

# Steps to responsible pet ownership



## Microchip your pet

- Permanent solution to pet identification compared to collar tags that break or get lost
- Microchipping process is quick and causes minimal discomfort to pets
- Number is unique to your pet – can connect to a lost pet recovery service
- Recommended for both cats and dogs



## Pet Proofing

- Protect against potential hazards (loose cables/cords, hazardous chemicals, toxic plants, food, etc.)
- Install dog gates to block them from going into unwanted areas (up or down stairs, certain room, etc.)
- Keep clutter at bay – small toys, shoes, precious items – puppies like to chew!



## Training

- Creates a stronger bond between humans and dogs
- Provides mental stimulation and enrichment for your dog
- Helps reduce unwanted destructive behaviours
- Builds your dog's confidence, which also creates safety and freedom for you dog



## Spay and Neutering

- Can prevent pet homelessness
- Tend to live longer as they have extra protection from certain diseases
- Less likely to develop behavioural problems



## Veterinary care

- Flea protection, parasite prevention, exams & vaccines, deworming meds, fecal exams



## Pet Insurance

- Prepare for an unexpected trip to the vet (illness, or emergency)
- In the event of an accident or illness it's good to have pet insurance in your back pocket. Coverage can make it easier to say yes to the care your vet recommends