

Welcome

February is “How to be a responsible pet owner month”. We will be sharing some of the ways you can be a “responsible” pet owner. If you have any questions or have a topic you would like to hear about please contact our staff at 630-365-9599 or you can contact us via email at 3lburn@sbcglobal.net

Being a responsible pet owner

I think we all know the basics of being a responsible pet owner. You make sure your pet is fed, but not overfed, using the bathroom, and getting enough exercise. They also need lots of love and attention, and always make sure they are safe whether you are home or away. Pet owners are responsible for the well-being of their pet, that means researching the type of care your pet needs, keeping up with vet appointments, training, and feeding them on time.



Why responsible pet owner's month is important

Our pets deserve the best

We all want our pets to live a long, happy and healthy life. Responsible pet owner's month is a great reminder that there are always new ways to help our pets enjoy a

more comfortable life. It is important to know your pet and what needs he or she may have.

No amount of knowledge is too much

Responsible pet owner's month is an opportunity to celebrate responsible pet owners, but it was also created to spread awareness for the countless animals that aren't so lucky. Every day pets are being abused or mistreated in their homes. It is important to spread awareness so that this injustice can be stopped.

Our pets have feelings too

Since our pets can't speak to us in words, it can be easy to forget they have the same emotions as we do. They feel not only hunger but betrayal when they are not fed, sadness when left too long, and joy and peace when they are loved. This special month reminds us that our pets are not just toys or accessories; we have an obligation and responsibility to take excellent care of them.



How to observe responsible pet owners month

Take your pet to the vet

It is very important to take your pet to visit the vet at least once a year, or even better twice. Besides treating your pet for illnesses and keeping them updated on

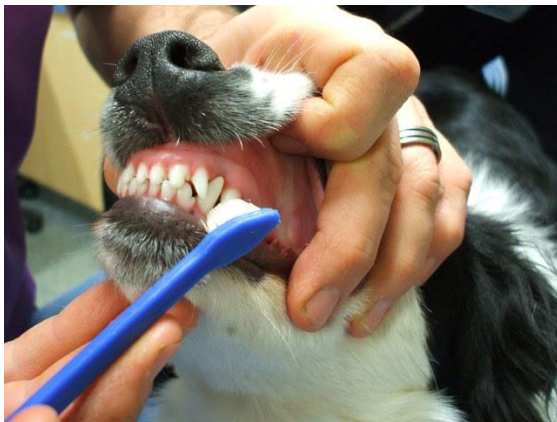
vaccines, your vet can also provide you with all of the information you will need on your pets needs regarding diet, exercise, and living environment. If you haven't brought your pet to see the vet in a while, it's time!

Feed your pet a well-balanced and nutritious diet

Different pets need different diets, and it is essential that you know what type of food and portions your pet needs. A regular, portion controlled diet can help your pet live the best possible life. This is a great topic to bring up when visiting your vet.

Pet proof your home

A common mistake that many pet owners make is failing to realize all of the hidden dangers for their pet right inside their home. Responsible pet owners month is a perfect occasion to pet proof your home. Research household products, foods, house plants, and objects that can be a potential hazard to your pet. Dogs and cats are naturally curious, so be sure to place these items in a place they cannot get to them.



February is also "Pet Dental Health month"! Your dog or cat need their teeth examined every time they go to see their vet. It is recommended to brush your pet's teeth every day with a soft bristle toothbrush, but use pet tooth paste only, not human toothpaste. Some dogs and cats need to have their teeth professionally cleaned at least once a year by their vet. Having bad teeth and gums can cause other serious health conditions such as heart, liver and kidney disease, so get them used to brushing daily!





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