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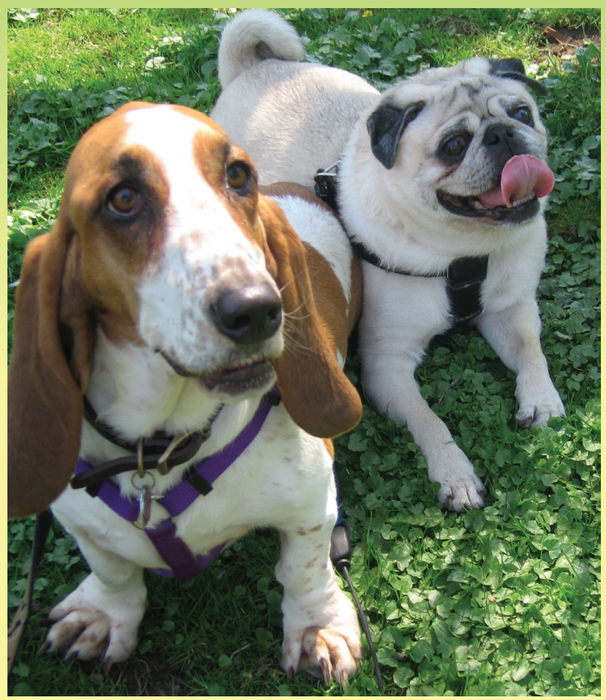

**PUZZLES**
**GAMES**
**ACTIVITIES**
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**Learn how to be safe around animals and how to be a responsible pet owner through fun activities**


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## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Saturday
8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

*After regular business hours, and on Sundays and holidays, residents experiencing animal problems are requested to contact their local police precinct.*

*printed on recycled paper with non-toxic ink*

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# A Message From Town Supervisor JOHN VENDITTO

Dear Friends,

The Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter is a state-of-the-art facility that houses dogs and cats available for adoption. For you to learn more about the daily operations of the shelter, we have created this fun and informative activity book for you to enjoy.

In this booklet you will not only find important information but also fun activities. There are a variety of puzzles, including a word search, crossword puzzle and find the word puzzle. You will also find valuable information on how to be a responsible pet owner, as well as tips for keeping your pet safe, happy and healthy. For those of you who help watch pets for others, there is information on being a responsible pet watcher.

I'm sure that you will find this activity book both a valuable and educational tool. I hope you enjoy taking the time to do all of the activities. Thank you again for visiting the Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter.

Very Truly Yours,

John Venditto
Town Supervisor

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# Do You Have A Dog or Cat?

**Is your pet a female? She could have lots of puppies or kittens during her lifetime. Each puppy or kitten will need a good home.**

**If your dog's puppies will not have good homes, your dog should not have puppies.**

**If your cat's kittens will not have good homes, your cat should not have kittens.**

**Did you know that each year thousands of puppies and kittens are born and can't get good homes because no one wants them? Your veterinarian can spay your female pet so she won't give birth to unwanted puppies or kittens.**

# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG OR CAT IS LOST

## *How to look for your lost dog or cat . . .*

*1. Sign your name and address in our Guest Book.*

*2. Check our kennels.*

*3. If you find your dog or cat, tell the office clerk the cage number.*

*4. If you do not find your dog or cat, write your name in the Lost Dog/Cat Book on the countertop. Also, check the Found Book on the countertop. (This is for people who have found dogs or cats and do not wish to turn them in to the shelter, but are looking for the owners.) Please remember, we do not call for you.*

*5. Look in your local newspapers, as well as bulletin boards in local stores. If you live in an incorporated village, check with your village clerk and local police department. Place ads in local papers.*

*6. If you advertise a lost pet, be sure to include the following information:*

- *Date and area lost*
- *Breed, sex, color and markings of pet*
- *If the pet was wearing a collar, state color and list any I.D. or license on it.*
- *Check with local pet finder groups. Ask Animal Shelter personnel for the phone numbers of these groups. Check with your mail carrier and neighborhood children.*

*7. If you lost your dog or cat in the Town of Oyster Bay close to the border of other towns (Hempstead, North Hempstead, Babylon, Huntington), make sure to check the animal shelters in these towns:*

