Alagut Pets Published by Freeman Newspapers · June 2021 Check out the "Wall of Fame" featuring local pets starting on page 6

If Animals or Pets use it ...We carry it!

Authorized Dealer for:

- Nutrena Feeds & **Buckeye Feeds**
- FRIENDS of NATURE "Feed & Pet Supply Stores"
- Wild Bird Seed. Feeders. Poles, Suets, Books, Bird Feeding Supplies
- Horse Feed, Tack, Grooming Supplies, Pine Shavings, Stall Supplies
- Dog & Cat Foods, Pet Beds, Treats, Rawhides, Leads, Collars, Toys
- Small Animal Feeds & Supplies, Domestic Bird Supplies, Gifts, Cards

any purchase of \$35 or more

Not valid with other offers or coupons. Limit 1-time use per person. Please present coupon.

FRIENDS OF NATURE

Expiration Date 7/26/2021 Freeman

free dog or cat toy

buy any dog or cat toy, get one of equal or lesser value FREE

Not valid with other offers or coupons. Limit 1-time use per person. Please present coupon.

FRIENDS OF NATURE



www.fonfeed.com for maps, info & special offers!





Genesee Depot • 262-968-3333

W309 S4837 Commercial Dr. off Hwy. 59, just west of Hwy. 83

Oconomowoc • 262-567-2699

W359 N5848 Brown St. N. HWY.P, Across from Piggly Wiggly

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-8pm, Sat. 8am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm

5 fun ways to keep your cat entertained at home



(BPT) - Thanks to the pandemic, many people have gone from working in an office to working from home, giving cat owners a chance to spend more time with their furry 5. Go for a walk friends. With all this extra time, you have the opportunity to strengthen the bond you share with your cat while helping them get active and stay healthy.

Fortunately, there are several enrichment activities you can set up indoors to give them some much needed mental stimulation and prevent destructive behaviors.

1. Plan a treasure hunt

activity for your cat is to create a treasure hunt. All you have to do is hide small amounts of dry cat food in various spots around your house. Throughout the day, your cat can "hunt" for their food, which will keep them active in a fun and engaging

2. Play a game

Cats need mental stimulation just as much as humans - playing a game is a simple way to provide a stimulating, enriching experience. Friskies Cat Fishing 2, a free app available for iOS or Android, is a game designed specifically for cats. The app plays special sounds and displays schools

of fish, encouraging your cat to pounce like she would in the wild. The more fish your cat catches, the higher the score. You can even keep track of her score and share it on social media.

3. Make a puzzle feeder

The active pursuit of food is instinctive for cats. A puzzle feeder is a great way to appeal to your cat's desire for physical and mental stimulation. All you need is a plastic water or soda bottle and a utility knife. Use the knife to cut a few small holes in the sides of the clean, sanitized bottle. Make sure the holes are big enough for pieces of kibble to pass through. Place some dry kibble into the bottle, screw on the cap and let your cat get to work.

4. Create your own cat toy

Cat toys don't have to be expensive or complicated. Get crafty to keep your cat busy with a DIY wand toy. Start with a wooden dowel (about three feet in length and half-inch diameter), a barrel swivel and some fishing line. Then, gather materials to customize your wand - like colored pom poms, colored felt, feathers and jingle

It may seem unorthodox, but cats can be trained to walk on a leash. Many cats enjoy getting out to explore the neighborhood. Taking your cat for a walk lets them safely experience the great outdoors. It can also give them some necessary exercise.

Planning activities for your cat keeps them entertained, helps them stay healthy and can strengthen the bond you share. Try these activities for quick and easy ways to One of the easiest ways to make a quick enrich your cat's life at home.



When to hire a dog trainer



(Metro) - People welcome dogs into their and in print, many dog owners can address lives for many reasons. Some want to minor issues on their own. However, when selflessly rescue dogs from poor situations certain behaviors persist, a professional and provide a forever home in which the trainer may need to be brought in. animal can be loved and grow, while others may want to provide a companion for their kids and to teach lessons of devotion and responsibility.

