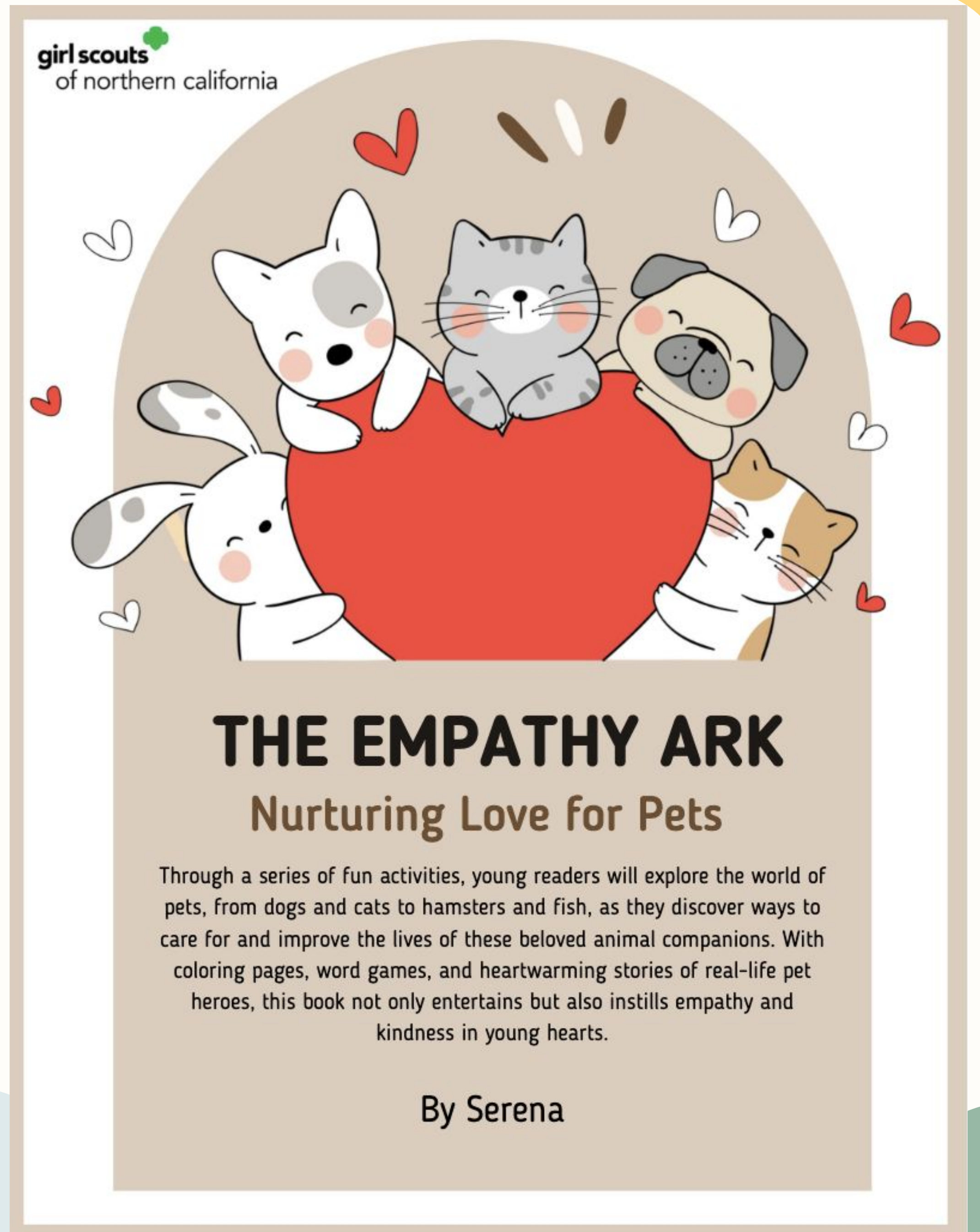
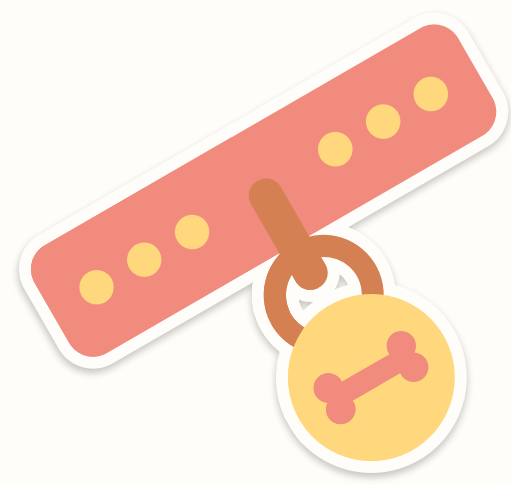


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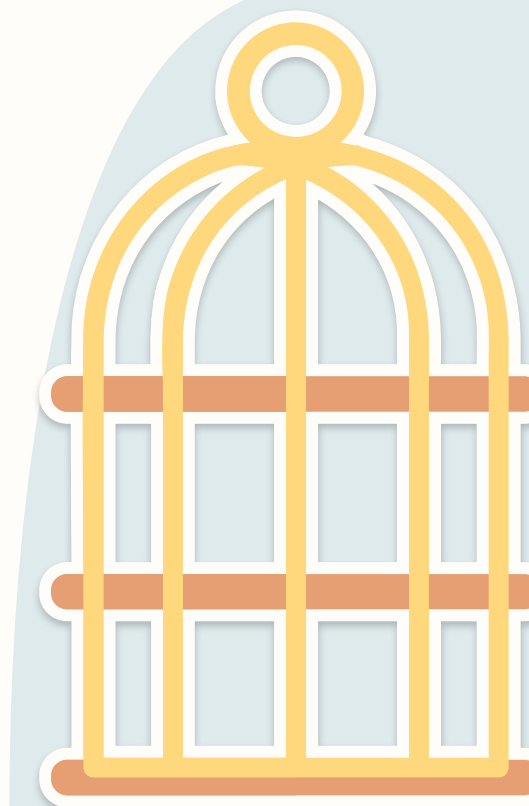
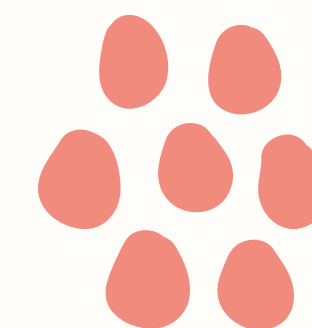
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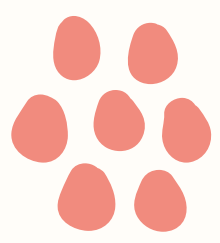




Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!
[Pass out activity booklets]





What is a pet?

- A pet is a domesticated animal kept for companionship, enjoyment, and sometimes assistance.
- Pets are cherished household members, offering emotional support, affection, and entertainment.
- The bonds with pets are typically strong, making them integral family members.
- Responsible pet ownership requires providing food, shelter, healthcare, and attention.
- Common pets include dogs, cats, birds, fish, rabbits, and small mammals such as hamsters or guinea pigs.



Exotic Pets

- Exotic pets, unlike typical pets such as dogs or cats, are unique animals often from various global regions.
- Common examples include reptiles (snakes), birds (parrots), mammals (sugar gliders), amphibians, insects, and special fish.
- Owning an exotic pet can be thrilling but requires extensive knowledge about their care, safety, and conservation of their natural habitats.
- Before acquiring an exotic pet, ensure compliance with local regulations and your ability to provide proper care.
- Examples of exotic pets are macaws, toucans, sugar gliders, capuchin monkeys, poison dart frogs, tarantulas, and scorpions.



Farm Animals

- Pets are animals like dogs and cats that we keep in our homes because we enjoy their company. Farm animals, like cows and chickens, live on farms and have important jobs like providing us with milk and eggs.



Pet Classification Activity

Look at each of the animals below, and determine whether they are pets, livestock, or exotic pets. Cut around each and place in the correct column on the next page.



**Please
turn to
the first
page of
your
activity
book!**

Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

01

Daily Care

02

Grooming/Hygiene

03

Exercise/Play

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Medical Care

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**Safety and
Supervision**

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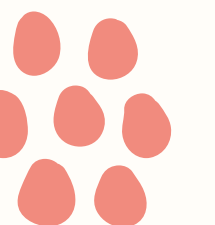
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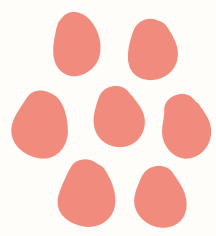


01.

Daily Care

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Yummy vs. Yucky

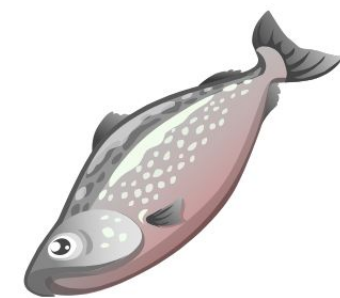
Learn which foods are good (yummy) and bad (yucky) for pets like dogs and cats.

HEALTHY VS. HARMFUL FOOD | DOGS

Healthy food



Lean Meats (Cooked)



Fish (cooked, boneless, unseasoned)



Vegetables (Carrots, peas, etc.)



