

KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO YOUR PET!

When you decided to get a pet, you were making a promise. You promised to take care of your pet for as long as he or she lives. Here are 12 ways you can keep your promise and be a responsible pet owner:

1. THINK! 2. THINK!! 3. THINK!!!

Think about your pet and what he or she might need every day to keep happy and healthy.



- **Clean Water:** Your pet needs fresh clean water every day. Dirty water causes disease.
- **Nutritious Food:** Your cat or dog will need to eat between 1-3 meals every day, depending on age, size and health. They deserve a high quality diet. Make sure you feed your pet the food that's right for him. Some foods are really bad for some animals – for example, chocolate, grapes and onions, can make dogs, cats and rabbits very ill....



- **Comfy Place to Sleep:** Dogs and cats like to rest for long periods of the day. Make sure your pet has a safe place to snuggle down where they won't be disturbed. Keep it clean and check it regularly for damage that may be dangerous to your pet.

- **What else?**
Good pet owners are always thinking of their pets!

4. PETS NEED VETS

Medical Care: Don't wait for your pet to become sick before visiting a vet. Just like people, they need regular medical check-ups to stay healthy. They need vaccinations to protect them from diseases. They need worm, tick and flea treatments to keep them free of parasites. And always take them to a vet at the first sign of illness.



5. SPAY / NEUTER YOUR PET

One of the best ways to show your pet you really love them is to ensure they can't produce litters of unwanted kittens or puppies. This is called **SPAYING** for female cats and dogs, and **NEUTERING** (or castration) for males. Relieving them of this burden at an early age (before 6 months) also has tremendous health benefits for them.



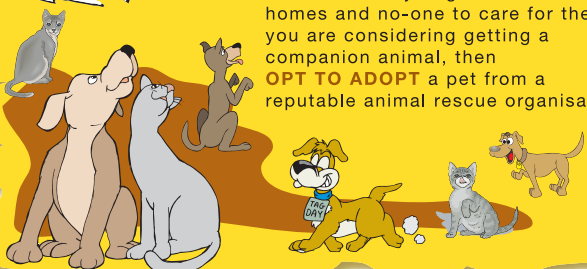
Too Many!!!

Don't Delay-Spay or Neuter your Pet at a Vet Today!

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6. OPT TO ADOPT

There are many dogs and cats without homes and no-one to care for them. If you are considering getting a companion animal, then **OPT TO ADOPT** a pet from a reputable animal rescue organisation.



7. TRAINING YOUR DOG

By far the best dog to have around is one that knows simple actions like SIT, STAY, DOWN and COME – and how to walk nicely on a leash. Training your dog in basic obedience also speeds up the process of bonding with your dog and ensures that he will become the very best pet he can be, a pleasure to have around. Get advice from a dog training professional on how to best train your puppy or dog.

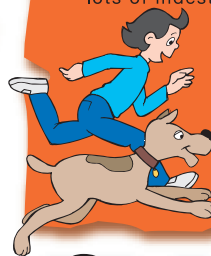


8. GROOMING AND EXERCISE

Grooming: This creates a special bond between pet and owner. It will help keep them healthy and looking good, and they will get used to being handled. When grooming, take the opportunity to check for ticks, fleas, bumps and lumps!

Exercise: Everyone needs to exercise everyday to stay happy and healthy, including pets! Make exercise fun with games and lots of loving attention. Provide lots of indestructible toys designed for pets.

Take your dog for a long walk or play with a ball in the garden, woof woof!. Kitties enjoy chasing a soft toy on a string, purrrrrrrr !



9. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Leash your dog. When out walking, your dog should always be leashed. Only let your pet off-leash in a safe area where he won't annoy anyone

Keep your neighbourhood clean:

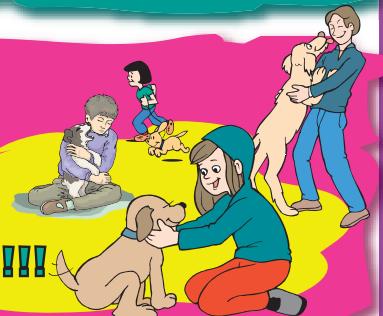
Pick up your pet's poo and dispose of it properly! It's unpleasant and unhealthy to leave it lying around for folk to step in.

Don't let your pet roam alone. Roaming pets, excessive noise, soiling and bad smells can upset your neighbours; you and your pet won't be popular!

10. LOVE!

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Our pets depend on us for everything. We are their favourite people! Let's make sure we are worthy of our pet's trust and devotion. Let's be kind so they will be our best friends **FOREVER!** Let's live up to our Promise to our Pets!