

Having a Happy & Loving Relationship With Your New Friend & Family Member



Make sure you feed your new friend a nutritionally complete and balanced pet food from a trusted manufacturer. This will help them to remain as healthy as possible for as long as possible.

Make sure to take your pet to their vet on a regular basis. Your vet will help you determine the appropriate schedule for routine visits.

Prevent disease by controlling fleas, ticks and even mosquitoes. Your veterinarian can make the recommendation for the product that is best for your pet.

Spaying and Neutering

Spaying and neutering is one of the most important things you can do for your animal, your family and your community. Puppies are cute but there is a limit to the number of homes that can be found. Spaying and neutering will give the older animals already here a greater chance to be adopted when there are fewer babies looking for homes. Spaying and neutering reduces your animal's desire to wander and find a mate. They will be more content at home and less likely to get lost, get in fights, get killed by other animals or cars.



Food and Water

Always feed your dog the best food you can. Not only will your dog be healthier but if they eat good food, they will eat less and use the bathroom less because the food they do eat will be used by their body. Make sure the number one ingredient in your pet's food is meat – not wheat or corn. Always feed your pet the same kind and same amount of food each day. Inconsistency can make their stomachs upset. The amount of food you should feed your pet will be listed on the package. Talk to your vet about further questions.

Exercise

In addition to the fact that dogs need the exercise of being walked, walks also establish a routine which dogs crave and help establish you as the 'alpha dog', both essential to the well being of a dog. In the wild, dogs "earn" their supper by migrating with their pack leader all day. Walking your dog imitates that behavior. Under-exercised pets can develop inappropriate behaviors like destructiveness, hyperactivity, etc. It has been said that if your dog is too fat, YOU are not getting enough exercise!