- *Hempstead - 785-5220*
- *North Hempstead - 944-8220*
- *Babylon - 631-643-9270*
- *Huntington - 631-754-8722*

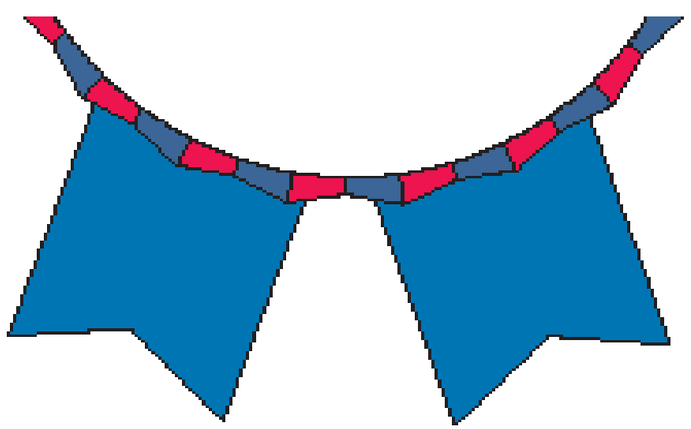
**No matter what area of the Town of Oyster Bay you live in, you should check all nearby shelters.*

*8. You should also check with the highway departments of these neighboring towns, since they are responsible for picking up roadway animal fatalities. State and county highway departments pick up deceased animals on state and county roads. Town and village highway departments pick up deceased animals on town and village roads.*

*9. When you find your animal, we advise responsible dog owners to have their pets licensed. I.D. tags are an additional help and can be purchased for a small fee. You may also want to check with your veterinarian or an Animal Shelter attendant about using a microchip identification system. Please let us know when you find your dog or cat so we can remove it from the Lost Book.*

# A PICTURE OF MY PET

**Draw a picture of your pet here**



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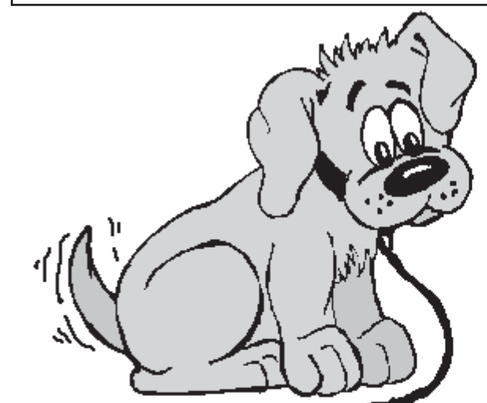
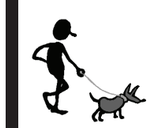
Write your pet's name here

# Good Dog, Safe Dog



Where is Sonny going? She is starting training school. Sonny will learn good habits there. She will learn to listen and to follow commands. What will Sonny learn to do? To find out cross out all the Z's. Write the letters that are left in the spaces below.



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- Train your dog in a quiet place.
- Keep lessons short.
- Be patient.
- Be kind.
- Use your dog's name to get his attention before each command.
- Teach one command at a time. Keep commands simple.
- Use a pleasant tone of voice.
- Don't hit your dog because he does not follow commands. Explain again.
- When your dog follows your commands, pet him and say, "Good dog!"
- Sometimes giving praise with a dog biscuit or treat also works well.
- Play with your dog after each lesson.

# What to do if you meet a strange dog

**A. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF A NASTY DOG STANDS IN YOUR WAY OR COMES TOWARDS YOU?**

1. Do not run. Stand still. You cannot run faster than a dog.
2. Always face the dog. Do not turn your back to the dog.
3. If the dog is in your path, walk slowly around the dog in a big circle.

