What Do Pets Need?

Caring for a pet is a BIG responsibility! Pets depend on us to keep them healthy, happy and safe. Find and circle the following things that we need to care for our pets:

- Bed
- Brush
- Collar
- Exercise
- Food
- Leash
- Litter
- Love
- Microchip
- Shelter
- Training
- Treats
- Veterinarian
- Water

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Help a Pet Feel Loved!

Even though pets cannot speak using words, they still communicate with us. As humans, we share our emotions with each other using our facial expressions and our body language. Animals also share their emotions using their bodies. Key areas to watch are their eyes, ears, tails, and body posture. By observing pets and learning how they communicate their feelings to us, we can help them feel loved and understood.

Instructions:

Step 1: Find a pen or pencil.

Step 2: Study the behavior guides on the next pages.

Step 3: Quietly observe your pet’s body language at home, or watch one of these videos:

- Dog Body Language
- Cat Body Language

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Seattle Humane Youtube - Meet Micah
https://youtu.be/a_MupBgeZgo

Seattle Humane Youtube - Meet Saffron
https://youtu.be/OKGZhwDDco

Step 4: Record what you observe on the included Animal Observations page. If you are observing your own pet, see how they react to different situations.

  Example: When I hugged my dog, he licked his lips. When I released him, he shook himself like he was wet. These are signs of stress.

Remember to be kind, and do not do anything to a pet that you know will be upsetting, like pulling their tail or popping a balloon next to them.

Step 5: Share your observations with your friends and family!
CAT LANGUAGE

INTERESTED

FRIENDLY

ATTENTIVE

RELAXED

TRUSTING

FRIENDLY, RELAXED

CONTENT

CONFLICTED, CAUTIOUS

PLAYFUL

EXCITED

"THIS IS MINE"

ANXIOUS

PREDATORY

WORRIED

FRIGHTENED

THREATENED

TERRIFIED

SUPER TERRIFIED

IRRITATED

DISGUSTED

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DOGGIE LANGUAGE
starring Boogie the Boston Terrier

ALERT
SUSPICIOUS
ANXIOUS
THERATENED
ANGRY

"PEACE!"
look away/head turn
STRESSED
yawn
STRESSED
nose lick
"PEACE!"
sniff ground
"RESPECT!"
turn & walk away

"NEED SPACE"
whale eye
STALKING
scratching
STRESSED
shake off
RELAXED
soft ears, blinky eyes

"RESPECT!"
offer his back
FRIENDLY & POLITE
curved body
FRIENDLY
round puppy face
"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly rub pose

"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"
greeting stretch
"I'M FRIENDLY!"
play bow
"READY!"
prey bow
"YOU WILL FEED ME"

CURIOUS
head tilt
HAPPY
(or hot)
OVERJOYED
wiggly
"MMMM...."
"I LOVE YOU, DON'T STOP"

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**Animal Observations**

**Pet’s Name:**

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I think this pet is feeling...