Dairy (plain yogurt, small cheese amounts)



Fruits (apples, bananas, etc. in moderation)



Grains (cooked rice, oatmeal)

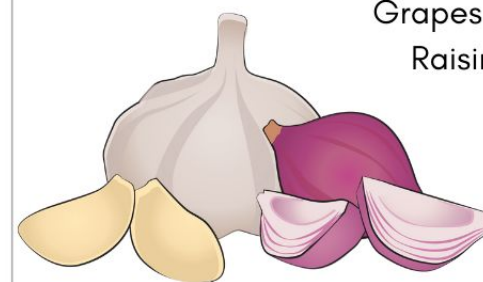
Harmful food



Chocolates



Grapes and Raisins



Onions and Garlic



Xylitol (found in gum and some baked goods)



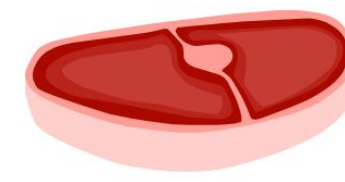
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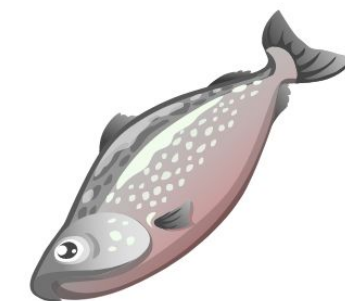
Cooked Bones

HEALTHY VS. HARMFUL FOOD | CATS

Healthy food



Lean Meats (Cooked)



Occasional cooked fish



Cat safe vegetables



Small amounts of catnip as a treat

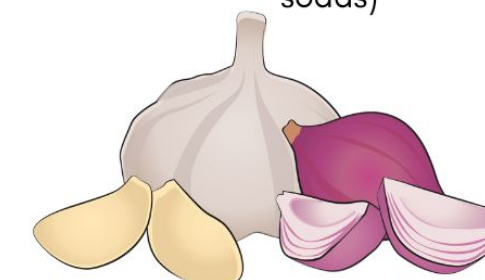
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Chocolates



Caffeine (coffee, tea, sodas)



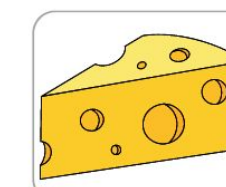
Onions and Garlic



Alcohol

WHICH FOODS CAN A DOG/CAT EAT?

DOG



☐ Safe
☐ Unsafe



☐ Safe
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☐ Safe
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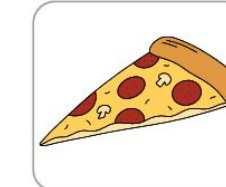
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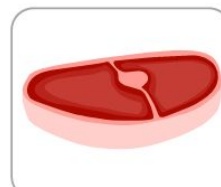


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CAT



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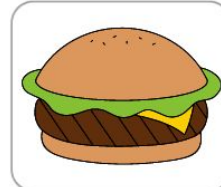
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Since you now know what is a pet....

It's time to adopt a pet! Pick
between a dog, cat, and bunny!



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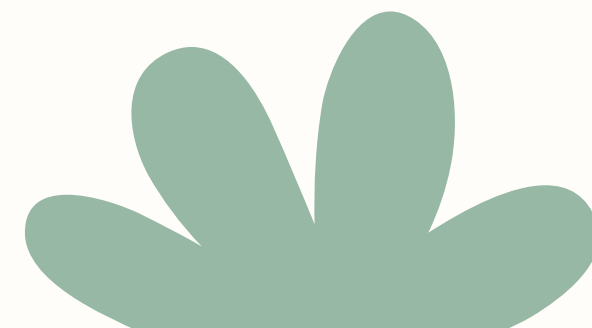




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Grooming/Hygiene

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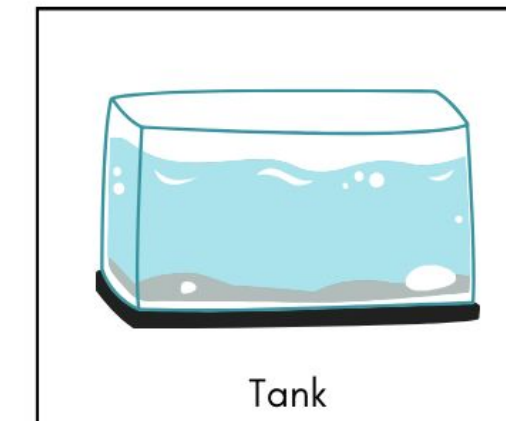


Keeping Pet Homes Clean

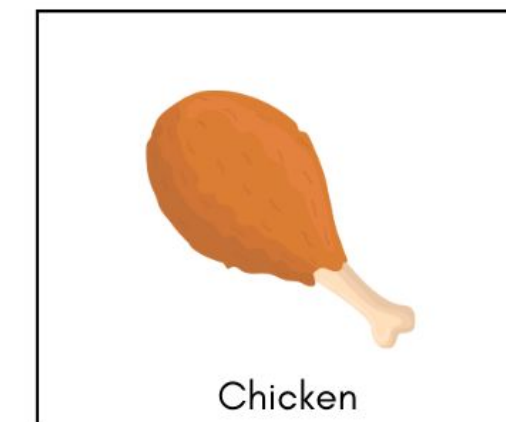
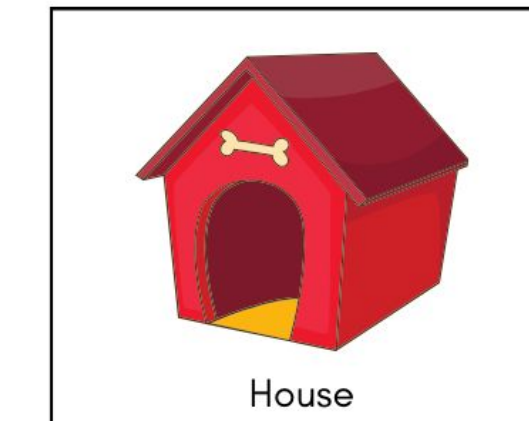
- Just like we feel better in a clean room, pets are happier and healthier when their spaces are clean too! Washing their beds, cleaning their cages, and tidying up their play areas helps stop germs and yucky smells.
- Pets love to explore! To keep them safe, make sure there are no small things they can swallow or dangerous stuff like wires and chemicals around. Also, brushing their fur and giving them baths keeps them neat and tidy.
- Bugs like fleas and ticks don't like clean places. Vacuuming and washing your pet's bedding regularly helps keep these pests away. This way, your furry friends can play and sleep comfortably without itchy bugs bothering them.

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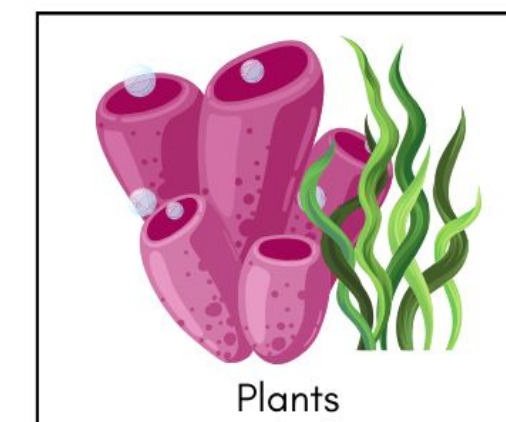
Which of the living environments is most suitable for a pet fish?



