

## Resolutions to Help

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### Live a Longer, Happier, Healthier Lifetime with Me



I PLEDGE TO be responsible for my pet for its entire life. I understand DOGS & CATS usually live 15-20 years; HAMSTERS, GERBILS & other POCKET PETS as well as FROGS & FISH have a life span less than 5 years; PARAKEETS & CANARIES can live 15-20 years, and exotic birds (MACAWS & COCKATOOS) can live 30 years or more! TURTLES (even box turtles) can live up to 50 years, while tortoises can make it to well over 100.

#### I promise to:

- ✓ Walk my DOG and exercise him daily I will feed my pet a high-quality diet, keep him well-groomed and provide plenty of fresh water, love and attention. Sometimes the best exercise for a cat is to have another cat to play with, so if my lifestyle permits, I will consider adopting a second feline for life to keep her company. I will properly feed my BIRD, POCKET PETS, FISH & TURTLES making sure their cages/tanks are clean and that they get exercise.
- ✓ Do a weekly HEAD-TO-TAIL check-up, really getting acquainted with my pet's body and habits so that I may discover a small problem early and get it looked t.
- ✓ Schedule a visit with our veterinarian at least once yearly. I will also check into pet insurance of have a Plan B (emergency credit card) so that I will be able to provide needed care, and I will make sure vaccines are up-to-date and that my pet's microchip is properly registered.
- ✓ Make my schedule work for the sake of my pet, even if I have to forego a fun time out. Regardless of how much time I must be away from home, I will make sure my pet is attended to and remains in a safe and temperate environment with someone checking on him when I can not.
- ✓ Consider my financial position before adopting additional pets, but once I've made the commitment, I will do everything in my power to provide properly for them including quality FOOD, SUPPLIES (toys, cage/crate, bed, shelter, litter box, seat belt, collar, leash, ID tags), VETERINARY CARE (annual check-ups, vaccinations, flea & tick prevention, dental care, micro-chipping), LICENSING, PET SITTING, TRAINING and UNEXPECTED EXPENSES.
- ✓ Make sure my DOG is a good citizen by always walking him on a leash and picking-up after him. I will make sure that he is obedience trained using positive methods and that he is never bored, so that he doesn't disturb the neighbors with excessive barking. I will make sure my CAT never roams getting into neighbors' yards or being hurt by cars, other animals or poisons.
- ✓ Learn Pet First-Aid & CPR because in spite of my diligent attention, life happens, and I must be prepared to help my pet in the event of any emergency or sudden illness. I will keep a well-stocked Pet First-Aid Kit handy as well as a Disaster Preparedness Kit for my pet.
- ✓ To give my pet at least as much unconditional love as he give me and spend quality time with him daily as that is the great joy of being a pet parent!

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Signature of Loving & Responsible Pet Parent

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Today's Date