

Take care of your pets in a loving and respectful way.

Be the voice of an animal that cannot speak for itself. Pet owners need to speak for their animals and make sure that they get what they need.

Watch and listen to your pet's body language so you can see when something is wrong.

Educate yourself, your children, your family and friends about animal and pet care.

Adults, lead by example:

- Love and respect your pets and other animals.
- Help when animals get hurt.
- Teach children and other adults to do the same.



### Good reasons to sterilise your pet:

- They will be healthier and live longer, better lives
- They will be better companions
- They are less likely to roam
- They are less likely to fight
- Females are less likely to get uterus infections/cancer
- Males are less likely to get enlarged prostates/cancer
- Males will be less likely to be aggressive towards other dogs and humans
- Males are less likely to mount people or objects and urinate everywhere
- There will be less diseases, less cruelty to animals
- and healthier environment's for all

**FOUR PAWS** is an global animal welfare organisation. Our wish is that people treat animals with respect, empathy, and understanding.

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# How to be a responsible pet owner



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# BE THEIR VOICE



**CARE**



Respect all animals and allow them to express their natural behaviour.



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## it is your responsibility



**COMFORT**  
Your pet needs shelter from the weather. Your pet also needs a warm dry bed.

**PROVIDE**  
Pets, like children, need nutritious food and fresh water every day.

**SAFE**  
Secure your yard. Use a comfortable collar & identity tag. Keep your dog on a lead when out & about.

**MOVEMENT**  
Your pet needs to be physically active and have space to exercise.

**TRAINING**  
Talk to your pets. Teach them to be sociably acceptable so we can all live together.

**LOVING BOND**  
Form strong loving bonds with your pets. Treat them well. A dog will protect you and keep you company.

**HELP**  
If you see an injured or abused animal, please call your local SPCA branch or animal welfare.

**CLEAN**  
Keep your pet clean and free from ticks & fleas. Clean their living area too, it will keep you and your family healthy.

**HEALTH**  
Vaccinations, veterinary treatment and sterilisation all ensure a healthy, happy pet.

**Animal rescue** (on van)

Please! close the gate (on sign)

**HELP!** (on sign)