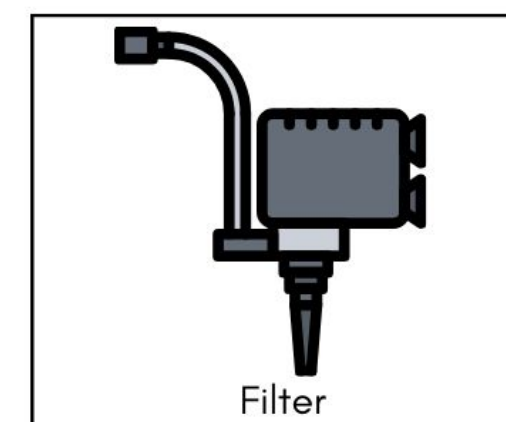
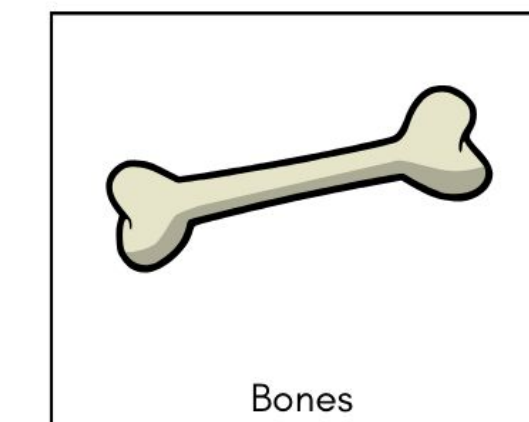
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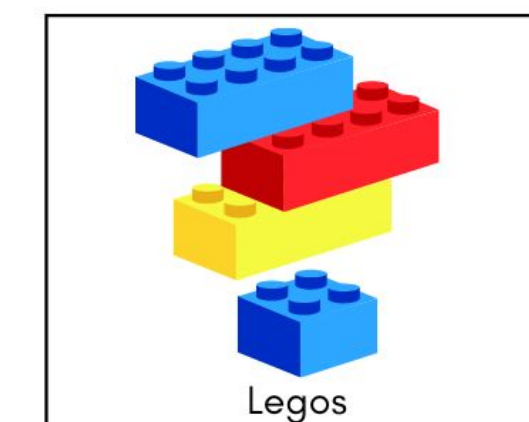
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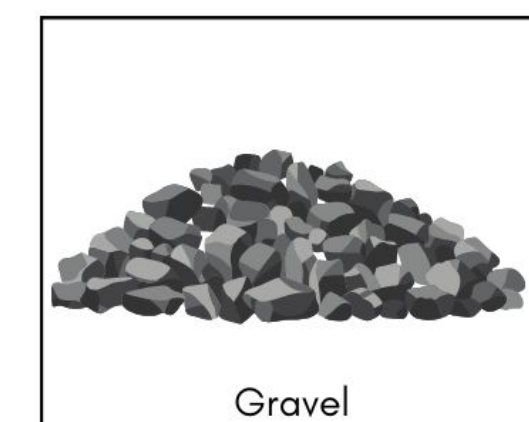
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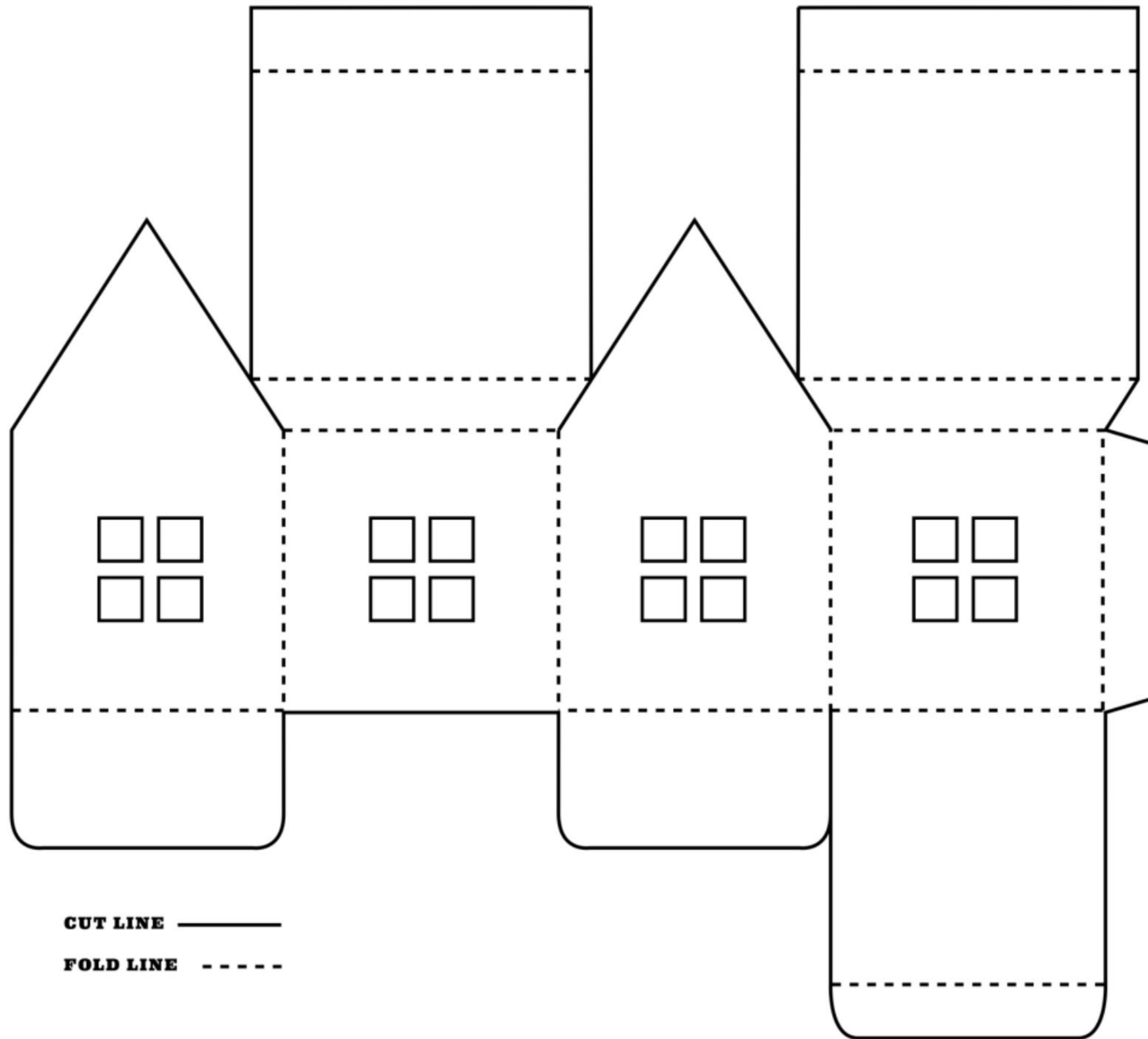


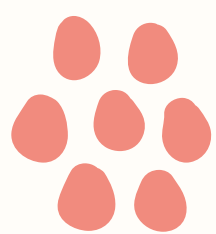
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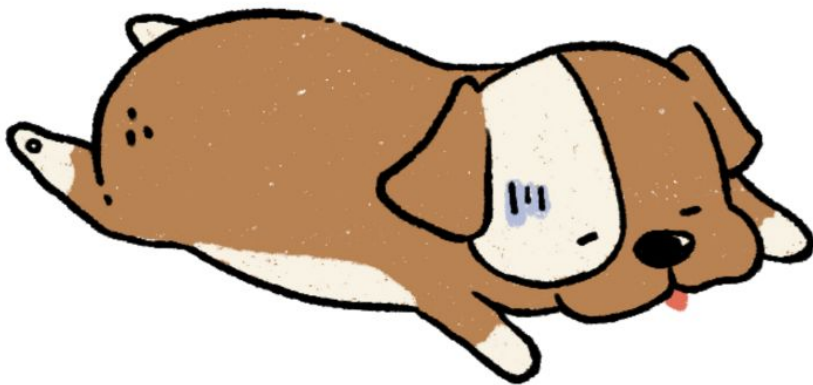




Pet's can have hygiene issues too!

Hygiene Issue	Impact on Pets	Impact on Owners
1. Fleas and Ticks	Skin irritation, disease	Increased vet bills, discomfort
2. Dental Problems	Tooth decay, pain	Bad breath, costly dental care
3. Ear Infections	Pain, hearing loss	Vet visits, medication costs
4. Skin Infections	Itching, hair loss	Vet bills, time and effort
5. Urinary Tract Infections	Frequent urination, pain	Vet visits, increased expenses
6. Parasitic Worms	Digestive issues, anemia	Deworming costs, discomfort
7. Anal Gland Issues	Scotting, infections	Vet visits, grooming expenses
8. Dirty Coat	Matting, skin irritations	Grooming expenses, odor

HYGIENE ISSUE - DOCTORS REPORT



This is Brownie, your neighbors' new puppy! His skin is very irritated and he feels sick. Help his owners figure out whats wrong!

Symptoms:

Skin irritation, Scratching and Itching, Red or Irritated Skin, Hair Loss, Flea Dirt, Restlessness and Agitation, Allergic Reactions, Pale Gums, Visible Fleas, Flea Eggs, Excessive Grooming

Appointment Information:

Vet (Write your name here) _____

Date _____

Appointment #4

Patient Information:

Patient's Name: Brownie
Species: Canine (Dog)
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Date of Birth or Age: 3 years old
Sex: Male
Color/Markings: Chocolate brown coat with a white patch on the chest

Based on the symptoms, Brownie has a hygiene issue known as...



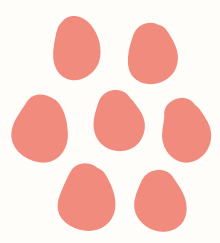
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Exercise and Play

