

HOW TO BE A GOOD PET OWNER

Many people want a pet, but not everybody knows how to take care of a pet properly. Sadly, millions of abandoned pets roam the streets or wait in shelters for someone to adopt them.

Why are there so many unwanted cats and dogs? Two main reasons:

#1 Not all people have their pets spayed or neutered. Without these operations, cats and dogs have kittens and puppies. And there just aren't enough good homes for all of them.

#2 Some people treat getting a pet like getting a toy. If they get bored or end up not liking it, they bring it back. They give it to someone else. They stop playing with it. Or they put it outside. People forget that pets have feelings. Pets need us the way that children need their parents—not just for a month or a year, but for life.



So what are the four steps to keeping the bond between pets and people strong?

Think. Train. Neuter. Check.

Translate the emojis on the next page as you learn more about each step!

1. Think!

Can you afford a pet? Do you have [🕒] to play with her every day? Will you be just as interested in your pet [y+💡💡] from now as you are today? Will you still [😞] she's cute? Do your [🍏+🐜🐜] want a pet? Will you [🐝] able to [🔑+p] her if you move? These are just a few of the [???] you should consider [🐝+4] you get a pet.

2. Train!

"She won't use the litter box."

"He barks too much."

"He bites."

"She jumps on people."

If any of this sounds familiar, don't get mad—get training! A pet who's [🏠] [🚆+ed] and taught to be calm and friendly is great to have around. But pets don't learn if no one teaches them. [🚆] your pets early. Be patient and [✖+pect] mistakes. Ask someone for help. Remember the times in your life when you goofed up? Isn't it great that your friends and family never gave up on you?

3. Neuter!

You [❤] your pet but do you really want 6 more? Have your [😸😺] and [🐶🐱] spayed or neutered!

4. Check!

Take your pet for a [✅👉] at least once a [y+💡]. Your veterinarian will help you keep your pet [health+🍲]