United States own a pet, according to the committed to pleasing their owners, but 2019-2020 National Pet Owners Survey they may not always realize what their conducted by the American Pet Products Association. Ipsos says approximately 35 percent of Canadian households have a dog. While most dogs are inherently affable, affectionate creatures, not every puppy is obedient right out of the gate. Many dogs exhibit behaviors that may seem cute when dogs are young, but become problematic as the animal ages. Thanks to a wealth of readily available information, both online

A number of behavioral problems may indicate a trainer is needed. These behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Resource guarding of food or toys
- Separation anxiety
- Pulling on the leash
- Door-dashing
- Pica, or eating inappropriate
- Jumping up on people
- · Nipping and growling
- Severe fears and shyness

Certified dog trainers have been taught how to recognize and interpret the unique language of dogs and educate others so owners can recognize how to interact Sixty-seven percent of households in the with their pets more effectively. Dogs are owners are asking. Trainers can help bridge this gap more quickly.

> Trainers also are more likely than owners to see problem behaviors from an unbiased perspective. A pet owner may think their dog is acting out or being spiteful, while a trainer can explain that isn't the case and that boredom or another factor may be behind the behavior. Putting problems in an objective light can make it easier to find solutions.

> According to the California-based Break It Down Dog Training, if more pet owners were proactive about seeking professional training from the start of the pet-owner relationship, that could preempt many of the problem behaviors that tend to spring up.

> Trainers may specialize in treating certain behaviors, so it's a good idea to seek a recommendation from a veterinarian or speak with a rescue or humane society group. Word-of-mouth recommendations from friends who have had success also is a smart idea.

> Many trainers can resolve common problems in a few sessions and give dog owners innovative techniques to try.

How to choose the right dog collar

just how many supplies they need to Some dog's do not like the feeling of raise happy, healthy animals. Collars a collar on their faces and may resist. and leashes are two essential items dog owners will need. No matter how well-trained a pooch may be, collars and leashes are oftentimes necessary, especially when taking dogs to public are made of various links that can be places.

In addition to helping keep pets close, collars are a great place to hang identification tags, increasing the neck to help correct pulling, offers the likelihood that dogs will be safely returned if they dash off.

offering unique attributes. Choosing and not for extended periods of time as a collar involves investigating the the primary collar. Also, the Humane key functions collars can serve, and Society emphasizes that prong collars assessing the pros and cons of each.

FLAT COLLAR

A flat collar is the standard collar used by many dog owners. Flat collars are typically made from nylon, fabric or leather, and many come with plastic or metal quick-release tabs. Some may have buckles similar to a belt.

Flat collars are useful for many dogs. However, some pet parents find dogs are more apt to pull when wearing flat collars, choking themselves in the process. A properly fit collar shouldn't slide off and should be gentle on the A knowledgeable pet store employee or dog's neck.

MARTINGALE COLLAR

Also known as limited slip collars or greyhound collars, according to the consumer information site The Spruce: Pets, martingale collars are designed primarily for dogs with narrow necks and heads. The martingale will tighten (only to the size of the dog's neck when properly adjusted) when the dog pulls, so he can't be a collar Houdini. Some people worry that the collar will squeeze too tightly, but proper sizing can prevent

HEAD COLLAR

A head collar is reminiscent of a horse's halter, as it slips over the dog's snout and attaches behind the ears. The purpose of head collars is to redirect

(Metro) - New pet parents quickly learn a dog's attention so pulling is minimal.

PRONG COLLARS

Sometimes called pinch collars, prong collars are controversial. Prong collars expanded or shortened by "pinching" the links and removing or adding links. When the dog puts tension on the leash, the prongs will add pressure to the Canine Journal, a pet care resource. Many trainers advise that prong collars There are various types of collars, each should be used only as a training tool must be properly fitted with the size of the prong links appropriate for the size of the dog, and it must sit high on the dog's neck. A chain collar works similarly as a pinch collar, in that it also tightens when tension is applied.

