

# FLEA, TICK, & HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE



## Keep ALL of your pets on preventative year-round.

All pets (indoor and outdoor pets) should be kept on flea and tick preventative year-round.

Indoor and outdoor dogs should be kept on heartworm preventative year-round.

## Flea and Tick Preventative

We recommend getting prevention from your veterinarian to ensure quality.

If that is not doable, please speak to your vet to see what they recommend for over-the-counter flea and tick preventative as some store-bought brands can be toxic.

## Heartworm Preventative

Kansas has some MUGGY weather that brings out mosquitos. Heartworms are transferred to dogs via mosquitos.

Indoor and outdoor dogs NEED to be on heartworm preventative year-round.

100% of dogs exposed to Infective heartworm larvae WILL become infected if not protected

## Cost

Heartworm Preventative:  
\$5 - \$15/month

Heartworm Treatment if your dog is infected:  
\$500 - \$1,500

Flea/Tick Preventative:  
\$15-\$20/month

Lyme Disease Treatment (one of the diseases animals can get from ticks):  
\$500+

## Heartworm Preventative Brands

Speak with your veterinarian to find the best brand for your pet.

Some popular brands are:

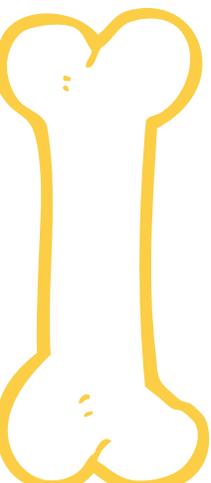
Interceptor Plus  
Heartguard  
Iverhart

## Flea/Tick Preventative Brands

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NexGuard  
Frontline Plus  
Bravecto



# EXERCISE AND TOYS



## Walks

Walking on-leash is a great way to get your dog exercise.

Be mindful of extreme temperatures to ensure your pet stays safe.

Check asphalt with the back of your hand to see if it is too hot for your pet to walk on.

## Mental Exercise

Mental exercise mentally challenges a dog more than walking.

Training, puzzle toys, and snuffle mats can be used to wear your dog out when you're too busy for walks or for days with poor weather.

Mental exercise can be used with pets of any age and any ability.

## Kong Toys

Cat and dog Kong toys are a good way to keep your pet busy!

You can freeze treats and peanut butter to make sure it lasts longer!

## Frozen Bowls

Grab a small bowl, fill partially with water, and add any treats to the water (pet safe fruits, vegetables, dog treats, etc.) and freeze!

This is great for summer months!

## Cat Nip

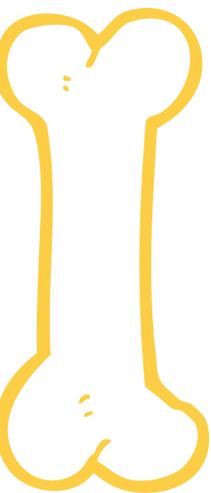
Cats LOVE cat nip and it can be used in several ways.

Cat nip helps stimulate their mind and is super fun for all!

## YouTube & Apps

There are a TON of interactive videos and apps for cats and dogs to play with.

Just be careful of your devices. 😊



# DOG INTRODUCTIONS

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## PARRALLEL ON-LEASH WALK

This is where you walk next to each other, but you DO NOT let the other dogs touch or meet yet.

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## NOSE-TO-BUTT HANDSHAKE

Once you are comfortable with how they are acting, you can allow them to sniff each other on-leash.

Make sure each leash stay with some slack to ensure there is no tension on your part the dogs can pick up on.

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## DO NOT RUSH!

We recommend giving each dog time and space in the beginning.

Do not rush your pets into a situation they aren't comfortable with.



## WHEN MEETING NEW PEOPLE

You will want the person to get down on the dogs level, NOT HOVERING OVER THEM.

People shouldn't approach a dog head-on and should let the dog engage with them first.

## READING DOG BEHAVIOR



It is extremely important to research dog behaviors and warning signs so that you can tell when your dog is uncomfortable with a situation and so that you can keep them safe.

## DOGS DON'T HAVE TO BE OK WITH EVERY SITUATION

If your dog is showing signs of being uncomfortable, remove them from the situation immediately.

You want every experience they have with another animal to be positive. Sometimes that means removing them and trying again later.

## DOGS DON'T HAVE TO LIKE EVERY DOG AND EVERY PERSON

People don't have to like every single person. Neither do dogs.

Dogs don't have to be okay with every situation they are put in. Loud noises, new people, etc.



