

# VETERINARY CARE AND ENRICHMENT

Providing mental stimulation for your pet will increase it's health for it's lifetime. Regular play and medical checks can prevent many issues in the long run.



Play is essential for mental health and development

Routine veterinarian care will keep your pet healthy

Pets should always have access to water and shelter



# RE-HOMING VS SURRENDERING

If you find you are unable to provide proper care for your pet, you have options.

- *Re-homing:* You know your pet best and finding a suitable home with family, friends, or groups in the community will ensure your pet goes somewhere you have chosen.
- *Surrendering to the County:* Releasing your ownership and rights of the animal to the county.



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# PROPER PET CARE



## OWNER BASICS

Pet owners are required to provide their pet with necessary sustenance





## SHELTER

Access to protection from wind, rain, or sun

- (a) Provide access to shelter;
- (b) Be constructed of safe materials to protect the pet animal from injury;
- (c) Enable the pet animal to be clean, dry, and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the pet animal's health;
- (d) Provide the pet animal with a solid surface or resting platform that is large enough for the pet animal to lie upon in a normal manner, or, in the case of a caged bird, a perch that is large enough for the bird to perch upon in a normal manner;
- (e) Provide sufficient space to allow the pet animal, at minimum, to do the following:
  - (i) Easily stand, sit, lie, turn around, and make all other normal body movements in a comfortable manner for the pet animal, without making physical contact with any other animal in the enclosure; and
  - (ii) Interact safely with other animals within the enclosure;



## WATER

Water is essential for survival. Pets should always have access to fresh, clean, drinking water.



"Pet animal" means a dog, cat, domesticated rabbit, guinea pig, domesticated pig, or certain species of caged birds so long as not bred for consumption.

"Equine animal" means a horse, donkey, mule, zebra, hinny, pony.

Dehydration can occur quickly in our climate.



If tethered, need to ensure they can reach their water.



## FOOD

Pets need proper nutrition based on their size and breed. Pets should be fed daily.



The State recognizes equine animals are more akin to pet animals than livestock and as such some protections afforded to pet animals have been extended to equine animals.

Just like people, pets have specific calorie needs based on their age, size, breed, and physical activity.