# PETS ARE FAMILY TOO

## 5 tips FOR HEALTHY, HAPPY PETS

### MAKE HIM OR HER A PART OF YOUR FAMILY

Pet ownership is **a privilege** and a big responsibility. A longterm commitment from you for the life of the pet is necessary. Pets, especially dogs, are pack animals that need to be with their family. Spend time with them daily in play, in exercise, in training, and in socialization.

### DAILY CARE

At a minimum, your pet **needs daily**: (1) nutritious food, (2) 24/7 access to fresh water, and (3) a safe place to rest, away from predators and away from the cold and the heat, preferably indoors. Grooming and dental care are important too! And, did you know adult dogs and cats need different food than puppies and kittens? Also, some dogs and cats have specific dietary needs. Talk to your trusted veterinarian about the best dietary options for your pet's needs.

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### KEEP YOUR PET HEALTHY

**Preventative** care is **VITAL** for your pet's long-term health. Annual veterinarian exams, along with vaccinations to prevent deadly diseases, and treatment to prevent internal and external parasites are suggested. Also, to prevent unwanted litters, overpopulation, and potential future costly diseases, **spay and neuter surgeries** are highly recommended.

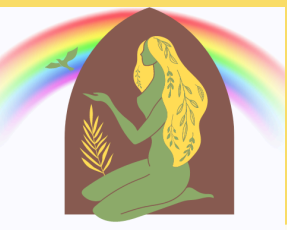
### KEEP YOUR PET SAFE

Keep your pets **safe** by securing your home, backyard, and any other space they have access to. Use gates, fences, and pet-friendly barriers to prevent them from getting into unsafe areas. **Never** keep a dog on a short chain, and when on a long lead, please supervise them to prevent injuries.

### PROVIDE PROPER IDENTIFICATION

Keep identification on your pet with a **collar and a tag**. Microchip if it is available in your area. In case they get lost, these identifiers will help your cherished pet be reunited with your family.

**You are the most important thing in the world to your pets! Please give them the care, attention, and love they deserve and you will receive back an endless amount of unconditional love and happiness.**



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