HARNESS

Some pet owners like a harness, which puts the pressure on the dog's chest and back instead of its neck. Harnesses come with back clips or front clip attachments to offer control where owners want it.

a dog trainer can help guide new pet parents in regard to which type of collar may be most appropriate for their dogs.





Waukesha County's first No Kill, Force Free humane society.

Personal, compassionate, and preferred resource for your animal needs.

Elmbrook Humane Society Provides:

- Adoption information and counseling
- Care and shelter of homeless animals
- Humane Officer/Animal Control services to five municipalities in Waukesha County
- Dog training, private consultations, classes, and phone support
- Humane Education programming
- Relinquishment assistance

Visit our website www.ebhs.org or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/EBHS1964 for upcoming events or programs.

20950 Enterprise Avenue | Brookfield, WI 53045 | 262-782-9261

Socializing Your Dog

Training and Behavior Manager, Elmbrook pressure for a dog. For the social dog, it **Humane Society**

Does your dog act afraid of new sounds or aroused and pulls every time they see a situations? Does he stare at new things in the environment like a flag blowing or a trashcan? These situations are often a result of lack of appropriate socialization especially during the crucial socialization · For noise, use apps or the TV and play window of 3-14 weeks. Early and positive at a low level while your dog is eating or socialization during this time can lay the chewing a bone. foundation for the adult personality and how your dog will respond to his world once he matures. Although the pandemic can make this more challenging, if you understand what socialization is and is not, you can still socialize your pup and help him mature into a well-adjusted adult.

Let's first talk about what socialization is not. Socialization is not just exposure. Just exposing your dog to people, dogs, sounds, etc. in the environment does not equate to socialization. Socialization should be positive experiences where the dog is safe, and pair anything new in the environment calm, and happy throughout the interaction and the dog should also be able to move to create positive associations. away and/or end the experience.

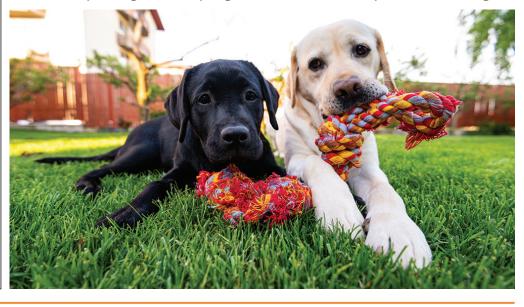
HERE ARE A FEW TIPS:

- · Become a master at reading body language so you can understand your dog's · Take your dog in the car with his crate communication.
- dogs do not enjoy being touched by every stranger any more than we do. Petting For more information about socializing by all strangers can teach your dog that "strangers are rude and inappropriate".

By Carol Sumbry, - ACDBC, CPDT KA, Dog person. This can create a lot of social can create a dog that becomes frustrated, person or a dog.

- Dress up around the house. Wear hats, a hoodie, or put on an old costume.
- Introduce your dog to lots of novel surfaces by making an obstacle course complete with treats and peanut butter on items. Encourage your dog to climb, interact, go over and through the course. This can include yoga mats, plastic surfaces, tile, a wobble board, and more. Feeding some treats and putting some toys in a cardboard box can help with exposure
- · Go to the pet store but stay outside (bikes, dogs, strangers) with a yummy treat
- · Do a mock vet visit. Put your dog on a HOW CAN WE SOCIALIZE OUR DOGS? safe, elevated surface and mimic an exam providing 2-3 tiny tasty treats after each exercise.
- and a Kong. Often dogs are afraid of the • Do not let everyone touch your dog. Most car because they only go in the car for trips to the vet. Teach them the car is fun!

your dog and other training opportunities, visit https://ebhs.org/training-behavior/ or · Do not let your dog meet every dog and email Carol Sumbry at carol@ebhs.org.



