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Dogs Are the Perfect Pets!

Caring for Your Dog

By Alex

Be Responsible

Owning a pet is not always as easy as it seems. To make sure your pet stays healthy and happy, you have to be responsible for it and its care. That means following a few simple steps.

Make Your Home Safe

Pet-proof your house so you don't have accidents. Watch out for poisons, like antifreeze in the garage (dogs love this), and poisonous plants like poinsettias. Your puppy might chew on electrical cords so watch out for this!

Go to the Vet

Take your dog to the vet

for regular checkups, not just when it is sick. Make sure it gets all the right shots so it doesn't get diseases like rabies. The vet can do an exam and tell you things to do to keep your dog healthy and happy.

Food and Play

Exercise your dog every day! Go for walks or throw the ball for him to fetch. Don't feed your dog too much. Look on the dog food bag to see how much he needs. Fat dogs get health problems like heart disease. Don't feed human food to your dog. Your dog will eat just about any-

thing, so he will get fat and his teeth will rot! If you follow these simple steps your dog should live a healthy and happy life. Remember, your dog needs you!



You should take your dog to the vet regularly!

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Interesting Facts:

- Dogs' hearing is very good!. They can hear high-pitched sounds that humans can't!
- In America, about one family in three owns a dog.
- No chocolate for dogs! It will make your dog sick!
- The oldest dog ever was a Queensland 'heeler' called Bluey in Victoria, Australia. It (He? She?) lived for 29 years, and 5 months. The average dog lives to around 15 years of age.
- The most popular dog in America is the Labrador Retriever, followed by the Golden Retriever and German Shepherd.

How Much Is That Doggy in the Window

By Jamie



Last summer, my family adopted a greyhound from a rescue

group called Greyhound Pets of America. They take Greyhounds who are done racing and find homes for them. Our Greyhound is a boy named Rufus. His racing name was Steel Cruiser. He is a very relaxed and gentle

dog. Most of the time he just likes to lie on the couch. He still likes to run, though! We love taking him to the dog park to watch him "cruise" around.

For more information about rescuing Greyhounds call 1-800-366-1472.

Dog Behavior: Wagging Tails and Sniffing Noses

By Ann

For homework last weekend, we had to observe a pet every half an hour for at least three hours. I don't own any pets, so I went next door to watch my neighbor's dog Spotty. Spotty is a female Chocolate Lab who is 5 years old. I play with her a lot already and take her on walks.

I started observing Spotty at 8:00 a.m. She was eating her breakfast. Next time I looked (at 8:30 a.m.), she was walking around

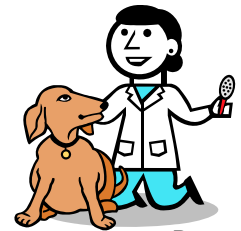
outside. At 9:00 a.m. she was sleeping in her kennel on the porch. At 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., she was sleeping too.



Puppies like to chew on things!

At 10:30 a.m. she was at the door wanting to get in. So it was eat, walk, sleep, sleep, sleep, walk. She was sleeping half the time (3/6).

From what I observed, it looks like dogs sleep a lot! They lead pretty boring lives, but they like the routine of their days. I compared my observation with Megan, and her dog was asleep one time, and was either walking around or playing the rest of the time. Megan has a really hyper dog, compared to Spotty. Maybe it's because Spotty is 5 and her dog is 1?



Dogs and Humans
Need Each Other

Dogs Need Humans

When a person chooses a dog for a pet they are taking on a big responsibility. Dogs need food, water, love, and exercise, and their owners are the ones to give it to them. Once dogs become pets, they rely on their owners to give them a good home and give them the things they need to survive. When owners take good care of their dogs and give them what they need and all the love they can, the dogs become loyal and help to take care of their owners. Dogs can

protect from burglars and guard the house when the owner is sleeping or away at work.

Dogs can also help their owner stay in shape. By taking their dog on long walks and runs, their dog will love them for it but it will also keep both dog and owner in great health. If dog owners do not take good care of their dogs, they can get sick and die. If they allow their dogs to run wild, they can get hit by a car or taken to the pound. Dogs need humans to help take care of them to live a long,

happy life.

Humans Need Dogs

Guide dogs can help the blind to answer the phone, the door, and run errands. Dogs can help sick people feel better while they are in the hospital. Older people enjoy having dogs and lead a longer and happier life when they have a pet. Not only do dogs need us but we need dogs too! That's why we call dogs "man's best friend."



Dogs and Wolves

By Sarah

Dogs and wolves are from the same family. They have some similarities and many differences.

Dogs are now domesticated and live with people in their homes. Wolves still live in the wild.



Dogs and wolves have

furry coats but wolves are usually larger and have longer legs.

Dogs eat dog food and almost anything they can find to eat. Wolves hunt other big animals like deer and moose.

Wolves usually live in packs with other wolves. Dogs can live alone.

Wolves can howl and sometimes will bark just like dogs.

Dogs enjoy having humans around and wolves are usually afraid of humans.

Even though dogs and wolves are from the same family they are two very different animals.