

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.

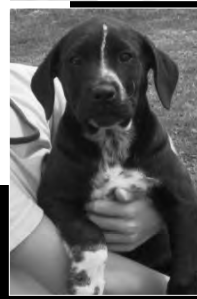
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.

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.

- Author Unknown -



What If Your Pet Outlives You?

You always make sure your pet has the best possible care as a valued member of your family: lots of love and attention, high quality food, proper ID, spay/neuter, monthly heartworm prevention, annual vet checkups, shots, regular exercise, obedience training...that's GREAT! Have you ever considered what would happen to your pet if you were to die or were no longer able to care for him? Many beloved pets are destroyed in city shelters or wind up existing in homes where they are unwanted, after their owners unexpectedly pass away. To ensure that your pet receives the same level of care, should he outlive you, it's important to plan ahead for the unexpected.



Resources:

For more information on this topic, visit www.estateplanningforpets.com. The Humane Society of the U.S. also offers a free kit, "Providing For Your Pet's Future Without You", complete with fact sheets, wallet alert cards, emergency decals and caregiver information forms. To obtain your free kit, write petsinwills@hsus.org or The HSUS, Humane Legacy, 2100 L St. NW; Washington, DC 20037, or call 202-452-1100.

BlueBunnies
info@bluebunnies.org; www.bluebunnies.org

DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue
www.dfwcockerrrescue.8m.com; 972.994.1133

Texas Animal Shelter Coalition
817.392.3737; www.sheltercoalition.com

Saving Pyrs In Need (SPIN)
www.SPINrescue.org; 972.681.8585

Texas Ferret Lovers Rescue
www.txferretrescue.org; 972.286.5778

Camp Wolfgang (German Shepherd Dog Rescue)
214.520.7000; www.campwolganga.petfinder.com

East Lake Pet Orphanage
214.349.ELPO (3576); www.elpo.org

Animal Rescue Klub (ARK)
www.animalrescueklub.org; 972.562.HELP

Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)
www.hartoftexas.org; 214.332.9535

Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc.
www.chihuahua-rescue.org

Great Dane Angel Network Rescue
817.361.9855; www.daneangelnetwork.org

Tassie's Hope Animal Rescue
www.tassieshope.org; 214.550.2648

Labrador Retriever Rescue of North Texas
www.labrescuenorthtexas.org; 972.480.LABS (5227)

Texas Tailwaggers Village Rescue
txtailwaggers@aol.com; txtailwaggers.petfinder.org

American Boston Terrier Rescue
972.407.4440; www.bostonterrierrescue.net

Scottie Kingdom Rescue, Inc.
www.scottiekingdom.com

North Texas Samoyed Rescue, Inc.
www.nortexsamrescue.org; 214.350.1953

Coppell Humane Society
www.coppellhumanesociety.org; 972.462.1121

Frisco Humane Society
www.friscohumanesociety.com; 972.498.8980

Save The Animals Rescue Society (STARS)
www.starspets.com; 972.459.9181

DFW Labrador Retriever Rescue Club
972.881.5544; www.dfwlabrescue.org

Flower Mound Humane Society
www.fmhhs.org; 972.691.7387

SADIE Foundation-Miniature Pinscher Rescue
www.sadie.petfinder.com; k9kids1@verizon.net

Animal Rescue of Texas (ART)
www.animalrescueoftexas.org; 214.559.2817

Protective Animal League (PAL)
www.onepetatatime.org; 972.881.1981

Homeward Bound Animal Rescue
srich@flash.net; 817.792.5122