

Pet care and its importance for a healthy coexistence

Having a pet at home is rewarding and fun as well as contributing to the family union, however, it also requires a lot of work and perseverance. Once they have decided what type of pet they are going to receive at home, it is important to find out about the necessary care for both the animal and the environment.



Having a pet at home is something that all families should experience because they help the family bond. Our pets not only become a member of the family, but also teach children to be more sociable, responsible and aware of other living beings.

Prepare your home for your pet



Children's dogs can become very curious when they come to a new environment, so if limits are not set or safe places are established, some problems could arise.

To delimit these spaces, I advise you:

1. Change the location of the plants that you think could attract their attention and that you do not want your puppy to chew.
2. Close the doors when you enter or leave.
3. Make sure you have fences in the yard so that it does not escape
4. Keep toys and small parts that could be swallowed out of reach.

Buy all the necessary items before your pet comes home



Visit a pet store and consult with the experts on what dogs need for children. The basic items include adequate food, a bed, hygiene items, a toy, and leashes or kennels to walk or transport them. Likewise, it is important that you teach the members of your house what each thing is and its use, take the opportunity to create a moment of family togetherness around the new pet.

Schedule regular vet visits



Our pets, just like us, need a health check from time to time. Right after the children's dogs arrive at the home, schedule a visit with the vet and make sure this routine is part of the family togetherness. Also, check that his vaccinations are always up to date and if you decide to sterilize him, find out about the procedure and the appropriate age to do it. Also make sure you have all the vet's contacts up to date, as well as any emergency numbers.

Keep your pet clean

Some children's dogs require more care than others, however, with all of them a cleaning routine is necessary to prevent diseases and bad odors.

Something we should pay special attention to are fleas, ticks, and worms, since they can reach children. It is important to protect your dog with some preventative and keep it clean.

We also recommend setting cleaning days every 2-3 weeks and brushing their coat regularly.

To keep the environment clean, I advise you:

1. Keep your pet's nails short so they don't break and get hurt.



2. Vacuum the places where your pet spends most of the time.



3. Regularly wash all your pet's daily use items, such as bedspreads, beds and cushions.



Introduce the culture of care and cleanliness to your children
Children and pets have a very healthy and innocent coexistence that is often not the cleanest, especially if they go for a walk in the park where there is a lot of dirt. Involve your children in the bathroom routine and talk to them about cleaning up after playing with their pet.

Likewise, make sure that your pet does not lick your face or that of your children and avoid, as far as possible, sharing your bed with your pet.



As you can see, having a dog for children requires a lot of commitment, but the unconditional love and loyalty that they give you in return is worth all the time invested.