJo.zip and put the resulting folder (Igpets2020XoJo) in C: Program Files. Open the folder and make shortcuts for Igpets2020XoJo, Mixing and CIPW (all are .exe files). Put the shortcuts on the Desktop or other favorite place. The location in C: Program Files is a suggestion not a requirement. The programs will work on the Desktop.

3: The Igpets files are now code signed so the workaround outlined below is probably unnecessary. Code signing removed the problems described below on my laptop. All I got when I downloaded and then ran Igpets was a security warning asking if I wanted to run this program. There is a checkbox on the warning that can be unchecked to stop the warning from appearing in the future.

A workaround if needed

If your virus checker prevents Igpets from saving files, try this approach.

Allow files to be saved to “Protected” folders by managing “Controlled Folder Access.”

Windows Security (Defender) and Norton Security will prevent saving files to Documents or Desktop. This is unacceptable so the **following is important**.

Follow the logic rather than the exact steps listed below because antivirus programs vary. Your goal is to get to “Manage Controlled folder access.”

Open Windows Security (formerly Windows Defender) by clicking on its icon, a shield.

Click: Virus & threat protection settings

Click: Manage settings under Virus & threat protection settings

Scroll down to find Controlled folder access.

Click: Manage Controlled folder access

Click: Allow an app through Controlled folder access

Click: Add an allowed app

This opens up a file dialog. Navigate to C: Program Files > Igpets2020XoJo.

The goal is to give protected status to Igpets2020XoJo.exe, Mixing.exe and Cipw.exe.

Click on the Igpct_Win_2020.exe file and answer yes when asked to approve.
Do the same with Mixing.exe and Cipw.exe.

Finally, restart your PC so the changes can take effect.

For **Norton Security** the process is similar but all the details differ.

Open Norton Security; then click settings (upper right); then click Antivirus; then click Data Protector; then click Process Exclusions and then Configure [+]. Finally, you get to a window where you can add programs to the list of processes not being blocked by Data Protector. Click Add and follow instructions. Restarting the computer is not necessary.

Other security programs almost surely have a similar ways to free programs from data restriction.