

# Caring for Your Pets

- \* **Remember to spay/neuter your pets and only keep the number of pets for which you can provide food, water, shelter, health care and companionship for the life of your pet.**
- \* **Follow all local ordinances, including licensing, leash requirements and noise control. A license tag helps animal control quickly identify your dog/cat for a safe return back home.**
- \* **Protect your pet in case of an emergency or disaster and assemble an evacuation kit.**
- \* **Include your animals in your life. Allow your dog and cat to live inside the home and spend time with your animal companions which includes a daily walk, playing time and overall care.**
- \* **Teaching compassion and empathy towards our furry, feathered, and finned friends is vital for preventing cruelty to animals. Children who learn to show kindness to animals extend kindness in their relations to each other.**
- \* **Educating yourself and your family about the pet before adopting will help to assure a long and satisfying life together.**

## SHELTER STORIES: *PERSONALS*

Me: Warmhearted, spirited, fun, affectionate, waiting.

You: Kind, genuine, tender, compassionate,  
come and get me.



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