Caring for an older pet



(Green Shoot) - It seems like just yesterday considered geriatric at the age of seven. when you brought your puppy or kitten Larger breed dogs tend to have shorter life home for the first time. But just like us spans and are considered geriatric when humans, our pets age in what seems like a they are around six years of age, according snap of the finger. Where did the time go? to the AVMA.

of your aging dog, cat or other pet.

Read on for multiple issues and trends to AGING TRENDS keep in mind when it comes to being the best pet owner possible for your favorite furry friend.

AGING ISSUES

but cats and small dogs are generally include changes to diet or activity level.

If you're caring for an aging pet, you may find As they age, geriatric pets can develop yourself stressed or worried for their health. many of the same problems seen in older Remember that pets can pick up on your people, including cancer, heart disease, mood, so it's important to keep a positive, kidney disease, liver disease, diabetes, loving attitude when it comes to taking care joint or bone disease, senility and weakness.

Due to improved veterinary care, dietary habits and overall pet health awareness, pets are living longer now than they ever have before. It's your job as a pet owner to According to the American Veterinary recognize signs of aging so you can alert Medical Association, the oldest recorded your veterinarian to your concerns. Work age of a cat is 34 years, while the oldest with your local vet to establish a plan for recorded age of a dog is 29. It varies, helping your pet age gracefully. This can

Top 10 tips from ElderlyPet.org

on how to best care for your aging pet:

- 1. Watch for changes in behavior.
- 2. Schedule regular vet visits.
- 3. Change your pet's diet.
- 4. Keep your pet moving and active.
- 5. Look for signs of arthritis.
- 6. Make your home senior pet friendly.
- 7. Be patient.
- 9. Help your pet stay clean.
- 9. Be aware of the signs of cognitive dysfunction.
- 10. Stay focused on your pet's quality of life.

Genesee Pet Resort LLC

dba Genesee Pet Kennel and Suites

S40 W28178 Hwy 59 Waukesha, WI 53189

> (p) 262.521.2693 (c: Faith) 262.894.4296



geneseepet.com



Bring in this ad for a free night of boarding

Large & Secure Outdoor Play Area

Owners: Sarah Pietenpol & Faith Harrington

Member: Pet Care Servicer Association

264911001

WALL OF FAME



BigglesVillage of Summit



Bandit Brookfield



Sammy Brookfield



Cody Menomonee Falls



Lucky Menomonee Falls



Bud Waukesha County



Wonder Oro Valley, Arizona



Colonel Mustard Waukesha



Shiloh Menomonee Falls



Ashton Waukesha



Cookie Waukesha



Timber Summit



Wrigley Summit



Scout Waukesha



Gizmo Waukesha



Chimi Mukwonago



Jordie Oconomowoc



Sugar Le Doo Mukwonago



Noonan Okauchee



Chance Waukesha



Beanie Village of Waukesha



Sage Waukesha



Mylow Ixonia



Brookfield



Oscar Waukesha



BrindleVillage of Pewaukee



Lucylu Oconomowoc



Heyjoe Waukesha



Fuzzy the Cat Waukesha



Halo Waukesha

WALL OF FAME



PhylloOkauchee Lake



Roscoe Boy Waukesha



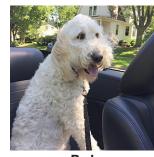
Bella Muskego



Wrigley Oconomowoc



Cinnamon Waukesha



Bud Waukesha



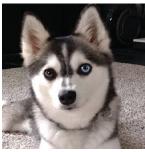
Fluffy - Mrs. Hughes' Kindergarten Class Mukwonago



Silas Waukesha



Bristol Oconomowoc



Chip Waukesha



Barney Brookfield



Prancer Waukesha



Bandit Waukesha



Rhyleigh Oconomowoc



Tex Oconomowoc



Diamond Oconomowoc



Gracie Waukesha



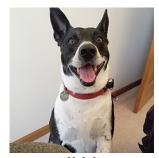
Flo Waukesha



Annika Waukesha



Bodilan Judkins Oconomowoc



Nyjel Oconomowoc



Moose Waukesha



Callie Waukesha



Village of Summit



CharlieVillage of Summit



Callie Waukesha



Bassett/Beagle is Bitsy (left), Aussie is Beau (right)
Waukesha

Thank you to all of our readers who submitted photos for the "Wall of Fame"

The Waukesha Freeman and Oconomowoc Enterprise readers really do love their pets!

