

Are You Pet Owner Material???

There is no more important a decision than the one to adopt and assume the responsibility for another life. That decision carries obligations for a lifetime!! No matter what animal you choose to have as a pet, you need to be prepared to devote the necessary time, money, and energy to caring for it! This means thinking ahead, and realistically! Pets are like children, a responsibility for life!!!

Pet Bill of Rights:

- We have the right to be full members of your family. We thrive on social interaction, praise and love!
- We have the right to stimulation to be content and happy.
- We have the right to exercise regularly. Without it we become hyper, sluggish or fat.
- We have the right to quality health care!
- We have the right to receive proper training.
- We have the right to proper guidance and correction based on understanding and compassion instead of abuse!!!
- We have the right to live with dignity too!

Pet Vaccinations/Immunizations:

Is your pet up to date on routine vaccinations? Many canine and feline diseases can now be prevented through vaccinations. A local veterinarian can prepare a vaccination schedule for you and your pet! Also, there are mobile pet clinics and other organizations that host low cost services.

The most common diseases that can now be prevented through vaccination:

Dogs:

Distemper
Parvo
Para influenza/ kennel cough
Rabies
Corona virus
Lyme Diseases

Cats:

Distemper
Panleukopenia
Viral/ upper respiratory
Leukemia
(FIP) infectious peritonitis virus

Heartworms and Leukemia:

It too is very important that pets be tested appropriately for heartworms (dogs) and/or leukemia (cats). Once tested negative for these diseases, they should be placed on monthly preventatives to keep them safe!

Heartworms in dogs are caused by a bite of an infected mosquito. Depending on how bad the infection is depends if it is treatable! Even if treatable, this is a very harsh treatment for any dog, and the treatment is not guaranteed 100%.

Leukemia is transmitted through saliva by infected cats eating and drinking out of a bowl or puddle of non- infected cats. Also, by urinating and defecating in same locations.