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“Things To Consider Before You Get A Pet!”

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You can give this to anyone you know thinking of getting a pet.

And Please Do!

We here at Do You Care About Your Pet.com have put together this small e-book because we have found an increase number pets being released to the streets. Mainly, due to people getting pets before they think or know what it is that they are actually doing. As a result many animals end up being turned loose into the streets because people don't have the before hand knowledge of the responsibility of owning a pet or to their communities. Not only is this bad for the animals, it has become costly nuisance for state and local government to deal with. We believe that this problem could be curbed considerably with a little before hand learning for people thinking of becoming pet owners. With this in mind, please read the following to enlighten you on the responsibilities of owning a pet. We hope this will help you to make a wise decision for you and your pet.

1. Do You Have The Time:

Will you be able to set time aside to play and interact with your pet? Cats and Dogs or pets of your choice love that one on one attention. They love the interaction of you talking to them, hugging them, stroking their heads, scratching their backs, taking them for walks, play with toys and overall loving them. Remember, they are all different some need more attention than others even in the same species. Like cats and dogs, some

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will want a lot of human contact and others will not, it will depend on the character of your pet.

2. Do you have a place to keep your pet:

Do you have a place for your pet in your home or outside? If you live in an apartment are you allowed to have a pet? Some apartment owners allow you to have cats or small dogs. They may charge an extra fee or additional deposits when they allow pets due to extra cleaning or they may have to change the carpet because the next tenant may be allergic to certain animals.

Some communities do not allow certain breeds of animals because of insurance policies and local laws, please be sure to check on their policies before you purchase or get your pet. Even if you own your own home it is a good idea to check with your insurance agent and local law enforcement to see if there are any special requirements. Some communities require special insurance policies on certain breeds of dogs and other animals may not be acceptable.

If it is a large breed dog that you are planning on getting or any other pet that may grow to be a good size (like pot belly pigs can get to be quite large) make sure you know how big the pet you are thinking of getting can get, or you could be in for inadequate space in your home if it is not large enough to accommodate it. With dogs it is best to have a fenced in yard for the safety of your dog and visitors. This also allows you space to interact with your pet, like playing ball and other activities for a more enjoyable relationship. With some dogs it

may be necessary to purchase a kennel with a top, if you have a dog that likes to jump the fence. If you don't have a yard, keep in mind that you will need to walk your dog for exercise and good health.

Cats are probably easier to accommodate, they usually like to sleep a lot. If you want to try to keep them off your furniture try throwing an old pillow on the floor, they love to lie on them. Cats love boxes also, just leave and open box on the floor and the kitty will be in it in no time.

If you work outside the home it may be a good idea to get your pet a companion so it will have a friend to interact and play with while you're away. In some cases, this could keep them from becoming destructive while you're away. They can become bored and lonely while your gone so they look for things to get into.

3. Can you afford a pet:

You have to make sure you can fit your pet into your budget they need to eat, too! Make sure you know what your pet requires to eat some animals need certain nutrients in their diet to live. Things you need to consider when getting a pet are: pet toys, medicine, Vet bills, shots, worming, waste disposal and licenses. Again, some animals require special items that are not listed here, please do your research before you get your pet, if you not sure of their needs ask your local pet store or your vet for advice in these matters, they usually can tell you all you need to know.

4. Do you have A Veterinarian:

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If your pet gets sick do you have a Veterinarian? A Veterinarian, that actually cares as much for your pet as you do. Someone, who will take the time to explain what is going on with your pet instead of just hurrying up and pushing you out the door!

You should take the time to choose your Veterinarian before a need arises. It's like choosing your own doctor, you need to find one you are comfortable with and trust.

5. Will it fit into your life style:

This one is one of the biggies, when you have spare time, are you going to want to spend some of it with your pet? Does your job keep you away from home a lot, making your pet stay with other people outside the home or at some kind of pet sitting company? You may also want to consider, are you too tired when you come home from work to spend time or not being home enough to spend time with your pet. This can lead to a bad relationship between you and your pet. They will do things just to get your attention, like chew up your favorite slippers and other annoying habits.

6. Do you have time for a pet:

Do you work 10, 12, 14 or 16 hours a day? There is a good chance you don't have time to care for a pet. Pets have needs that must be taken care of, they need fed, given water and some may need litter pans or cages cleaned daily and some may require baths once in a while plus the time you should spend with them, too. So remember that there is a lot more to having a pet than just getting one. There are responsibilities that come with it also.

7. What does your pet eat:

Pets also need nutritional foods. Read the labels on the bags of food to see if it meets daily-required nutrients for your pet and make sure it has nutritional value. Some animals require special nutrients, like cats. They require the nutrient, Taurine; it helps to prevent heart disease in cats. It is always best to read the label on bags or on canned food to make sure you are getting what your pet requires.

8. Does your pet need a License:

Cats don't need a license but dogs do. We live in the state of Ohio. In Ohio, your dog requires a rabies vaccination to purchase a license for your dog. If your dog is caught without the license, you may be subject to fines and still be required to purchase a license. Remember, check with your state and local laws to find out the requirements for your pet.

9. Are any family members allergic to your pet:

This is something you should find out before you get a pet but if you already have a pet, there are options. Some people are allergic to cats! If you should find that you have an allergy to cats, you can talk to your physician for options. There are medications that you can take. That will control your allergy to your pet so you can live a happy long life together. Please review your options carefully before getting rid of your pet. If you feel you must get rid of the pet. Please! Please! Take the time to find it a good home, even if it takes a few days. It will be a short time for you but it can become a very bad time for the rest of your pet's life, if you don't.

10. What if your pet becomes ill:

If your pet gets sick will you have the time to take care of it? Recovering sick pets can take up a good deal of time with special care and needs. You may have to take your pet to the Veterinarian. Keep in mind Veterinarian hospitals can be very costly just as with humans. You can keep this cost down if you can bring them home and care for them. Check with your Vet., to see if you can home care your pet to contain costs. There could be a long recovery process that you may have to deal with on a daily basis. If you can't be at home to minister this care, do you have some who can, family member or friend? ***"This is something most people never think"*** about until it's too late and then they find they don't have the time and patience to handle the situation. Then unfortunately the pet is put to sleep unnecessarily because they can't take care of it.

We like to thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read this before getting a pet. We hope the information provided here will help you make a better decision, if a pet is right for you and your home.

Do you care about your pet.com has been rescuing animals for about 8 years now! The money for this comes out of our pocket and a little outside help from an agency that has decided to lend

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a hand, with the spaying and neutering of some of these animals. Food and shelter cost are not cheap. We spend about \$400.00 to 600.00 a month caring for these animals at our expense.

Do you care about you pet.com has started publishing e-books and accepting contributions to help care for these animal and to hopefully expand our care! **We are “not a non-profit organization” so contributions “are not tax deductible”,** your contributions would just be helping the animals out of the kindness of your heart, just as we are. We now care for over 50 animals and look to take in others, as we are able.

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