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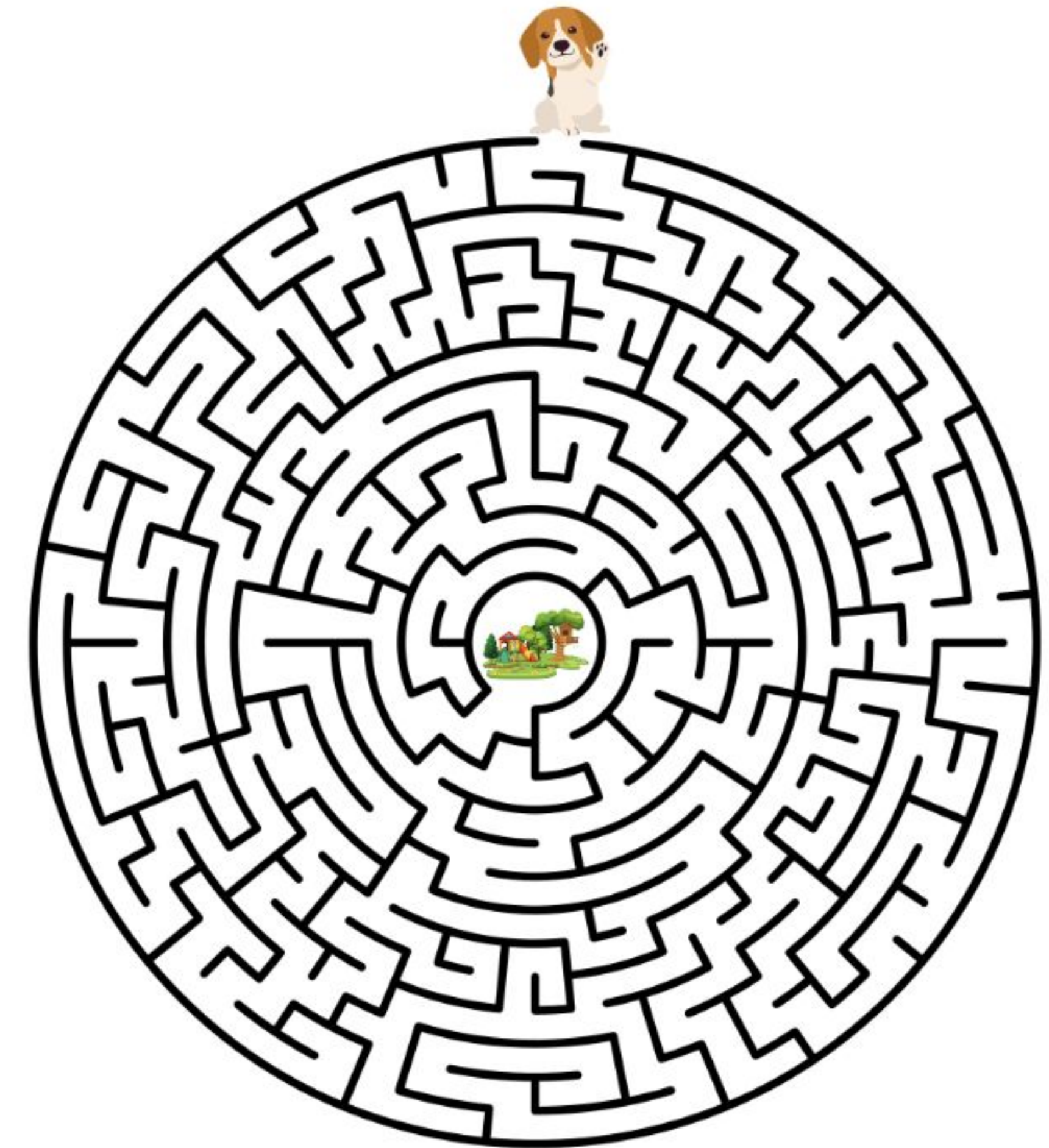
Highlight how consistent exercise contributes to physical health, mental alertness, and overall happiness of pets





Importance of Exercise

- Keep Pets Healthy: Just like you, pets need to move and play to stay healthy. Running and playing help pets not get too chubby and keeps their hearts strong!
- Keep Pets Smart and Happy: When pets play games like fetch or run around, it helps them think better and stops them from getting bored or naughty.
- Pets Feel Better with Exercise: Moving around helps pets feel less scared or worried, and they behave better too. It makes them super happy pets!
- Making Friends: Just like you enjoy playing with friends, pets love to meet and play with other pets or people. It helps them learn to be friendly and have fun together!
- Fun Activities: Some cool things to do with your pet could be walking, running, playing fetch, learning new tricks, or having playdates with other pets.



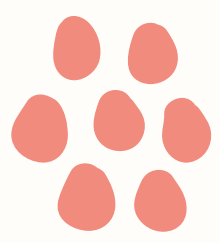


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Medical Care

importance of routine veterinary visits for preventative care, vaccinations, and health monitoring to ensure pets remain healthy and thrive.





Take your Pet to the Vet!

- **Routine Check-Ups:** Vets check overall health, address concerns, and provide well-being guidance.
- **Vaccinations:** Protect pets from diseases with tailored vaccination schedules.
- **Parasite Prevention:** Prevent fleas, ticks, and worms with regular treatments.
- **Dental Health:** Regular check-ups and cleanings prevent dental issues.
- **Nutrition & Weight Management:** Vets guide on diet and maintain healthy weight.





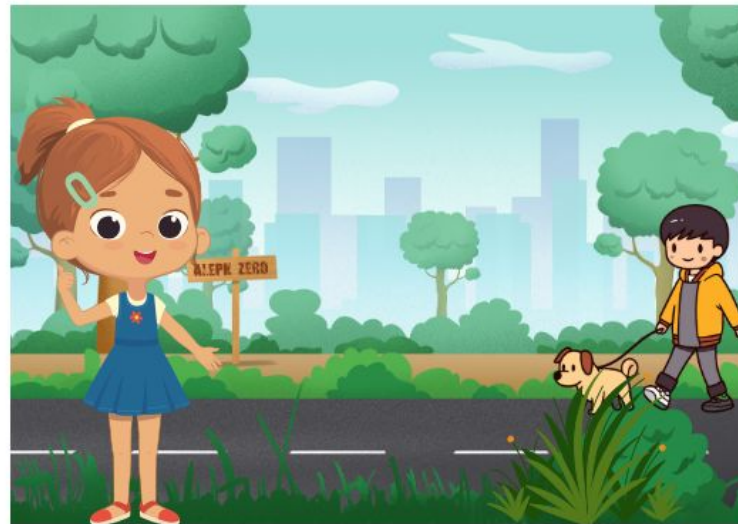
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Safety and Supervision



How to Meet a Dog: WAIT

Watch



- Is the dog on a leash?
- Does the dog have a friendly body language?

Ask



- Ask your responsible adult.
- Ask the dog's guardian.

Invite



- Invite the dog to approach you by patting your leg.
- Let the dog choose to come to you

Touch



- Stand to the side of the dog.
- Pet gently on the dog's side or back.

DOG BITE PREVENTION TIPS

For Parents, Kids, and Dog Owners

TEACH YOUR KIDS

- Dogs don't like hugs and kisses. Instead, scratch the dog on the chest or the side of the neck.
- Stand Still "Be A Tree" if a strange dog approaches
- Never Tease a dog



PARENTS CAN DO

- Supervise your kids
- Train the dog to enjoy presence and actions of children using positive experiences



DOG OWNERS CAN DO

- Spay or Neuter your dog
- Condition your dog for the world by giving positive experiences
- Supervise your dog



RABIES

- If a dog has rabies and bites you it can give you the disease.
- If you get bitten, wash your wound immediately and thoroughly, and get medical help - it could save your life.



COMPASSION FOR STRAY PETS: A Community Responsibility



STRAY PETS

There are three sources of stray pets

- Lost pets
- Abandoned pets
- Pets born to strays

They are often found in streets

PROBLEMS

Stray pets are a man-made problem. They can:

- Spread diseases, including rabies, leishmaniasis, toxocariasis, and giardiasis
- Bite and cause injury to humans and other pets
- Leave their feces in yards or near water sources
- Cause economic burdens, such as costs associated with management and rabies vaccination
- Create issues pertaining to waste, sanitation, and street nuisance

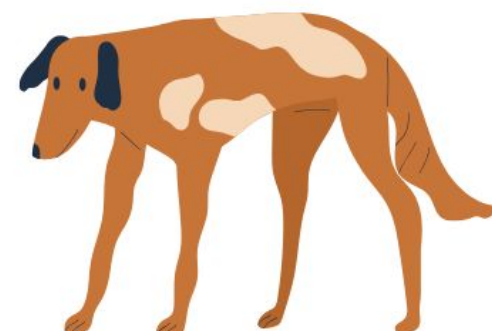


SOLUTION

There is only one solution: RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP. Owners have a duty to provide sufficient and appropriate care for their pets, microchip and ideally neuter, or prevent from uncontrollable breeding.

WHAT IF YOU FIND A STRAY

- Never assume that stray pets don't have a home
- Have the animal scanned for a microchip in an effort to locate its owner
- File a report with your local shelter or call an animal control officer especially if the animal is not friendly.
- Never chase or corner a scared pet.

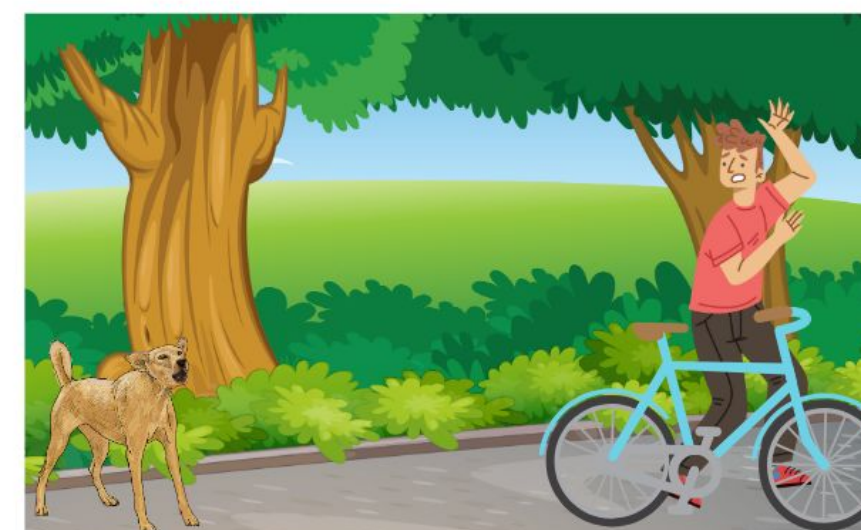


See a Stray, Stay Away!

What if a loose dog you don't know rushes up to you? How do you stay safe?

