

Pet Savers, Inc. ADOPTION INSTRUCTIONS



Owning a pet is a commitment and serious responsibility. Animals are usually not able to help themselves if they are hungry, thirsty, hot, cold, tired, sick, or frightened, and they can't tell us what they need.

Besides love and companionship, please meet the basic needs of _____ by following these guidelines: (_____ weighs ____pounds.)

FOOD AND WATER:

Buy a recognized commercial dog or cat food such as Pedigree or Purina brand. Dry dog food manufacturers will state on the back of the bag the exact amount of food needed by your dog every day. NEVER give chicken bones (or any bones that could splinter) to your cat or dog! Keep table scraps and "treats" to a minimum. Cats like to have dry food available for nibbling all day. Dogs need to have one or two meals only. ALWAYS have clean water available to your pet in a place your pet can find. DO NOT expect a child to be responsible for the pet!

SHELTER AND BEDDING:

Pets must always have shade and shelter available in summer and warm shelter in winter, preferably inside at night, or at the very least a warm doghouse with hay or bedding. Most pets like sleeping on something soft.

WORMS, FLEAS, AND PESTS:

HEARTWORMS may be the worst problem dogs have in the South. They are caused by a mosquito bite and cannot be seen in or around the animal. You MUST agree to give your dog a monthly heartworm preventive (Ex: Heartgard or Interceptor) from your veterinarian to prevent this serious infestation. Treatment is hard on the dog and very expensive. Other types of worms are easily and inexpensively treated. Fleas are now a thing of the past if you use one of the new products from your vet such as Advantage or Frontline.

VETERINARY CARE:

Your dog's next heartworm pill is due _____. Please make an appointment with your veterinarian to meet the dog and obtain the pills before then. Cats should be tested for Feline Leukemia and inoculated. All pets need their Rabies vaccinations. If you do not have a veterinarian now, please ask for our help finding one.

SPAYING AND NEUTERING:

Caddo Parish Animal Control "puts down" 70 cats and dogs every day. Not spaying or neutering your pet is NOT an option. All Pet Savers adult animals will be spayed or neutered before being adopted. Any puppy or kitten adopted will be spayed or neutered at no additional cost at the age of 6 months at a vet approved by Pet Savers.

EXERCISE AND ELIMINATION:

Most cats get enough exercise on their own. Most dogs adapt to a leash and love to go for walks with their owners. You can BOTH stay in shape this way!

Your neighbors will appreciate it if you carry a couple of plastic bags for picking up after your dog. The Times newspaper bags are perfect...you slip your arm into one, pick up the poop, peel the bag back over your arm, tie in a knot and throw in a garbage can.

Cats need a clean litter box for elimination and only need to be shown where it is. We prefer "scoopable" litter as you don't need to constantly change the whole litter box and there is less odor.

Your pet can add a lot of joy to your life for many years and offer unconditional love. Please take care of it.

QUESTIONS:

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NEW OWNER PLEDGE:

I agree to keep _____ for a minimum of 2 weeks, unless serious problems occur. If _____ and I cannot meet each others' needs, I will call Pet Savers and make arrangements for returning him/her. I will NOT take the animal to the local pound or give it away.

Here is my \$60 fee for Pet Savers, Inc. animal rescue expenses.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____