**B. SHOULD YOU TOUCH A DOG YOU DO NOT KNOW?**

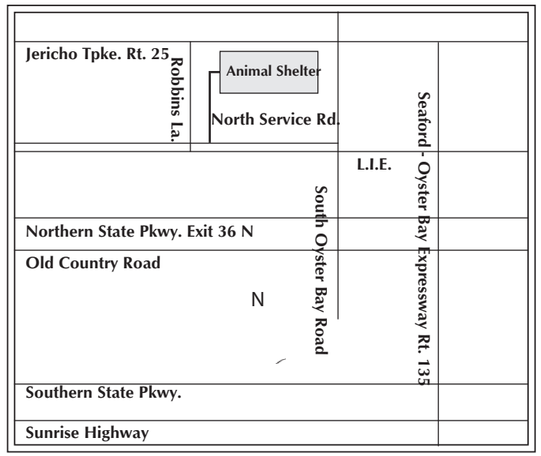
1. No. Never touch a dog you do not know, unless his owner is with you and he or she says it is O.K.
2. Even though a dog looks friendly that does not mean it won't bite. The dog may have a sore spot under his hair. If you touch it, the dog might bite.
3. You may like dogs, but a dog may not like you.

**C. SHOULD YOU CHASE DOGS OR THROW THINGS AT THEM?**

1. Chasing dogs excites them and they may bite.
2. Loud noises, screaming and yelling may cause a dog to attack.
3. Never throw stones, snowballs or any objects at dogs. If you hit them, they could be injured and even could attack you.

# DIRECTIONS TO THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY ANIMAL SHELTER

**Long Island Expressway to Exit 43 N or Northern State Parkway to Exit 36 N (South Oyster Bay Road.) Turn left onto North Service Road of Expressway (Miller Place) and follow yellow road signs to Shelter.**




**Animal Shelter Fees**

**DOG LICENSING**

According to New York State law, all dogs must be licensed. A license on a dog will expedite its return to its owner. License applications are available at the Animal Shelter or the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, Oyster Bay or Town Hall South in Massapequa. To have an application mailed to you call (516) 677-5784, (516) 624-6324 or (516) 797-7960.

**License Fees:**
Spayed/Neutered Dog License - $10.00
Unspayed/Unneutered Dog License - $15.00
Replacement Tags - $3.00
Senior Rate For All Licensing - $5.00
Federal Laboratory Animal Welfare Act - $100.00

**Adoption Fees:**
Adoption Fee For Dogs - $80.00 (includes a medical examination, spaying/neutering, rabies vaccination, 5-in-1 shot (where appropriate) and dog license fee)
Adoption Fee For Cats - $84.00 (includes a medical examination, spaying/neutering, rabies vaccination, and 4-in-1 shot (where appropriate).
Surrender Fee For Cats/Dogs - $65.00
Adoption Terminally Ill Dog/Cat – No Fee
Adoption Senior For Seniors – No Fee

**Other Fees:**
Dog Redemption (1st Offense) - $25.00
Dog Redemption (2nd Offense) - $50.00
Dog Redemption (3rd Offense) - $75.00
Cat Redemption - $10.00

*Plus License Fees if Applicable

Humane Euthanasia And Cremation At Owners Request: Dog or Cat - $65.00

# WHAT IS AN ANIMAL SHELTER?

The Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter is a place where dogs and cats that are lost or have no homes are cared for. If a lost dog is brought to the Shelter and it has a license on its collar, the owner is called and the pet can be brought home. That's why it is very important to make sure your dog has a license.

Dogs with no licenses, and cats, that are brought to the Shelter, and whose o ne to pick them up, can be adopted.

There are many dogs and cats and puppies and kittens at the Shelter, waiting to be adopted by families who will love and take care of them. While they're at the Shelter, the animals live in very nice cages.

There are skylights overhead to let in the sunshine and the cages are kept very clean. All of the dogs can go outside everyday to exercise.

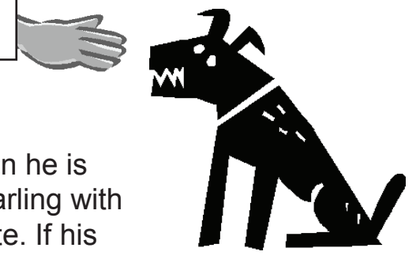
There is a special area in the Shelter, called an infirmary, where sick animals are taken care of until they are well. All cats and dogs that come to the Shelter are given vaccinations to protect them against animal diseases like rabies.

The people who take care of the animals at the Shelter work for the Town's Department of Environmental Resources. Some of these people are called Animal Wardens, and you may see them driving around your neighborhood in special trucks. It is their job to look for lost or stray dogs and cats and to bring them to the Shelter.

