



# BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

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## A PET IS LIFETIME COMMITMENT

- Your pet relies on you to be there through sickness and health – in good times and bad – for their entire lifetime. Some pets, such as small rodents, may live for a few years, but large parrots can live for more than 100 years!

## KEEP YOUR PET HEALTHY AND HAPPY

- Find a regular veterinarian to ensure your pet has long-term health - low-cost veterinary care is available to those that need it.
- Provide preventative veterinary care such as vaccinations and regular health checks.
- Always provide timely and appropriate treatment for illness or injury.
- Ensure your pet is properly groomed, cleaned, and maintained.
- Provide exercise and mental stimulation that is appropriate for your pet.
- Socialize your pet to improve their wellbeing and the well-being of other animals and people.

## PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED

- Make sure your pet is properly identified (i.e., tags, microchips, tattoos).
- Bad things happen so prepare in advance to ensure your pet's well-being in the case of an emergency or disaster - assemble an evacuation kit (contact us for tips on creating one).
- Make safe alternate arrangements if you can no longer provide care for your pet.

## BE RESPONSIBLE

- Clean up after your pets - they poop you scoop.
- Keep your pets on a leash when walking outdoors, keep cats indoors.
- Do your part to address the pet overpopulation problem and always spay/neuter.

## KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME

- Recognize any decline in your pet's quality of life and make timely decisions in consultation with a veterinarian.

## KNOW YOUR LIMITS

- Keep only the type and number of pets for which an appropriate and safe environment can be provided, including appropriate food, water, shelter, health care and companionship.

