



## **Responsible Pet Parenting: Your Guide to Pet Health, Happiness and Stress Relief**

February is Responsible Pet Owners Month – the perfect time for a refresher on caring for your furry loved ones. But no matter the season, being a responsible pet parent is always in style. From the basics of health and grooming to avoiding doggy dilemmas and cat crises, we've put together this collection of advice designed to help you keep Fido and Felix feeling great all year round.

- **Here's to their Health**

Whether your pets are young or old, make sure their vaccinations are up to date. Many pet parents think that vaccinations are a one-time obligation, but they're actually a regular need, so ask your vet during your pet's annual check-up. Vaccinations are the best way to prevent disease, but if your pet does get sick be sure to do your research. Many veterinarians agree that when treating a sick pet, a more natural choice may be a good choice – especially for stress issues. Natural pet stress control products, like Comfort Zone® with D.A.P.® for Dogs and Comfort Zone® with Feliway® for Cats, can help put your pets at ease without medication.

- **Brush up your Grooming Skills**

Frequent brushing will do more than just keep your pet looking pristine. Regular brushing can also keep you aware of fleas and ticks that may be causing your pet a lot of grief. For most pets, full bathing is only necessary a few times a year. If your pet gets stressed out at bath time, keep grooming sessions short and gradually allow your pet to become more comfortable with the routine. A pheromone product like Comfort Zone® with Feliway® for cats or Comfort Zone® with D.A.P. for dogs can provide your pet with needed stress relief.

- **Check your ID**

Filling out paperwork and getting the proper identification tags for your pet can be a boring task, but it's one of the best ways to ensure your pet stays safe. Even if you take every precaution to keep Felix and Fido at home, accidents can happen – and that's why licensing your pet is vital. Check with your city or county for specific rules and regulations, and talk with your vet about new methods, like implanted microchips, to further ensure your pet's safety.

Responsible Pet Owners Month may end on February 28, but being a great pet parent is a year-round responsibility! Be sure to use these tips to keep your pet safe, healthy, and happy throughout the year. For more cat advice and dog advice, check out all our Comfort Zone Pet Advice.