Don't run. Dogs love to chase!

Don't stare at the dog. This can make the dog feel threatened.



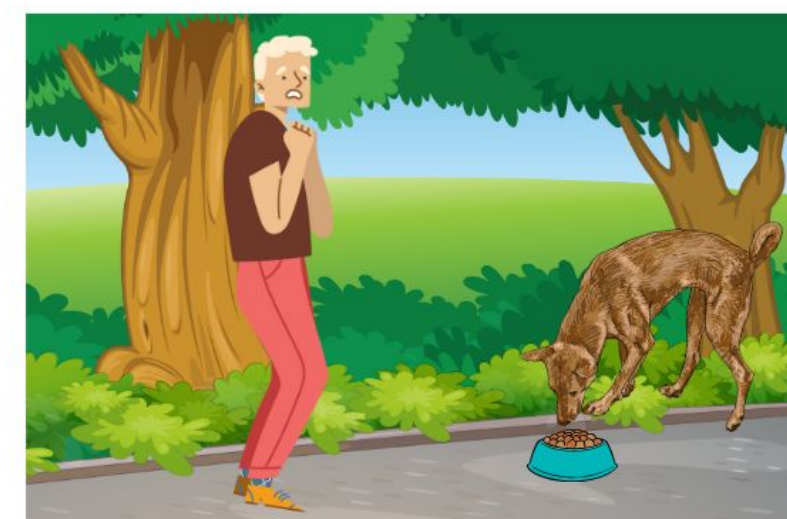
Have a bike or backpack?

You can put it between you and the dog.

Knocked down by the dog? Roll into a rock with your face down. Cover your neck and ears with your arms and hands.



Stand still like a tree with your hands clasped in front of you



Eating something ?

Carrying a bag?

Toss it away from you. That will distract the dog and give you time to walk away slowly.

When the dog gets bored and goes away, go find help. Remember, don't run!

Tip

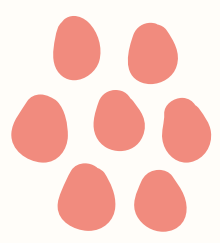
It can calm your own dog if you stand like a tree when they're getting excited!



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Identification

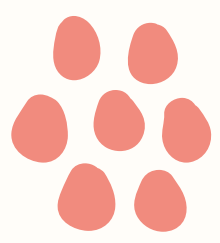




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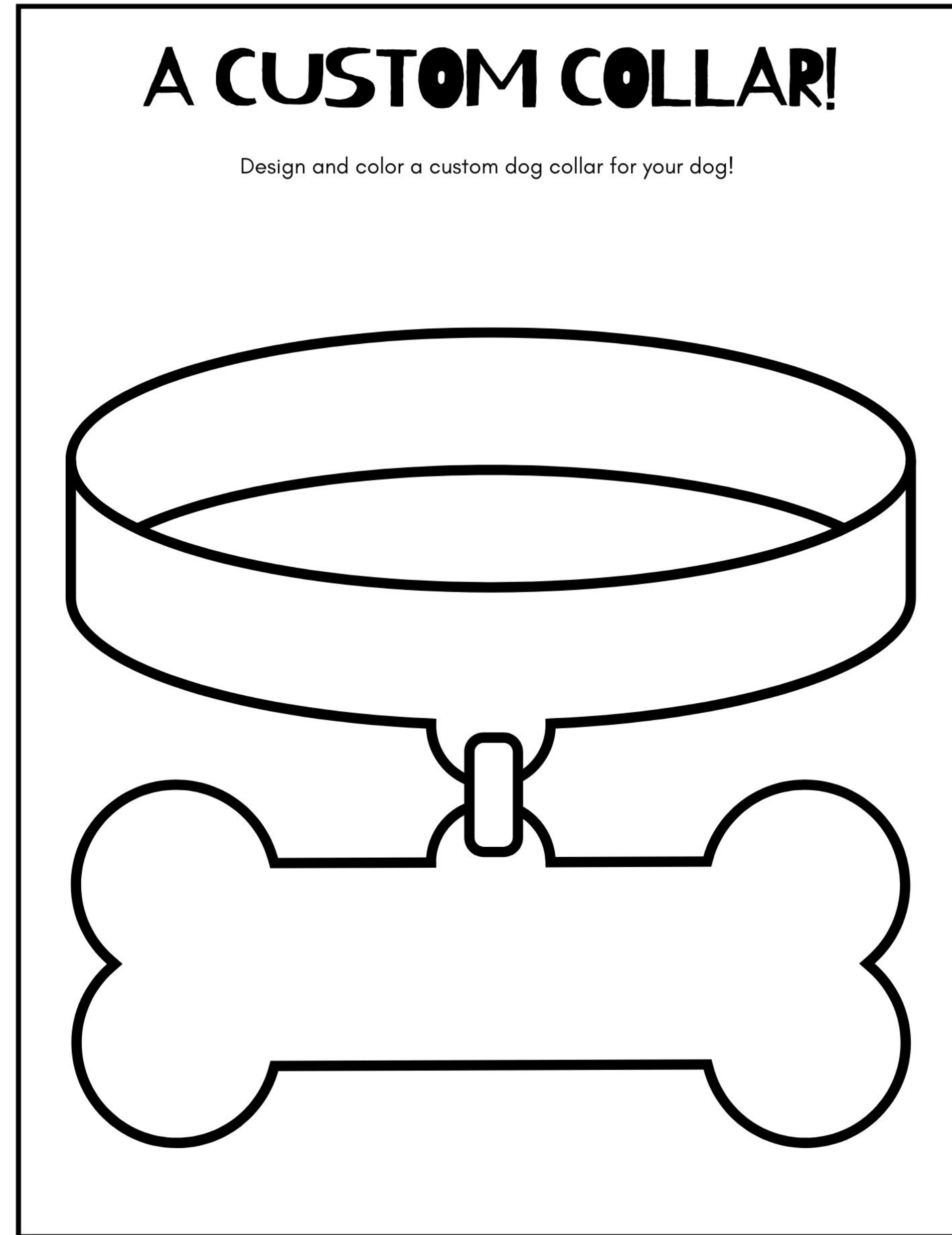
- A microchip is a tiny device, as small as a grain of rice, that a vet puts under a pet's skin. It's like a special ID that never gets lost!
- If your pet ever gets lost, a microchip helps animal shelters and vets figure out who they belong to, so they can get back home to you quickly.
- Microchipping is very safe and quick. It feels like getting a little pinch or a vaccination shot, and then it's all done!
- The microchip has a unique number on it that can be read by a scanner. When your pet is found, the scanner shows this number so the shelter can call you using the contact info you've linked to the chip.





Dog Collars

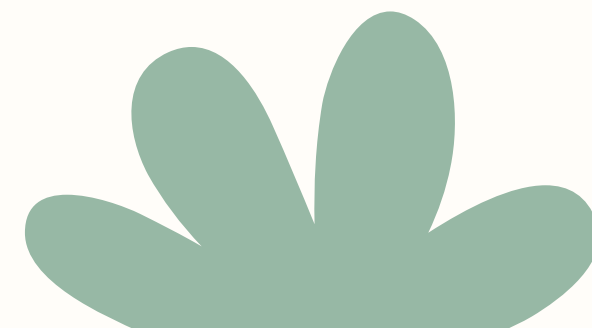
- A dog collar is a band made of cloth, leather, or plastic that goes around a dog's neck. It's like a necklace for dogs and can be colorful and fun!
- Collars help keep dogs safe. They hold identification tags with the dog's name and your phone number, just in case they wander off. Collars can also hold a leash for walking and a microchip for extra safety.
- It's important to pick a collar that fits well. It should be snug enough so it doesn't slip off but loose enough to fit two fingers under it comfortably. Also, choose a material that is durable and comfortable for your dog.





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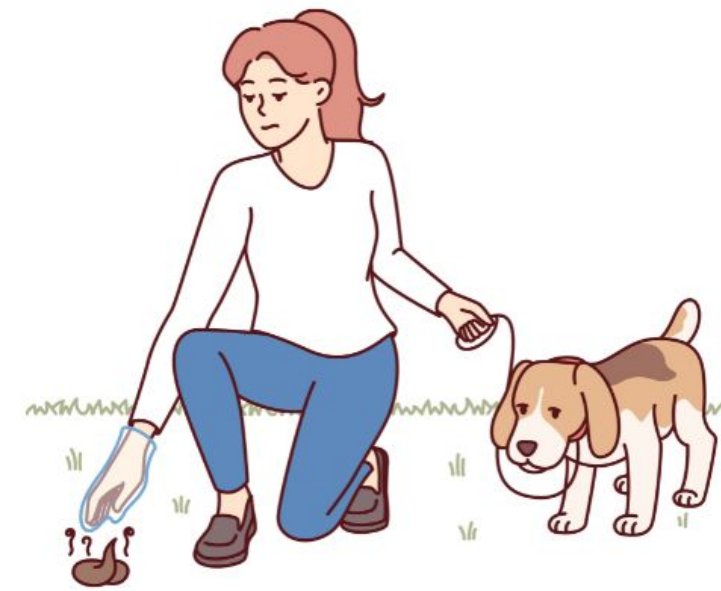
Waste Management



SCOOP IT, DON'T SKIP IT: THE SCOOP ON PET WASTE

RESPONSIBLE PET WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- **BRING IT:** Always bring a plastic bag when you are out with your pet.
- **BAG IT:** Use the bag as a glove to pick up pet waste. Scoop up the waste and turn the bag inside out around the waste.
- **DISPOSE IT:** Properly dispose of pet waste by placing it in a trash can or flushing it, unbagged, down the toilet.



