

Dogs



Know what your dog needs.



FOOD AND WATER

- Find out what and how much your dog should eat to stay happy and healthy. You can ask your vet for advice.
- Your dog should have constant access to a bowl of fresh, clean water.



A GOOD HOME

- Make sure your dog has somewhere dry and warm to sleep.



COMPANY

- Spend time with your dog. If dogs are left on their own for too long they can get bored and may start to bark and howl.



TO BEHAVE NORMALLY

- Find out how often and how far your dog will need to go for a walk. All dogs need to have time to run around and stretch their legs, but some big dogs, like Labradors and German shepherds need lots of walks. Smaller dogs may be happy with just one walk a day and time to play in the garden.



TO BE HEALTHY

- Get to know your dog – you will soon be able to spot the signs if something is wrong.
- Treat your dog for fleas and worms. Find out from your vet how often you should do this.
- Take your dog to the vet if he/she is unwell or injured. Don't leave it too late – if you are unsure, ask your vet for advice.

This is very basic information. Find out more about what your dog needs. Talk to us on the RSPCA advice line: 0300 1234 555 or visit: www.rspca.org.uk/petcare

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DOG CARE

Your dog deserves the best care possible so make sure you are also prepared to:



- have your dog neutered to avoid unwanted pregnancies
- spend between £6 and £10 a week on food for your dog
- have your dog vaccinated against nasty diseases – this will need to be done every year
- have your dog microchipped – dog theft is on the increase.



If you're thinking of getting a puppy, never buy one from someone who offers to deliver it to you because it may have come from a puppy farm.

Remember, a well cared for dog can live to a good age – sometimes 18 years or more!

Did you know...

the law that protects pets has changed? You have a legal responsibility to care for your dog.

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