The best ages to spay or neuter pets

(Metro) - Animal overpopulation is a Animal Hospital Association Canine Life and Canada each year.

In addition to helping to control homelessness, spaying and neutering The ASPCA says it is generally considered companion animals may have medical and safe for kittens as young as eight weeks behavioral benefits. As valuable as spaying old to be spayed or neutered. Doing so can and neutering can be, the procedures help avoid the start of urine spraying and are not without potential complications. eliminate the chances for cats to go into Responsible pet owners must weight the heat and become pregnant. pros and cons of spaying and neutering with a qualified animal professional.

Many veterinarians now recommend female some prostate problems. Sterilization also and male dogs be spayed or neutered can protect against uterine infections and between the ages of six to nine months. breast tumors in many female pets. These Some vets say puppies can be neutered as procedures may also help prevent animals young as eight weeks old as long as they from roaming to find mates or reduce are healthy. In fact, it has become the norm aggression problems. for rescue puppies to be neutered prior to being placed with adoptive families. Those who would like to follow the American

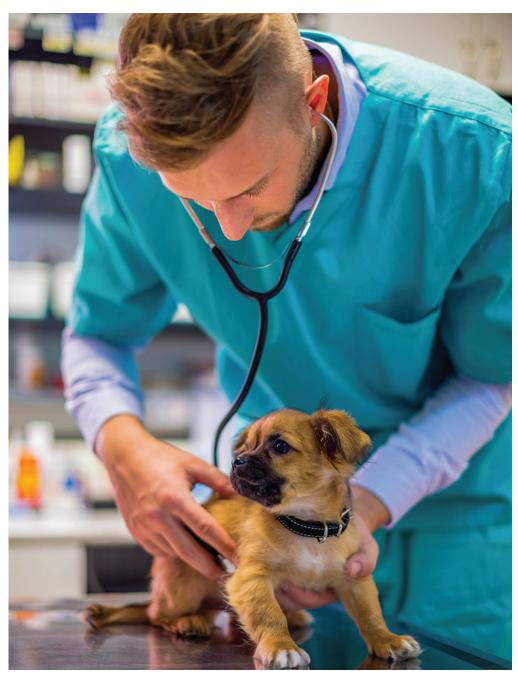


concern that affects the well-being of pets. Stage Guidelines should have small-breed The ASPCA says letting animals reproduce dogs (under 45 pounds projected adult unchecked can lead to pet homelessness body weight) neutered or spayed at six that results in millions of healthy cats and months of age or prior to the first heat. dogs being euthanized in the United States Large-breed dogs should be sterilized after growth stops, which is usually between nine and 15 months of age.

Spaying and neutering has been shown to reduce risk for testicular cancer and

Some research has pointed out that early neutering may lead to certain medical conditions that may be preventable by waiting until a pup or kitten is a little older before having him or her go under the knife. Researchers at the University of California, Davis, conducted a study on golden retrievers in 2013 that found early neutering and spaying appeared to increase the risk of diseases, such as cranial cruciate ligament rupture, hemangiosarcoma, mast cell tumors, lymphosarcoma, and hip dysplasia.

Working with a veterinarian can help pet owners make informed decisions about the appropriate age.





Heritagez Summit ANIMAL CLINICS

2 Convenient Locations www.SummitAnimal.com



Preservation breeding defined

By Laura Reeves - AKC Breeder of Merit, will likely be and do. Dogs developed over Breeder Advisor

choice, and responsibly ensure the future asking the dog not to breathe. of their breeds.

Within the world of purebred dog breeders, the idea of "preserving" our breeds for the future has grown out of an awareness that many breeds are vulnerable to extinction. For context, there are a number of dog breeds, such as the Dandie Dinmont Terrier, with fewer individual dogs alive in the world than there are Giant Pandas. These worrisome statistics highlight why we must act to protect and preserve our purebred dogs.

