

## **HEALTH & CARE:**

1. Choose a food for your dog - which fits into your budget, and it depends on your dog's activity level, taste, and any special needs (weight management, joint health, etc.).
2. Be sure your dog always has access to fresh, clean water. A fun water bowl will make the water taste better to your pet...not really, but you'll like it!
3. Choose some nutrition for your dog - There are many options for pets with high quality supplements and vitamins to help enhance your pet's life.
4. Regular bathing and grooming - That can be enjoyable for you and your dog, which make living together more comfortable for all. There are shampoos, combs, brushes, nail clippers as well as specialty grooming items available for all size dogs.
5. Find a veterinarian in your area to care for your pet - Dogs should be immunized for common diseases and issues.

## **SAFETY:**

1. Make sure to always have a collar for your pet with tags attached. Having a ID is an excellent way to ensure your dog is returned, if ever lost or ask your Vet.
2. Be sure to keep your dog on a leash when outside of your home or fenced yard. Even the best-trained dog can sometimes become distracted or get separated. A leash is a good way to make sure that you are always in control.
3. Dogs enemies - Fleas and Ticks. Prevention is of the utmost importance and there are many, many options out there. Treatment options are also abundant.
4. Be sure to keep your dog with a car seat belt or harness. Riding in a car can be one of the most dangerous activities for a pet. We recommend a restraint, which can save your best friends life.
5. Home is where the heart is - and where your dog lives. It is best if your dog can have a fenced enclosure for outside play. Strong fences make good neighbors and keep pets safe.

## **SPORT & TRAINING:**

1. Find opportunities for play. Dogs are highly social beings and really enjoy interacting with their pet parents. Playing fetch is a great way to stretch your legs, and your pet's.
2. Choose Toys for your dogs. Dogs typically enjoy toys, both hard and soft. Always watch your dog while playing with toys. Any cracked or broken toys should be discarded promptly to avoid choking hazards.
3. Dog Training if available - It can be enjoyable for both you and your pet. Dogs enjoy the socialization and attention. Your pet will also become a better neighbor once trained to obey a few simple commands like sit, stay and come.