## WITH PROPER TRAINING...

...you can help ease your dog into uncomfortable situations without issue.



# CAT AND DOG INTRODUCTIONS

## GIVE THE CAT TIME TO ADJUST

It can take several weeks, or sometimes months, for a new pet to adjust to their surroundings.

Always give a new cat a few days to adjust to new changes before making any introductions.



## CRATE THE CAT

Put the cat in a large dog crate or a cat carrier with treats while you work with your dog on-leash.

## ENGAGE/DISENGAGE

With your dog on-leash, start from across the room from your crated cat.

Every time your dog looks at the crate and looks away, click and treat.

If your dog looks for too long, redirect them to look at you, click and treat.

## GETTING CLOSER

The goal is to get the dog to engage with the cat by looking, and then automatically disengaging by looking at you.

Once you have this down from afar, get a little closer. Start over. When he's got it down again, get even closer.

Slowly move closer and closer until he can be right at the crate but focusing on you, not the cat.

## LET YOUR CAT OUT OF THE CRATE

We recommend having someone hold the cat and doing the same engage/disengage activity with your dog.



## CAT FREE RANGE

When you feel comfortable, you can let your cat out to be free-range. Keep your dog on-leash. If you want some extra barriers, you can also muzzle your dog and keep him on-leash. Do the same engage/disengage activity.

## CHECK IN WITH A TRAINER

Before letting your dog off-leash with a free range cat, we recommend checking in with a dog trainer just so that a professional can make sure everyone is safe.

## PATIENCE

This process can take several months. Getting a cat and dog to get along isn't going to happen over night.

If you work on this consistently, you could have your pets coexisting within 3 to 6 months.



# DECLAWING



## DON'T DECLAW!

When it comes to declawing, our shelter is a big advocate for non-declawing options for parents.

## DANGERS OF DECLAWING

Declawing a cat is cutting the tips of their toes off.

This can cause difficulty walking, chronic pain, and can even cause your cat to become aggressive.

Most veterinarians have stopped offering declawing services.

## GEL CAPS

Gel caps are a safe alternative for declawing.

You can order them online and put them on yourself, or your veterinarian or groomer can!

## SCRATCHING POSTS

Scratching posts allow your cat to fulfill their need to scratch without damaging your belongings.

We recommend having several scratching posts throughout your home.



## TRIMMING NAILS



Staying on top of trimming your cat's nails will cut down on any damage your cat might do to your furniture or belongings.



# MICROCHIPPING AND TAGS

## LOCAL LAWS



Check with local ordinances to ensure that you are staying current with licensing requirements.

Some cities require your pet be microchipped as well.

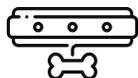
## MICROCHIP

We suggest that all pets be microchipped to ensure quick and easy return when lost.

When a microchipped pet is found, the chip can be scanned and gives the finders contact information for the owners.

Microchips are NOT GPS trackers.

## TAGS



As a back up, we recommend that all animals have a collar with tags on it.

Tags should have the owners contact information along with any other important information the finders would need.

## ALTERNATIVES

If you're not comfortable with tags, use a Sharpie and write your info directly on the collar.

They also make collars where your phone number can be embroidered onto the collar itself.



# MOVING WITH PETS

## CHECK LOCAL LAWS

Check with the city you will be living with to see what requirements they have for pet owners.

If you have a breed of dog that could potentially be banned, make sure to check with the city when planning your move.

## PET DEPOSIT

Most landlords require a pet deposit in order to move in. Some also charge "pet rent" each month.

We suggest you put some savings aside to ensure you are able to pay pet deposits as well as pet rent.

## FIND PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING

If you will be renting, make sure you know the landlord's pet policy before committing so that you aren't violating any rules.

## VACCINATIONS

Make sure your pets are up-to-date on their vaccinations as most landlords and cities require it.

Don't forget to register your pet with the city upon arrival!

## FIND A VETERINARIAN

You'll want to research vets in the area to ensure you can get set up with one as soon as possible.

Don't forget to get your old vet records forwarded to your new vet office!

## FIND A DOGGY DAYCARE

If you plan on using a boarding or doggy daycare facility, make sure you do research before moving!

## UPDATE YOUR MICROCHIP INFORMATION

When it's time to move, make sure to call your microchip company and update your chip with your new address and phone number.

## LET YOUR PET ADJUST

Moving to a new house can be hard on pets.

Give them plenty of time to adjust.

Be aware that there may be behavior changes during the packing, moving, and unpacking phases.