Each of the more than 200 dog breeds recognized world-wide developed in a specific time and place to serve a specific need of mankind. Whether people needed a dog to help them move their flocks, capture game for food, guard their property or simply provide companionship, dogs were selectively bred for those purposes. In many cases for millennia.

Preservation breeding encompasses the concept of "preserving" these dog breeds as living history. Some of these breeds no longer fulfill the specific job they were memory to disappear forever. developed to do. Great Danes no longer For more information regarding purebred hunt wild boar. Bulldogs no longer bait dogs, preservation breeding, health, bulls as a spectator sport. Society changes education, training and responsible and our association with dogs morphs pet ownership, visit your local club along with us. But history is ingrained in www.WaukeshaKennelClub.org and the genetic code of these dogs.

purebred dog is endowed with instincts and Podcast", "The Good Dog Pod" and "Good genetic makeup that tell us what the dog Dog Breeder Advisor"

AKC Judge, Host, Pure Dog Talk Podcast centuries to move sheep from one place to and The Good Dog Pod, and Good Dog another, quite predictably, will move your children, your cats, yourself, you name it. All of us who are breeders, exhibitors, And they might even nip a bit when they handlers and judges are curators of the do it. This is part of who and what that purebred dog. At Pure Dog Talk, we support dog is at its very core. While its behavior preservation breeders and the rights of can be shaped and directed, expecting the each individual to own the dog of their dog NOT to have those instincts is akin to

> Knowing the history of a breed's purpose and function, and the ability to rely on those traits, helps new dog owners select a breed that will be the best fit for their family. Purebred dogs with generations of health testing, conformation testing, temperament testing and instinct testing are reliably the size, color, demeanor and coat type they are expected to be. Acquiring such a dog from a preservation breeder who guarantees the dog a home for LIFE if the new owner is unable to keep it in their home for ANY reason is one of the best ways to reduce owner surrenders to animal shelters and rescues.

> The pedigree of a purebred dog tracks inexorably to a place and time shrouded now in the mists and myths of history. That smiling face, that sleek or tousled expression, that elegant or robust or diminutive stature is our link to the past. And the mission of a preservation breeder is to never allow that distant genetic

www.AKC.org websites and follow their Due to the generations of selection, each Facebook pages along with "Pure Dog Talk















Join the Waukesha Kennel Club Family...

Founded in 1961. Waukesha Kennel Club is a non-profit organization and is a member of the American Kennel club. We are dedicated to education, enjoyment and to do all in it's power to protect and advance the interest of Purebred doas, We embrace, foster, educate and support all dog ownership. WKC is open to all levels of experience, ages and dogs.

Looking for a place to start?

Waukesha Kennel club offers the following services, classes and events to support you on your journey of responsible dog ownership and to strengthen the obedience, companionship and health of your canine family member.

- Dog Training
- Conformation Classes
- Canine Good Citizen **Training & Testing**
- Star Puppy Classes
- Obedience Classes
- Junior Showmanship
- Fun Matches For All
- The State's Largest Dog Show
- Health Clinics

Become a Member

Gain experience, confidence and have fun within the world of your dog. Meet other owners and benefit from their mentorship and years of experience.

For more information: Go to our website www.WaukeshaKennelClub.org

The pet effect: Facts about the incredible human-animal bond



(BPT) - Do you ever notice how fulfilled you the Human Animal Bond Research Institute feel when you spend time with your pet? (HABRI) and Cohen Research Group found How your pet can inspire joy while also 74% of pet owners reported mental health somehow helping you feel less stressed? improvements from pet ownership and Or maybe you are thinking of getting a pet 54% of pet owners reported physical health hoping for companionship, affection and improvements from pet ownership. love? These and many more positives are the result of the pet effect, also known as the human-animal bond.