WHY IS PET WASTE A PROBLEM

It can result in:

- Environmental Pollution
- Health Risks
- Odor and Aesthetics issues
- Contamination of Waterways
- Leftover waste can attract flies and other insects, creating nuisance and potential health issues
- Damage to Lawns and Landscapes
- Negative Impact on Wildlife
- Public Safety: Slip and fall accidents

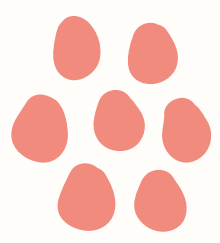




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Emotional Wellbeing





Emotional Needs of Pets

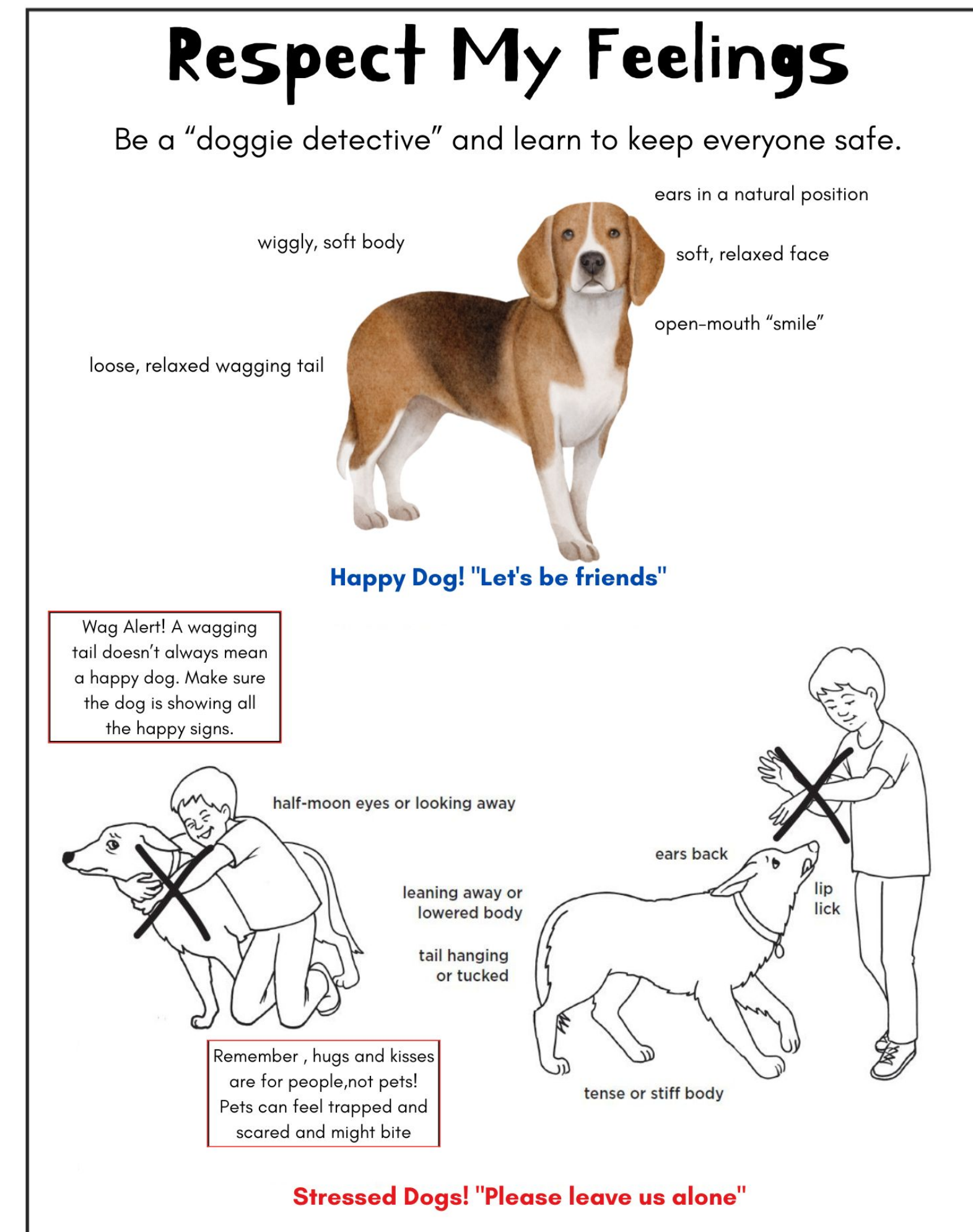
Emotional Needs of Pets:

1. Social Interaction: Importance of companionship and bonding.
2. Mental Stimulation: Engaging activities like puzzle toys and training exercises.
3. Security and Comfort: Creating a safe and stable environment.
4. Love and Affection: Regular petting, talking, and playing.
5. Routine and Structure: Maintaining a consistent routine.



Recognizing Signs of Distress and Discomfort

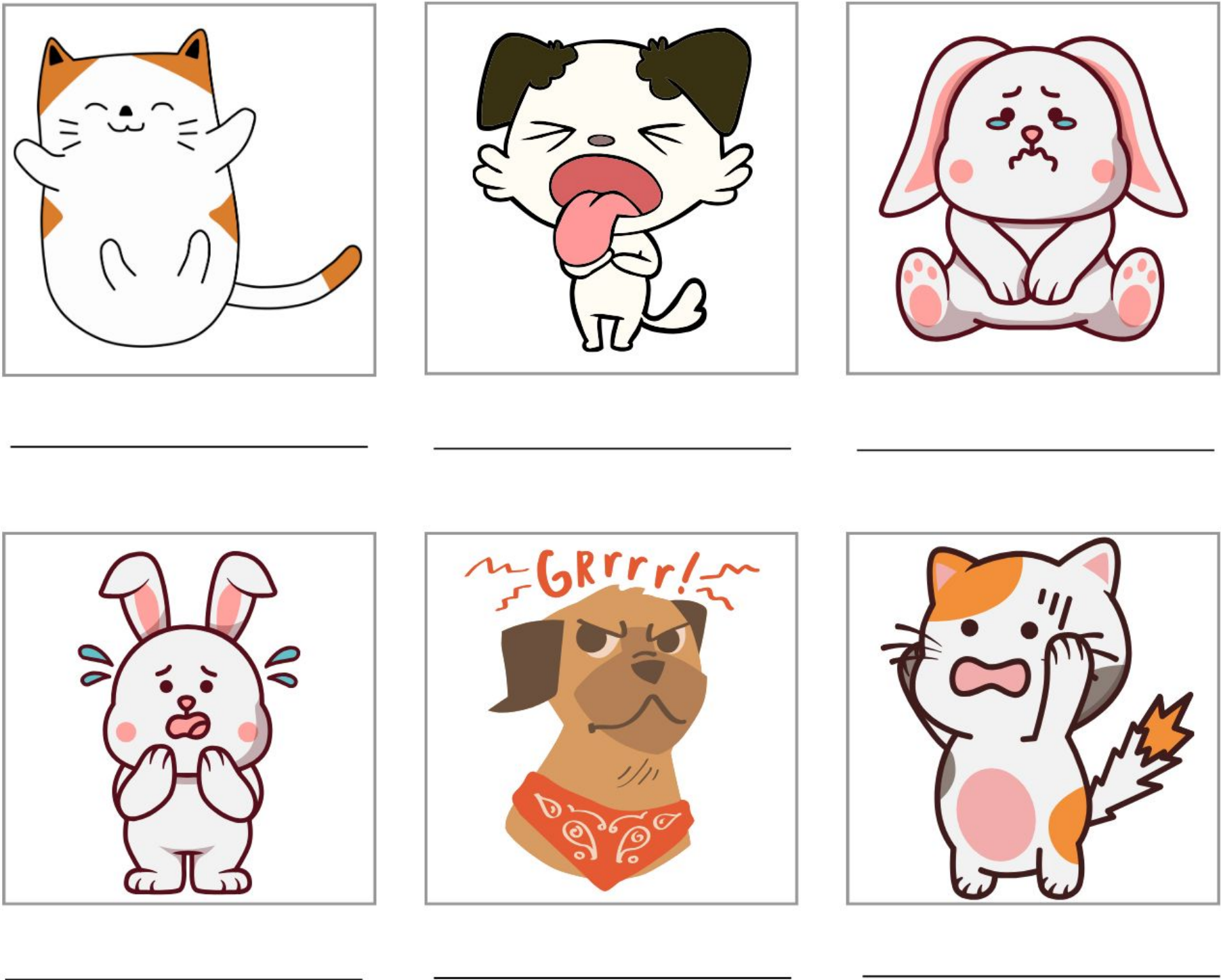
- Dogs:
 - Whining or Whimpering: Pain, fear, or anxiety.
 - Excessive Panting: Stress, anxiety, or overheating.
 - Aggressive Behavior: Fear or discomfort.
 - Hiding or Withdrawal: Avoiding interaction.
 - Changes in Eating/Drinking Habits: Loss of appetite.
- Cats:
 - Hissing or Growling: Fear, aggression, or discomfort.
 - Hiding: Avoiding interaction.
 - Excessive Grooming: Stress or skin irritation.
 - Changes in Litter Box Habits: Urinating outside the box.
 - Lethargy: Reduced activity.
- Rabbits:
 - Teeth Grinding: Pain or discomfort.
 - Hunched Posture: Discomfort or pain.
 - Lack of Appetite: Not eating or drinking.
 - Aggression: Biting or scratching.
 - Changes in Fecal Output: Smaller or fewer droppings.



