

Number 1 Rule

Choose wisely; find a pet that will fit your lifestyle and your budget.
Give pet care that it requires to be happy and healthy.

Basic Care

Veterinary Care

Puppies need to see the veterinarian for their first examination and Vaccines starting at 6weeks of age. Veterinary advice on how to properly care for your dog during its different life stages is always needed.

Feeding

- Puppies 8 to 12 weeks old need four meals a day.
- Feed puppies three to six months old three meals a day.
- Feed puppies six months to one year two meals a day.
- When your dog reaches his first birthday, one meal a day is usually enough.

Exercise

Dogs need exercise to burn calories, stimulate their minds, and keep healthy. Exercise also tends to help dogs avoid boredom, which can lead to destructive behaviours.

Grooming

You can help keep your dog clean and reduce shedding with frequent brushing. Check for fleas and ticks daily. Most dogs don't need to be bathed more than a few times a year. Some may need regular professional grooming.

Housing

Your pet needs a warm, quiet place to rest, away from all drafts and off the floor. A training crate is ideal. You may wish to buy a dog bed, or make one out of a wooden box. Place a clean blanket or pillow inside the bed. Wash the dog's bedding often. If your dog will be spending a lot of time outdoors, be sure she has access to shade and plenty of cool water in hot weather, and a warm, dry, covered shelter when it's cold.

Training

A well-behaved companion canine is a joy. But left untrained, your dog can cause nothing but trouble. Teaching your dog the basics—"Sit," "Stay," "Come," "Down," "Heel," "Off" and "Leave it"—will improve your relationship with both your dog and your neighbours. If you have a puppy, start teaching him his manners as soon as possible! Use little bits of food as a lure and reward.