"Science supports that the pet effect is real for people of all ages," says PetSmart Charities President Aimee Gilbreath. "However, you don't need research to see for yourself the benefits a pet can bring a family. Adopting a pet is a life-changing experience. The human-animal bond is a profound thing and many people consider their pets members of the family and welcomingly embrace the many positives they provide."

Aimee Gilbreath, President of PetSmart Charities, shares some of the top benefits and interesting facts about the pet effect:

OWNING A PET HAS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL BENEFITS

social isolation. For example, a study by and the hospital staff. When at home, your

PET OWNERSHIP REDUCES U.S. **HEALTH CARE COSTS**

About 80 million U.S. households have pets, according to the HABRI Foundation, and that pet ownership has saved the U.S. health care system an estimated \$11.7 billion. The largest savings was determined based on a lower incidence of physician office visits by pet owners as compared to non-owners. Additional savings were calculated for increased physical activity for pet owners, such as dog owners who walk their dog five or more times a week.

PETS PROVIDE SECURITY DURING **TIMES OF STRESS**

A Purdue University study found animalassisted therapies can help provide diversion from anxiety-inducing medical experiences, providing a sense of security, Scientific evidence supporting the while also encouraging interaction and emotional health advantages of pet activity often critical for healing. Something relationships is growing. Pets and therapy as simple as an affectionate nuzzle or a animals have been shown to help alleviate wag of a tail from a therapy animal can stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness and decrease stress and anxiety for patients

own pet can provide a sense of security and peace to help manage stress and anxiety, too.

PETS PROVIDE COMPANIONSHIP. **ESPECIALLY DURING TIMES OF ISOLATION**

Companionship is a top reason people own pets. During times of increased isolation such as quarantine and social distancing, this is particularly important. An additional study by HABRI found that pets are part of the solution to social isolation and loneliness, a growing public health epidemic, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. Around 85% of respondents agree that interaction with pets help reduce loneliness and 76% agree that human-pet interactions can help address social isolation, followed by 72% who believe that human-animal interaction is good for their community.

ORGANIZATIONS ARE STEPPING UP TO SUPPORT PET OWNERSHIP

Realizing the many benefits of pet

ownership, some organizations are doing their part to support the pet effect. For example, PetSmart Charities is providing grants supporting nearly 4,000 animal welfare organizations across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico to provide shelter, socialization and veterinary care to homeless pets to prepare them for adoption, as well as providing resources to help keep pets and the people that love them together.

Since 2012, PetSmart Charities have committed nearly \$4 million in grants to support change making local animal welfare organizations across North America.

The largest savings was determined based on a lower incidence of physician office visits by pet owners as compared to non-owners.



Expert Tips for welcoming a kitten

cats has risen in popularity during these light helps establish sleep patterns, but on unprecedented times, and many pet lovers the first night you might want to leave a are becoming fosters to help overcrowded night light on to help with the adjustment. animal shelters. Fostering a kitten can be a fun and exciting time, but it may also come with a learning curve.

Canin survey, who have fostered a pet, 6 their litter boxes and should always have in 10 have "foster failed" and permanently fresh water available. adopted the pet they were fostering. Most pet owners who responded also agree the first year of pet ownership is the most important, but 64% believe it is the most difficult, as well.

kitten, learn how to give your kitten proper keep the same feeding routine as the care during her first weeks and months previous caretaker. You can slowly switch with you with this advice from the experts to a different routine, if you choose, and at Royal Canin.

ARRIVING HOME

The new sights, sounds and smells in your home, and the separation from her mother, may make your kitten feel stressed. Keeping the environment calm and quiet can ease the transition.

When you arrive home, put the cat carrier in the room you've prepared for the kitten with the kitten still inside, allowing her to get acclimated before opening the door. Then allow the kitten to explore a closed-off area. Resist the urge to cuddle your kitten right away.

As your kitten gains confidence in its new surroundings, she will want to explore more. Make sure the environment is prepared with electrical wires and outlets may also need to introduce new terrain like covered; windows, balconies and stairs secured; and small or sharp objects put away so she can safely explore with your supervision. If there are possible hazards, a designated room with windows and plenty Learn more about proper cat nutrition may be better.

