



# Responsible Pet Ownership



**Heartland  
Humane**  
shelter & care

Part of being a responsible pet owner is to provide our pets with what they need.

So, what do our pets need?

### 1. Food & Water

- Provide high quality, nutritious foods
- Clean water every day

### 2. Shelter

- A warm or cool place to stay safe from outside elements
- This may also include a **Crate**, **Kennel**, **Bed**, and **Cat Tree**

### 3. Identification

- This includes **I.D. Tags**, **Collar**, **Microchip**, and County **License**
- For safety, keep your pups on a **Leash** and **Harness** when in public.





#### 4. Exercise

- Proper exercise allows your pets to stay fit - keeping their bodies and minds sharp
- **Potty Walks** are ideal as an exercise - both you and your pet benefit from them
- Make sure to be responsible - bring your **Poop Bags** to clean up after you pet! And don't forget those **Litter Boxes** for cats & bunnies!

#### 5. Yearly Vet Check-Ups

- Keeping up on your pet's health is important
- Yearly check-ups will help keep your pet's **Vaccinations** up-to-date
- Your Veterinarian can keep an eye on your pet's **Dental Hygiene** and provide pest prevention - **Flea & Tick Medication**

#### 6. Spay & Neuter

- It's important to have your pets spayed or neutered
- This is a surgery your Veterinarian will perform to keep your pets from having babies



## 7. Grooming

- Keeping your pets clean can help with their overall health - reducing exposure to germs - who wants a smelly dog?!?
- Grooming includes **Baths**, **Brushing**, and **Nail Trimming**

## 8. Training

- Training is important for many reasons
- With proper training, pets are safe, and well mannered.
- Dog Training should include basic commands
  - **Sit**, **Down**, **Stay**, **Come**, **Heel**
- **Socialization** is also important with your pets ability to safely interact with people and animals.
- **Treats & Toys** are a great medium to use to train those pets!

## 9. Toys

- Toys provide an outlet for energy, entertainment, and also keep pets' natural instincts intact





## 10. Overall Care

- Pets ultimately need someone to care for them
- A **Family**, a place to call **Home**
- Someone to show them **Respect**, and **Love**
- Also remember, our pets are much like us. Each pet has a different personality and require different types of **Attention**. Make sure to understand your pet, and know what type of attention they need!

**By meeting the needs of your pets, they will live happy and healthy lives!**

**Now you can make this lesson into a fun Bingo game!**

**Insert the each **Pink** word into your Bingo Board to play the game!**