KNOW THEIR FEELINGS

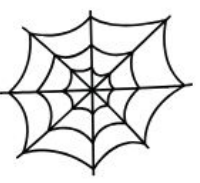
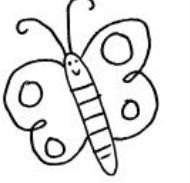
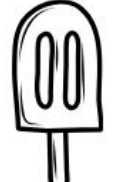
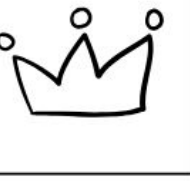
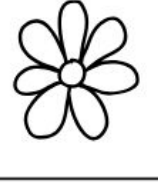
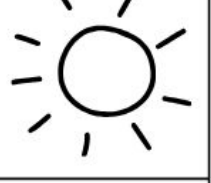
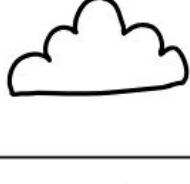
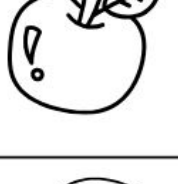
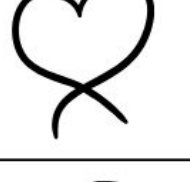
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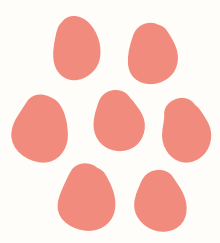
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Decipher these pet's thoughts!

These pets are feeling sad. Decipher the message to find out why!

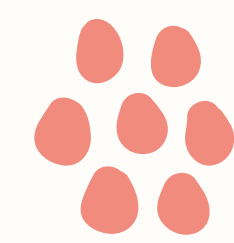
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How to Help Pets in Need

1. Stay Calm and Approach Gently:
 - Remain calm to avoid further stressing the pet.
 - Approach the pet slowly and speak in a soothing voice.
2. Provide a Safe Environment:
 - Create a quiet and safe space for the pet to relax.
 - Remove any potential stressors or hazards from the area.
3. Check for Immediate Needs:
 - Ensure the pet has access to food, water, and a comfortable place to rest.
 - Check for any obvious injuries or signs of illness.
4. Consult a Veterinarian:
 - Seek professional advice if the pet shows signs of severe distress or illness.
 - Follow the vet's recommendations for care and treatment.
5. Offer Comfort and Reassurance:
 - Spend time with the pet, offering gentle petting and reassurance.
 - Use calming techniques such as soft music or a gentle massage.
6. Maintain a Routine:
 - Keep a consistent daily routine to help the pet feel secure.
 - Ensure regular feeding, exercise, and playtime.
7. Provide Mental Stimulation:
 - Engage the pet in activities that stimulate their mind, such as puzzle toys or training exercises.
 - Rotate toys and activities to keep the pet engaged.
8. Monitor and Adjust Care:
 - Observe the pet's behavior and health regularly.
 - Make adjustments to their environment or care routine as needed.





Empathy Building Exercise: "What's Wrong with My Pet?" Scenarios



Scenario 1: Whining Dog

- Description: You notice your dog is whining and whimpering frequently, especially when you leave the room.
- Questions to Ask:
 - a. How do you think the dog is feeling?
 - b. What might be causing this behavior?
 - c. How can you help the dog feel better?

Scenario 2: Hiding Cat

- Description: Your cat has been hiding under the bed for most of the day and hisses when you try to coax her out.
- Questions to Ask:
 - What emotions might the cat be experiencing?
 - Why do you think the cat is hiding?
 - What steps can you take to help the cat feel safe?

Scenario 3: Thumping Rabbit

- Description: Your rabbit has been thumping its back feet loudly and frequently.
 - Questions to Ask:
 - What do you think the rabbit is trying to communicate?
 - What could be causing this behavior?
 - How can you help the rabbit feel more comfortable?
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CHECKLIST: BEFORE YOU GET A PET

Before getting a pet, it's essential to assess your readiness and ensure that you're prepared for the responsibilities of pet ownership. Here's a checklist to complete before bringing a pet into your life:

1. Research and Choose the Right Pet:

- Research different pet species and breeds to find one that matches your lifestyle, living situation, and preferences.
- Consider factors such as size, energy level, grooming needs, and temperament.

2. Assess Your Lifestyle:

- Evaluate your daily routine, work schedule, and travel plans to ensure they align with pet care requirements.
- Determine if you have enough time to dedicate to pet training, exercise, and companionship.

3. Financial Planning:

- Estimate the costs associated with pet ownership, including food, veterinary care, grooming, supplies, and potential emergencies.
- Create a budget to ensure you can comfortably afford these expenses.

4. Pet-Friendly Living Space:

- Ensure that your home is pet-friendly and safe. Remove hazards and provide a secure space for your pet.
- Check local regulations and your lease agreement if you rent to confirm pet policies.

5. Find a Reputable Breeder or Shelter:

- If you're buying from a breeder, research their reputation and ensure they prioritize the health and well-being of their animals.
- Consider adopting from a shelter or rescue organization to give a home to a pet in need.

6. Prepare Your Home:

- Gather essential pet supplies, including food and water dishes, a bed or crate, toys, grooming tools, and a leash (if applicable).
- Create a designated area for your pet with comfortable bedding and safety measures.

7. Veterinary Care:

- Locate a trusted veterinarian in your area and schedule an initial check-up for your pet.
- Discuss vaccination schedules, preventive care, and spaying/neutering options.

8. Training and Socialization:

- Plan for pet training and socialization to ensure your pet becomes well-behaved and comfortable around people and other animals. Consider enrolling in obedience classes if necessary.

9. Pet Care Plan:

- Develop a daily routine for feeding, exercise, grooming, and playtime.
- Arrange for pet care during vacations or times when you cannot be with your pet.

10. Allergies and Health Considerations:

- Assess any allergies or health concerns within your household that could affect pet ownership.

Completing this checklist will help you make an informed decision about pet ownership and ensure that you are fully prepared to provide a loving and responsible home for your new furry friend.



ADOPT OR SHOP?

The "adopt or shop" dilemma centers on whether to rescue a pet from a shelter or buy one from a breeder or pet store. Advocates of adoption argue for saving lives and addressing overpopulation, while those in favor of shopping emphasize specific breed preferences and breeder standards. The decision ultimately hinges on individual values and ethical considerations.

Empathy Building Exercise

PET CARE QUEST ACTIVITY



HUNGRY PUPPY

As you wake up, Max greets you with an excited wag of his tail. However, his hungry eyes tell you it's breakfast time.

Options:

- A. Choose a bowl of nutritious dog food and serve it with a bowl of fresh water to satisfy Max's hunger.
- B. Ignore Max's plea and decide to have breakfast first..

STORMY WEATHER

You and Max decide to take a walk in the park. Suddenly, dark clouds gather, and rain begins to pour.

Options:

- A. Quickly find shelter under a nearby tree or building to keep Max dry, ensuring he doesn't catch a cold.
- B. Continue walking in the rain, thinking it's just water, and Max will be fine.



LONELINESS

Later in the day, you notice Max sitting by the window, looking out with a hint of sadness.

Options:

- A. Approach Max, pet him gently, and spend quality time playing together to chase away his loneliness.
- B. Leave Max alone, thinking he'll get over his feelings on his own.



ENERGETIC PLAYTIME

Description: Max is bursting with energy and playfulness, eager for some fun.

Options:

- A. Engage in a playful game of fetch or tug-of-war to burn off Max's energy and strengthen your bond.
- B. Continue with your tasks, ignoring Max's enthusiasm for play.

TIDYING UP TOGETHER

You return home to find Max's living area in disarray, with toys and blankets scattered around.

Options:

- A. Roll up your sleeves and start cleaning Max's living space together, turning it into a cozy and neat haven.
- B. Leave the mess as it is, thinking it's not a big deal and can wait.



MAX FALLS SICK

One evening, Max appears unwell, with a cough and tired eyes.

Options:

- A. Provide loving care, including medication, warm blankets, and a comforting presence, to help Max recover.
- B. Hope Max gets better on his own without taking any action.



ALTERNATIVES TO SURRENDERING YOUR PET

COMMON REASONS FOR SURRENDERING PETS

- Loss of Income
- A behavioral problem
- Forced Relocation
- Lack of education about responsible pet ownership

ALTERNATIVES TO SURRENDERING

- Speaking with your veterinarian who can offer a judgement-free zone to help work out options that are best for you and your pet
- Behavior Training – Behavior trainers help aggressive pets become their best selves.
- Fostering: If you have to move or are experiencing financial hardship, there may be fostering organizations that can temporarily offer assistance

IF YOU MUST REHOME

- Ask your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues if they can give pet a new home
- Contact a local no-kill shelter, humane society, or rescue.

