



FACT SHEET - DOGS

Dogs need a lot of time and commitment. They don't like being left alone for long periods and need plenty of attention and exercise every day. Dogs are very loyal and rewarding companion animals. Majority are easily trained and it is great fun to teach them a few tricks. In hot weather you must never leave a dog in a car - it can reach oven-like temperatures very quickly even with a window open. During firework displays, a lot of dogs are frightened by the noise. Ask your vet for advice. It is strongly recommended that you have your dog microchipped in case of straying and neutered to avoid unwanted puppies.



Dogs Need

- Companionship
- Exercise
- Regular feeding times with a good balanced diet
- Access to fresh water in drinking bowl at all times
- Grooming, especially any with long hair
- An annual vaccination programme
- A regular worming programme
- Routine flea control
- Regular veterinary check ups when claws, ears and teeth can be checked

Dogs Health

- Parvovirus can be avoided by vaccinations given by your vet
- If your dog shows symptoms of diarrhoea or constipation or any signs of runny eyes and nose consult your vet
- Consult your vet if your dog seems off its food or unusually lethargic
- Groom regularly, checking its coat for ticks and fleas
- Ask your vet about spaying for bitches and neutering for dogs

Dog Facts

- Average lifespan is 10 - 15 years depending on the breed
- Feeding cooked bones and chicken or chop bones can splinter and cause blockages, constipation diarrhoea and mouth ulcers

This is intended as a quick guide only. Further information should be obtained before embarking on keeping this type of pet.