

Responsible Pet Owner

Being a responsible pet owner is much more than just providing adequate water, food and shelter for your pet. Domestic pets are completely dependent on their owners for their welfare.

- Owning a pet is a lifetime commitment. If you can't make the commitment, don't get a pet.
- Choose a pet that fits your lifestyle. Don't get a high energetic dog, if you don't have the time to exercise him/her. If you can't afford grooming or can't do the grooming yourself, pick a low maintenance dog.
- Spay or neuter your pets. Pets that are not spayed and/or not neutered will roam and leave your home up to a minimum of 5 + miles and are likely to become a bother to your neighbors, get into dangerous situations, get hit by a car, lost, stolen, and/or can contract diseases.
- Don't make your dog a "backyard dog". Dogs thrive on companionship and need to be with their human pack. Purchasing and/or adding another dog to the household 6 months+ or a bit later after you have had time to bond with your new Corgi is a great way to help supply them with companionship when you are away and to have a friend to interact with. They are pack animals and are always wanting to play with a friend. This is such a helpful blessing to their spirit and overall mental wellness. This does wonders for the aging Corgi as well.
- Be aware of weather conditions. Leaving your dog in the car on a hot day or in the yard without shade or water is risking your dog's life.
- Make sure your home is "pet" safe. Pesticides, medications, household cleaners, and some houseplants (dieffenbachia, philodendron, hyacinth, and mistletoe) can be deadly to your pet. Keep them out of reach.
- Keep identification tag on your pet... it is your pet's ticket back home. Both dogs and cats need ID!! Micro chipping is good too, but an external tag is essential, it could mean the difference of your neighbor returning your pet to you or turning him into the pound! Not everyone is honest, and the micro chip is not a GPS.
- Obedience train and socialize your animal. Dog parks and doggie day-care's are a wonderful option. Thoroughly research these before arriving and be careful of larger dogs and/or the facility who interacts with larger dogs. Even though Corgis are strong in stature, they can easily be injured or hurt.
- Don't let your pets run loose with out a securely enclosed area. Dogs should be walked on leashes. Any outdoor off leash access should be secure in a fenced area.
- Provide your pet the proper diet. Obesity can be as deadly as malnutrition. Be aware that some foods can be deadly, such as chocolate, grapes, prunes, raisins, peanut butter, and fatty foods can cause pancreatitis. Corgis are very sensitive to foods and thus they gain weight easily. Be sure you are feeding them specifically a diet designed for their age and condition. Feel free to contact us in regards to this. Pancreatitis and Diabetes is a serious issue we see in 5 year old and older Corgis. We want to assist in avoiding these issues and provide them a wonderful life free of medications and complications.

- Make sure your pet gets the proper amount of exercise, to help aid in reducing the risk of Kidney Stones. A Corgi will avoid displeasing you and not use the restroom until you take the time to go on a walk and let them relieve themselves. Please don't make them wait. It is very hard on their bladder and kidneys.

- Take extra precautions during holidays like Fourth of July. It is the scariest time for pets; make sure your Corgi and/or Corgis are securely indoors. Also protect your pet during Halloween. Providing them a safe place to retreat to, such as a pillow, bed, and/or Crate that is in a quite area away from loud sounds. This is also very beneficial during dinner parties/reunions where you may have a larger amount of guests.

- Be kind to your pet and shower him/her with love and gratitude... remember you are his/her world.

For More information and/or Recommendations we are available for you!

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