



SPCA says...

HINTS FOR ALL DOG OWNERS

LEARN ABOUT YOUR DOG, YOUR FRIEND FOR LIFE ...

What must you do to look after your dog?

If you keep a dog he can guard your property and also be a faithful friend. He can only serve you if he is properly looked after and he is healthy, strong and happy.



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You must feed him good food to make him strong. Try to give him some meat, which is his natural food. If this costs too much, buy him dog food.

DO NOT feed him only mealie-meal. This will make him fat but it will not make him healthy and strong.

2

You must make sure that your dog has lots of clean water ALL THE TIME. It must be put in a cool place. Give your dog a proper dish or bowl of his own, which cannot be knocked over. You can put a heavy stone in a bucket for a big dog, or dig a little hole in the ground to hold the dish for a small dog, to make sure that it cannot be knocked over.



DO NOT use an old tin or tyre for water, because it will not stay clean in these. DO NOT give your dog a drink of water only once a day – it is not enough.

You must protect your dog from the cold, from the rain and from the hot sun. Make him a wooden shelter to sleep in. It must have a wooden floor so that he does not have to sleep on the ground. Give him some clean newspaper or a sack to lie on in his house. DO NOT use iron or other metal for his house because this will make it very hot in summer and very cold in winter.



Dogs need to run and get exercise to become strong and healthy. If your house has a fence all round, and a gate you can close, then let your dog run free in your yard.

You must NEVER tie him up all day on a short chain. If you must chain him up for any part of the day or night, then fix his chain onto a long wire, so that he can run up and down. He must be able to reach his food and water and be able to rest in the shade in summer and in the sun in winter.

Remember, he will be able to guard your home and care for and protect your family ONLY if he can run free. If he is chained he is not able to protect you properly. NEVER let him run in the street.



3

You must look after your dog if he is sick. Take him to a Vet or the SPCA. Make sure that he does not get fleas or ticks. You can wash him in dog dip or take him to the SPCA, where they will dip him for you.

DO NOT use Jeyes Fluid to get rid of fleas and ticks. **DO NOT** cut him or put paraffin or motor oil on him. These are very bad and could cause him to die.

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Remember to have your dog injected against distemper and parvo virus (also called (cat flu) when he is 2 months old. These two illnesses are very serious and he could die from them if he does not get the injection. Your dog must get a new injection every year.



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You must be kind to your dog. If you are good to him he will always protect and love you. He can also feel pain like you, so please do not kick him or beat him or throw stones at him or burn him.

If you have a female dog, contact the Vet or SPCA about having her spayed so that she cannot have any more puppies. If you have a male dog, also contact the Vet or SPCA about having him castrated so that he cannot father any more puppies.

If you do not want your dog or puppies any more, take them to the SPCA, who will take them from you. Do not throw them away or try to kill them. This is very cruel.

**REMEMBER
LOOK AFTER
YOUR DOG
AND HE WILL
LOOK AFTER
YOU ...**

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