

7 Unchain your dog

Dogs want to be where they can enjoy their human “pack”: indoors! Dogs are highly social and crave companionship in addition to running and exploring. Keeping dogs tied up outside only makes them unhappy and worsens behavior problems. (If your dog is misbehaving, enroll yourself and your dog in a humane training class.) If you know a dog whose whole life is spent at the end of a chain, help the dog’s guardian see how important it is to improve the dog’s life.

8 Spay or neuter

your dog or cat. **Every hour**, 2,500 dogs and cats are born in the U.S.—far more than can ever find good homes. Failure to responsibly control their



reproduction has resulted in such overpopulation that millions of them become homeless, ending up in shelters or struggling to survive on the streets.

9 If you must give up an animal

it is vital to screen prospective homes carefully. If you are advertising in the newspaper, never say, “Free to a good home,” the five favorite words of “bunchers,” who sell animals to laboratory dealers. Always

check references and visit the prospective home. Don't hand over the animal until you are completely satisfied, and don't be afraid to say "no"; your animal friend's life may depend on it. (If you are unable to find a good home, take him or her to a shelter with strict adoption rules. Beware of "no-kill" shelters where animals can wind up spending their entire lives in cages.)

Never ignore lost, stray, or hurt animals

On the street, they can fall victim to disease, starvation, cars, and the cruelty of humans—as well as being able to reproduce and add to the overpopulation problem.

When animals are lost, picking them up could help reunite them with their human family. If they're stray, it will get them safely off the streets. Keep the animal control number on your fridge and in your wallet in case you need to call for help.



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1 Avoid the summertime blues



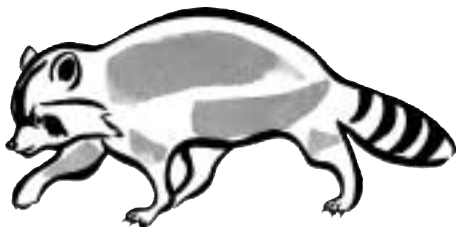
Dogs don't perspire, so in hot weather, they should never be left in a car. Even with the windows cracked, a dog can suffer brain damage or death in just 10 minutes. Always provide shade for your dog—preferably trees as opposed to a doghouse, which can actually absorb the heat. It's safest to bring dogs indoors on hot days.

Beat summer fleas by using a flea comb to remove fleas and their eggs. Vacuum often, and spray carpets and floors with a flea growth regulator, such as Precor. Give dogs flaxseed oil to keep their skin healthy.

2 Wipe out winter woes

Break the ice on ponds and puddles so that squirrels, birds, and other animals who live outdoors can drink the water. In the yard, anchor water containers to the fence, or place buckets inside old tires to prevent spilling.

Place birdseed where it won't get wet or covered with snow.



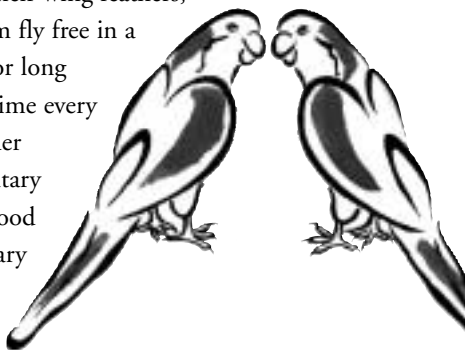
3 Clear identification

can save a dog or cat's life. Accidents happen, and when they do, lost animals depend on that highly visible tag bearing your name, street address, and two telephone numbers. Every few months, slip three fingers under the collar to make sure that it isn't too tight. Tattooing and microchip implants provide additional protection against theft.



4 No bird belongs in a cage

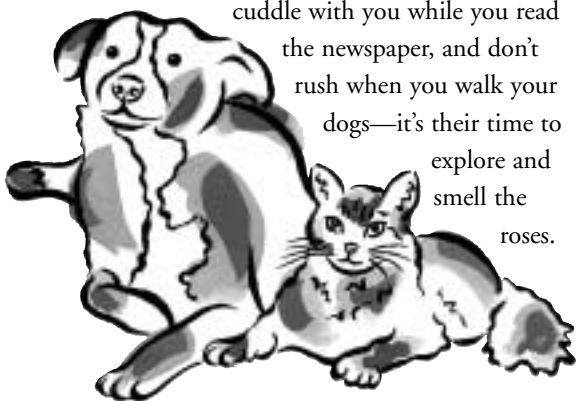
Birds are meant to fly and be with others of their own kind. Never buy a bird from a pet shop or a breeder. If you already have birds, never clip their wing feathers, and let them fly free in a safe place for long periods of time every day. Consider sending solitary birds to a good bird sanctuary or to someone who has others of the same species, allows them to live in a free-flight situation, and won't separate them once they have bonded.



5 Little things count

Regular play and attention mean everything to animals whose lives consist mainly of waiting for us to come home. Food, water, shelter, and veterinary care are vital, but animals are social beings who love companionship more than anything else.

Don't ignore that wagging tail, let your cat cuddle with you while you read the newspaper, and don't rush when you walk your dogs—it's their time to explore and smell the roses.



6 Traveling with an animal?

Beware! If you are flying, choose an airline that allows animals to fly in the passenger compartment. Don't put your animal in the cargo hold—the temperature is not reliably regulated. Loading, unloading, and cargo shifts cause injury and even death, and countless animals have been injured or lost after escaping from their carriers. If your animal friend cannot fly in the passenger compartment, the best option is to drive or seek a different safe method of transportation.