PET ABANDONMENT

- Pet abandonment is when a pet is left to fend for itself.
- In California, animal abandonment is a crime punishable by:
 - A fine of up to \$1,000
 - Confinement in a county jail of up to six months
 - Both



MISSING/LOST PETS

If your pet goes missing, follow these immediate steps to improve the chances of finding them:

- Search your immediate area thoroughly.
- Create a clear and concise lost pet poster.
- Check local animal shelters and rescue organizations.
- Use social media and online resources for posting.
- Contact local veterinarians and clinics.
- Offer a reward to motivate help.
- Stay persistent and keep searching.
- Prevent future loss by ensuring proper identification.



WHAT IS PET ABUSE?

- Pet abuse, also known as animal cruelty, refers to the intentional harm, neglect, or mistreatment of pets, such as dogs, cats, and other domesticated animals. It encompasses various actions that cause suffering, injury, or death to animals that people keep as companions. Pet abuse can take many forms, including physical violence, neglect, abandonment, lack of proper care (e.g., food, water, shelter, and medical attention), confinement in inhumane conditions, and other harmful actions. It is considered a crime in many jurisdictions and is subject to legal penalties. Protecting pets from abuse is essential for their well-being and is often regulated by animal welfare laws and organizations.

ACTIVE CRUELTY

Active cruelty involves deliberate actions taken to harm or cause suffering to a pet. These actions are often intentional and may include:

- **Physical Abuse:** Inflicting pain or physical harm on a pet through actions like hitting, kicking, choking, or any form of violence.
- **Violent Discipline:** Using excessive or harmful methods to discipline a pet, such as beating or using harsh training techniques.
- **Animal Fighting:** Organizing or participating in illegal activities like dogfighting or cockfighting, where animals are forced to fight for entertainment.
- **Mutilation:** Performing cosmetic surgeries on pets, such as tail docking, ear cropping, or declawing, without a medical necessity.
- **Poisoning:** Deliberately giving pets harmful substances or toxic food, which can lead to severe illness or death.
- **Abandonment:** Deserting a pet in a location where it cannot fend for itself, leading to suffering and potential harm.



PASSIVE CRUELTY

Passive cruelty involves neglect or indifference to a pet's well-being. While it may not involve direct physical harm, it can still lead to suffering and harm through neglectful actions or inaction. Passive cruelty includes:

- **Neglect:** Failing to provide proper food, water, shelter, and medical care for a pet, which can result in suffering or even death.
- **Chaining or Tethering:** Leaving a pet tied up or chained for extended periods without access to proper care, social interaction, or exercise.
- **Hoarding:** Collecting an excessive number of pets without providing adequate care and living conditions, causing overcrowding and neglect.
- **Inadequate Shelter:** Providing insufficient shelter that doesn't protect a pet from harsh weather conditions, leading to suffering.
- **Inadequate Healthcare:** Failing to provide necessary medical attention and veterinary care when a pet is sick or injured.
- **Isolation:** Keeping a pet isolated or confined for extended periods without mental stimulation or social interaction.





PREVENT PET CRUELTY: 11 EASY TIPS

- Adopt, Don't Shop: Choose shelters over breeders.
- Spay/Neuter: Control the pet population.
- Proper Care: Provide food, shelter, and healthcare.
- Positive Training: Use reward-based training methods.
- ID and Microchip: Ensure proper identification.
- Socialization: Help pets be well-adjusted.
- Report Abuse: Speak up about cruelty or neglect.
- Support Shelters: Donate and volunteer.
- Education: Learn and spread awareness.
- Advocate Laws: Back animal protection legislation.
- Be Aware of Abuse: Watch for signs and report it!

**"How you treat animals will
tell me what kind of person you are".**



TAKING ACTION: HOW TO REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE

- Observe and document
- Prioritize safety
- Gather details
- Contact authorities
- Provide information
- Use anonymous reporting if needed
- Legal consultation if severe
- Follow up
- Spread awareness
- Cooperate with legal actions



ANIMAL ABUSE & NEGLECT IDENTIFICATION ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

Understanding the signs of animal abuse and neglect is crucial for promoting the welfare of animals. This activity will help you learn how to recognize potential cases of abuse or neglect and take action.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read each scenario below.
2. Identify the signs of potential animal abuse or neglect in each scenario.
3. Think about what you would do in each situation to help the animal.

SCENARIO 1:

You notice a dog tied up outside a house with no shelter. The weather is cold and rainy, and the dog seems to be shivering.

Signs of Abuse/Neglect:

- Lack of shelter
- Exposure to harsh weather conditions
- Shivering and discomfort

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Consider calling your local animal control or animal welfare agency to report the situation. They can assess the dog's well-being and take appropriate action.

SCENARIO 2:

You come across a cat with matted fur, overgrown nails, and visible sores. The cat appears thin and seems hesitant to approach people.

SIGNS OF ABUSE/NEGLECT:

- Matted fur and overgrown nails
- Visible sores
- Underweight appearance
- Fearful behavior

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Contact a local animal shelter or rescue organization. They may be able to rescue the cat, provide medical care, and find it a safe and loving home.

SCENARIO 3:

In a nearby apartment, you hear loud yelling and sounds of animals in distress. You notice a strong smell coming from the apartment.

SIGNS OF ABUSE/NEGLECT:

- Sounds of distress
- Loud yelling
- Strong and unpleasant odor

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If you suspect animal abuse or neglect, you can call your local law enforcement or animal control to report the situation. They can investigate and ensure the safety of the animals involved.

SCENARIO 4:

You encounter a dog tied up outside without access to water, food, or shade. The dog looks thin, and you can see its ribs.

SIGNS OF ABUSE/NEGLECT:

- Lack of water, food, and shelter
- Thin and underweight appearance

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You should consider notifying animal control or a local animal welfare organization. They can assess the dog's condition and take appropriate measures to ensure its well-being.

Remember, recognizing signs of animal abuse and neglect is essential for advocating for animals' rights and well-being. If you witness any concerning situations, don't hesitate to take action to help the animals in need. Your actions can make a significant difference in their lives. 🐾🚫

Some Extraordinary Pets!

PET STATUES AROUND THE WORLD!

1. Hachiko: Loyalty Personified (Japan):

The statue of Hachiko, an Akita dog, embodies unwavering loyalty. Hachiko waited at a Tokyo train station for his deceased owner every day for nearly 10 years. Today, his statue serves as a symbol of devotion and the unbreakable connection between humans and their pets.

2. Greyfriars Bobby: A Dog's Devotion (Scotland): In Edinburgh, Scotland, the statue of Greyfriars Bobby pays tribute to a Skye Terrier who guarded his owner's grave for 14 years. His unwavering loyalty is celebrated in this heartwarming statue.

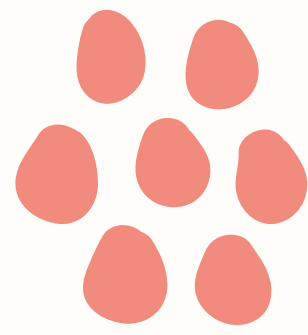
3. Balto: Hero of the Iditarod (Alaska, USA): Balto, a Siberian Husky, played a crucial role in delivering diphtheria antitoxin to Nome, Alaska, during a life-saving serum run. His statue in Central Park, New York City, honors his bravery and the spirit of sled dogs.

4. Fido: Symbol of Faithfulness (Italy): In the small town of Luco dei Marsi, Italy, a statue of Fido, a loyal dog, stands as a testament to his faithfulness. Fido continued to wait at a bus stop for his deceased owner for 14 years.

5. Gelert: A Tale of Sacrifice (Wales): In Beddgelert, Wales, a statue commemorates Gelert, a legendary hound. According to Welsh folklore, Gelert protected a prince's child from a wolf but was mistakenly killed by the prince in the belief that he had harmed the child. The statue serves as a reminder of sacrifice and forgiveness.

By exploring pet statues around the world, we celebrate the enduring love and admiration people have for their pets. These statues remind us of the profound impact animals have on our lives and the everlasting bond that transcends time and place. 🐾 🗿 ❤️

Discussion!



PLEDGE TO CARE

I pledge to care for my beloved pet with love, responsibility, and unwavering empathy. I recognize that my pet relies on me for their well-being, and I am committed to providing the best possible care. In doing so, I pledge:

To Provide for Their Basic Needs: I will ensure that my pet has a safe and loving home, with access to fresh food, clean water, and shelter.

To Understand Their Emotions: I will strive to understand my pet's emotions and needs, responding to their cues with kindness and empathy.

To Recognize Signs of Distress: I will educate myself about the signs of distress or discomfort in my pet and take prompt action to address their well-being.

To Create an Inclusive Environment: I will create an inclusive environment that welcomes and supports pets with disabilities, fostering empathy and understanding.

To Advocate for Animal Welfare: I will be an advocate for the welfare of all animals, promoting responsible pet ownership and raising awareness about the importance of empathy and compassion.

To Strengthen Our Bond: I will cherish the unique bond I share with my pet, nurturing it with quality time, love, and companionship.

To Lead by Example: I will lead by example, demonstrating responsible pet appreciation and empathy for others to follow.

I make this pledge in the spirit of love, compassion, and the profound connection between humans and animals. Together, we can create a world where all pets receive the care and empathy they deserve. 🐾❤️

Your Signature



CERTIFICATE

OF ACHIEVEMENT

This certificate is proudly presented to

for being a responsible pet owner and pet adovate