CREATING A SAFE PLACE

Kittens can tire easily. After a little exploration time, give your kitten access to a bed in a cozy, quiet place with access to

(Family Features) - Fostering kittens and water, food and a litter box. Turning out the

Provide somewhere quiet to eat. This should be somewhere your kitten feels secure, away from where you and any other Among the 43% of respondents to a Royal pets eat. Cats don't like to eat too near

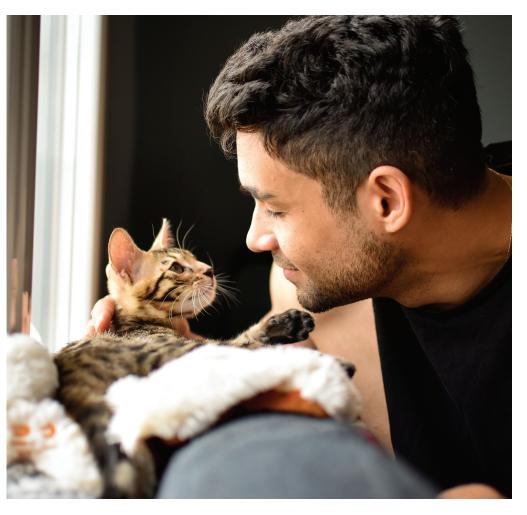
As kittens grow rapidly, their digestive and immune systems develop slowly and they have specific nutritional needs that are different from adult cats. Any sudden changes in your kitten's diet can cause Whether you're fostering or adopting a digestive trouble, so for the first few days, transition to kitten food suitable for the appropriate growth stage. For example, Royal Canin Kitten formulas are tailormade with optimal vitamins and minerals to support healthy development.

ONGOING CARE

Your kitten should see a veterinarian as soon as possible. In addition to a general health check, your vet can help you create a vaccination schedule and give advice on deworming, nutrition and more. Always use a carrier to transport your kitten safely while in the car and into the vet's office.

Gradually introducing your kitten to new experiences can help with socialization. New sounds can startle a kitten, so be ready to offer plenty of reassurance. You stairs or unfamiliar surfaces. Gentle play and careful handling can help your kitten become more comfortable with being

of social contact for the first few weeks and how to create a welcoming home at royalcanin.com.





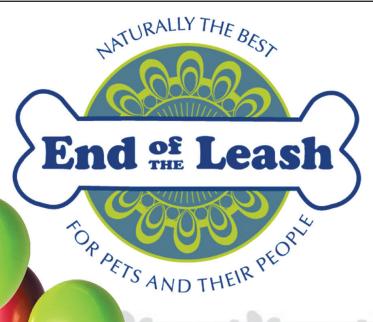


Hours: Mon. - Fri. 7:30a-6:00p Sat. 8:00a - 12:00p Sun. CLOSED

1065 N. Rochester St. Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149 new spacious indoor/outdoor facility!

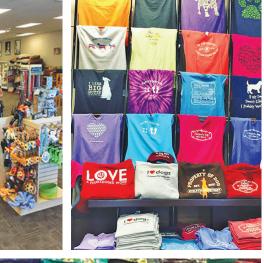
Packages Available Call TODAY to Reserve your spot!





Naturally the best for PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE





ALWAYS OPEN ON-LINE web store at www.endoftheleash.com

> We offer FREE home delivery in the greater Pewaukee and Mukwonago area with no minimum order.

Curbside pick up at both locations.



PEWAUKEE 115 W. WISCONSIN AVE. • 262-696-6052

MUKWONAGO 325 BAY VIEW RD. • 262-363-3338

OPEN: Mon-Fri 10AM-6PM • Sat 9AM-3PM • Closed Sundays OPEN: Mon-Friday 10AM-6PM • Sat 9AM-4PM • Sun 10AM-3PM

www.endoftheleash.com ★ Gift Certificates Available Facebook

