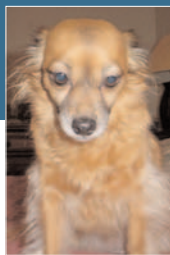
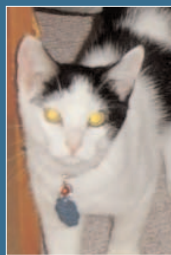


Pets Are A LIFETIME COMMITMENT



Ten Commandments For Responsible Pet Owners



1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.

2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.

3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.

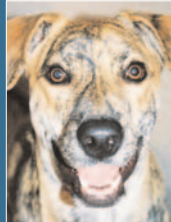
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends and your entertainment. I have only you.



5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice and what it's speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.

7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.



8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been in the sun too long or my heart may be getting old and weak.

9. Take care of me when I grow old. You, too, will grow old.

10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you.



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