

A GOOD IDEA

Another expense, but one that can pay off in the long run is pet insurance. There are many different types, and some are better than others. Look into their current pay out rate and deductibles. The following is a list you can use to research which might be best for you in order the of Forbes best pet insurance providers as of 2025:

- Spot
- Pets Best
- Lemonade
- Fetch
- Pumpkin
- Embrace
- ASPCA
- CarePlus by Chewy
- Healthy Paws
- Prudent Pet
- Figo



Remember that there are local programs like ours that can help people take care of their animals.

Further information on pet care can be found from the following resources:

American Veterinary Medical Association - <https://www.avma.org/>

Maui Humane Society - <https://www.mauihumanesociety.org/>

And, of course, Emergency Animal Care & Help.

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PET

CARE &
OWNERSHIP



PURPOSE

If you are reading this, you most likely already have a pet, but it is always important to remember the commitment it takes to own an animal.

Many of us grew up with an outlook on pet ownership that resembled something we saw on T.V., or maybe we had pets growing up and we learned from our families how to take care of them. What we know is that pet care is a big responsibility. It takes a lot of time and money to properly care for an animal. Even though owning an animal is a lot of work and a significant expense, we at EACH believe that everyone has the right to experience the dynamic of pet ownership despite their economic status. The companionship and unconditional love we get from our pets is unmeasurable. So how do we ensure that we are able to take care of the animals we love when we may not be billionaires? This pamphlet is to help people understand what responsible pet care looks like and help people start to navigate resources that can aid them in being the best animal owners they can be. We at EACH appreciate you and your willingness to reach out for help on behalf of your pet.

The following is from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA):

PET OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES

To promote healthy pets and a mutually beneficial relationship, the AVMA recommends that pet owners:

- Provide lifelong care for the pet or make reasonable efforts to transition care of the animal to another individual or group. This means committing to ensuring your pet's care for their entire life.
- Select pet types and numbers that are suited to your lifestyle.
- Establish and maintain a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
- Provide preventive (e.g., vaccinations, parasite control) and therapeutic health care for your pet(s) in consultation with, and as recommended by, your veterinarian.
- Monitor and identify changes in your pet(s)' health and quality of life and make decisions in consultation with your veterinarian regarding appropriate care or treatment. This includes end-of-life care (e.g., palliative care, hospice, euthanasia).
- Provide appropriate food, water, indoor/outdoor shelter, living space, health care and companionship to promote pet health, safety, and welfare.

- Ensure pets are properly identified (i.e., tags, microchips, or tattoos) and that their registration information in associated databases is kept up to date.
- Adhere to state and local ordinances, including licensing, leash, rabies vaccination, and other requirements.
- Manage your pet's reproduction through controlled breeding, containment, or spay/neuter.
- Socialize and appropriately train your pet(s) to facilitate their wellbeing and the wellbeing of other animals and people. This includes training for veterinary care and handling.
- Minimize negative impacts on other people, animals, and the environment. This includes proper waste disposal, containment, and noise control.
- Provide physical and mental stimulation as well as nutrition appropriate to the species, age, breed, and health status of your pet(s).
- Plan for your pets in case of an emergency or disaster, including assembling an evacuation kit.
- Make arrangements for the care of your pet when or if you are temporarily unable to do so.

The AVMA encourages pet owners to invest appropriate planning and resources in pet care to maximize the mutually beneficial relationship that is the human-animal bond.

