

# **YOUR PET SHOULD BE A FAMILY MEMBER**

- + **Your pet should be a family member and treated as one. While they may not want to be inside all the time, they should have access to the home, and always during storms and cold/hot weather.**
- + **The most important gift you can give your pet is a collar and ID tag. Keep them on at all times.**
- + **State law requires your pet be vaccinated for Rabies each year (some cities have approved a 3-year vaccine....check with your veterinarian to see what applies).**
- + **Never chain your pet. You would not want to live with a chain around your neck. It could become tangled and cause injury or death. Your pet cannot defend itself from predators if chained.**
- + **Your pet has only you for love and affection. Spend time with your pet everyday, and let him/her know they are loved.**
- + **Puppies do not come housebroken. Some adult dogs have not received the necessary training. Both require your patience but your training will pay off and make your relationship a great one.**
- + **Obedience Training may be desirable if your pet develops bad habits. It's worth the effort and makes for a peaceful coexistence with your family member. Pets can live 10-15 years, so this is very important for you and his/her happiness.**
- + **If sharing your food with your pet, NEVER feed them grapes, onions or chocolate. It is best to feed them a good quality pet food, but few of us can withhold human treats occasionally.**
- + **If a stray animal approaches you, NEVER make eye contact with it. That can be seen as a sign of aggression on the part of the stray. Keep walking slowly, and look for someone in their yard who might be of help to you. If the animal continues to stalk you, keep walking but yell for help as loud as you can.**

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