

What a rewarding experience it is to have a dog or cat become a member of the family! They will be generous with their love and devotion, but will depend on you for physical needs and happiness.

Pet Depot recommends the following products for good health and proper care.

Basic needs for a Dog

- Premium Food** Quality ingredients, total nutrition
- Food/Water Dishes** Weighted dishes prevent spilling
- Collar/Leash** For walking & training
- Dog Crate/Cage** Aids in housebreaking
- Housebreaking Pads** Makes house breaking easier
- Odor/Stain Remover** For safe & effective clean up
- Pet Bed/Cushion** Comfort & security
- Pet Carrier** Keeps pet safe & secure when traveling
- Shampoo** For a clean, healthier coat
- Flea/Tick products** For flea/tick prevention
- ID tag** For protection & safety
- Toys** For entertainment & fun
- Chew Toys** For healthy teeth & gums
- Treats** A nutritional reward, great for training
- Brush/Comb** Helps remove loose hair & tangles

Basic needs for a Cat

- Premium Food** Quality ingredients, total nutrition, no supplements or extra vitamins needed
- Food/Water Dishes** Shallow dishes
- Litter Box** A covered box will help keep litter inside
- Litter** Premium Litter
- Collar/ID Tag** For protection & safety
- Pet Carrier** For safe travels
- Flea/Tick products** For Flea/Tick prevention
- Brush/Comb** Helps remove loose hair
- Toys** For entertainment & fun
- Cat Furniture** For fun exercise & scratching

Dog & Cat

Basic Care Guide



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Responsible Pet Owners:

- Ensure that their dogs and cats are licensed and out-fitted with visible identification at all times
- Spay or neuter their dog and cat to improve the health and behavior of the animal and to prevent their animal from adding to the problem of pet over-population
- Clean up after their pets and dispose of the waste in a sanitary manner
- Keep their dogs on leashes at all times when outside the home
- Help cats stay safe and live longer by keeping them indoors and away from situations where they could become nuisances
- Maintain an active flea and tick control program

General Care

Nutrition:

To thrive and live long healthy lives, pets need the best nutrition possible. Pet Depot recommends feeding premium pet foods. Premium pet foods are made with high quality ingredients that are carefully formulated to provide your pet with a totally balanced diet. Premium pet foods have all the vitamins, minerals, oils, fatty acids, proteins and carbohydrates your pet will need to be healthy. There is no need to add vitamins or supplements to your pet's diet unless your pet has special needs. Because premium pet foods contain quality ingredients, your pet gets more nutrition from a smaller amount of food. This means smaller, firmer stool and less clean up for you.

House Training:

Using a dog crate/cage for house training is the easiest method. Confine the puppy to the crate, only letting him out of the crate to go outside or when he will have supervision. Usually a puppy will not urinate or defecate where he sleeps. A good routine to follow is to take the puppy outside every two or three hours, taking him to the same spot each time. Take your puppy outside as soon as you get up in the morning and then the last thing you do before bedtime.

Grooming:

Use a good brush to remove loose hair from your pet. Do not allow your pet's hair to become matted. This can be painful to your pet by pulling the skin tight as the hair mats. Keeping your pet's nails trimmed is also a part of good grooming. Trimming your pet's nails can be a challenge to do by yourself. Many pets do not like their paws touched. It is best to have someone help restrain your pet to trim their nails or have them trimmed by your pet's groomer or veterinarian.

Flea Control

In just 30 days, ten fleas can multiply to more than 250,000 fleas. An adult female flea lays up to 600 eggs in her lifetime. For every single adult flea, there can be hundreds of fleas at other stages of the flea cycle (see illustration). Controlling these pests is not an easy task. The pet, the home, and the yard must all be treated together to successfully control fleas.

Before starting the flea & tick control program, carefully read and follow all the directions on the product package.

Step 1...Relief

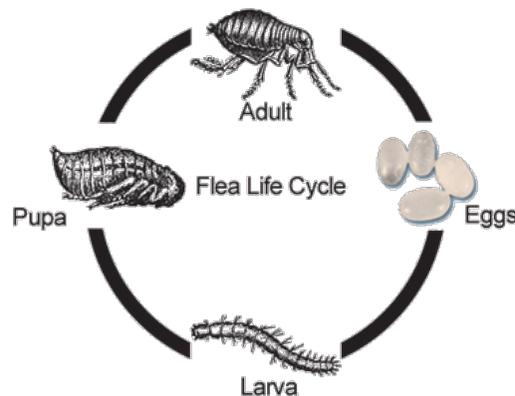
Shampoos, powders, sponge-ons (flea dip) and spray products are specifically designed to provide instant relief for pets by quickly eliminating the source of the pets' suffering.

Step 2...Maintenance

Flea and tick collars or spot-ons provide an on-going protective barrier against fleas and ticks before they can start a problem. A flea and tick collar will provide continuous killing action, even when wet. A spot-on provides fast killing action plus residual killing action for approximately one month.

Step 3...Control

Treatment of the home is a crucial step in flea & tick control. The home can be controlled with foggers and/or carpet and upholstery powder or spray. Do not forget to spray under tables and furniture.



Obedience Training Basics

Training your puppy or dog takes time, patience and repetition. The following five points can help make the process easier and more rewarding for both you and your pet.

Point #1...Be consistent

Nothing confuses your dog or makes the training process more difficult than inconsistency. You must be consistent in your actions and in your words. If you do not want your dog on the couch, then he should never be allowed on the couch. Dogs cannot understand "sometimes". Make sure everyone in the family is using the same word or phrase for the same behavior. Confusion will quickly set in if you use "sit" and your spouse uses "down".

Point #2...Use praise

We often focus our attention on correcting behavior and forget to say anything when things are going well. Nothing reinforces good behavior like praise. Let your dog know he did well with a "good boy", a pat on the head or shoulder, or small treat.

Point #3...Keep sessions short

Frequent but short training sessions yield the most success. After 10-15 minutes most dogs start to become distracted. If your dog is not focused both of you will end up frustrated. The goal is to build a trusting and loving relationship with your pet. Develop a schedule and stick to it. Training 10 minutes daily is better than 60 minutes once a week.

Point #4...No punishment

There is no room for any type of punishment when training your pet. You need to praise correct behaviors and not over react to incorrect behaviors. We are not suggesting you ignore bad behavior. We are recommending a measured response from you. The tone of your voice with a firm "No" will convey your displeasure with the behavior.

Point #5...End on a positive note

You want to end each and every session positively. Now is the time for some extended praise. Let your dog know how happy you are with him both verbal praise and physical contact. If the session has not gone well chose a command that your dog has already mastered and executes without fail. Use that command at the end of the session. Again, the point is to end on an upbeat note. The helps keep you and your dog working together as a team.

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