***This special Animal Shelter truck picks up lost and stray cats and dogs so they don't hurt themselves or people in your neighborhood.***

If your family would like to give a loving home to one of the many wonderful animals at the Animal Shelter, you can come to the Shelter Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00

# How to avoid dog bites



**HOW TO TELL IF A DOG IS UPSET**

The picture to the right shows Bowser when he is angry. If Bowser is barking, growling or snarling with his teeth showing, he is getting ready to bite. If his ears are laid back or his legs are stiff and his tail is up, he is giving you a warning. The hair on his back will also stand up. If you continue to do what you're doing, he will probably get more angry and bite you.

**DO'S AND DONT'S**

If Bowser is acting like he may bite, follow these rules:

- Do not stare Bowser in the eyes.
- Do not turn your back and run away. You can't run faster than the dog.
- Do slowly walk away sideways.
- Be firm, say "NO!" to Bowser and act like you're the boss.
- If Bowser is angry and jumps on you, curl up into a ball on the ground and protect your face with your arms and hands.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BITTEN**

Tell an adult you know right away.

If you are bitten by a strange animal remember:

- If it had a collar, license tag or name tag.
- The type, size and color of the animal.
- The direction the animal went.

Wash the wound with soap and water and cover to try to stop the bleeding. Get medical help at once. If wounds are severe, go to the emergency room at your hospital.

**IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Just as there are good ways and bad ways to behave with people, there are good and bad ways to behave with animals. Always be kind and gentle with animals. They have feelings too.

## Find the Word

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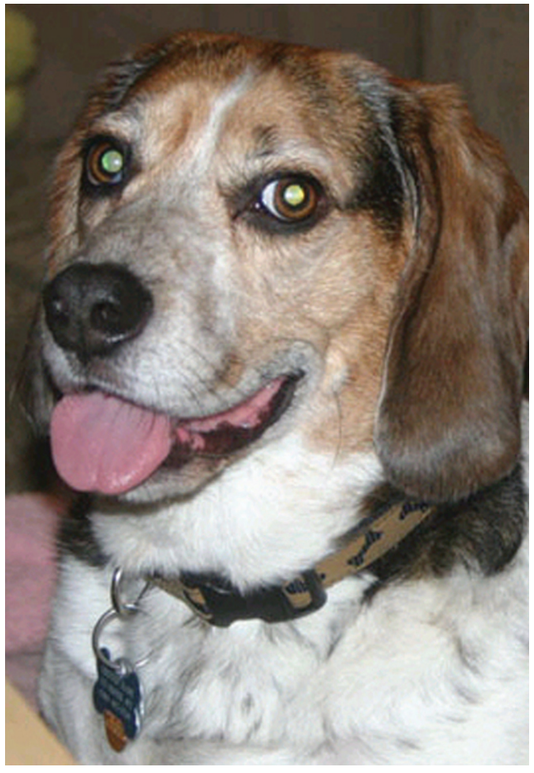
DOGWATCHER
SECURE
PUPPY
BARK
DOCTOR
BITE

LETTERCARRIER
UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE
SHADE
ANIMAL CONTROL
HUMANE

RABIES
RESPONSIBLE
PET OWNER
WATER
FENCE
LEASH

LICENSE
TAGS
PLAYS
SIT

## WHY YOUR DOG NEEDS A LICENSE



It is very important that your dog have a license tag and that he wear it all the time.

If your dog gets lost and has a license tag on his collar, anyone who finds him will know that he is someone's pet. If he's brought to the Animal Shelter, the people who work there can look at his license and get in touch with your family. You can then go to the Animal Shelter and pick up your dog and bring him home.

But if your dog gets lost, and is not wearing a license, there is no way anyone can tell who he belongs to.

If your dog does not have a current license, your mom or dad can get one at the Oyster Bay Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 54 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, or Town Hall South at 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa. Or they can call the Town Clerk at 624-6320 and ask that a license application be mailed to your home. You can also download a copy from our Town's web site at: www.oysterbaytown.com .

Remember, if you ♥ your dog, make sure you license it!

# WORD SEARCH

Your pet and some of the things it needs

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## FIND AND CIRCLE THESE WORDS

CAT
DOG
EXERCISE
FOOD
KITTEN
LICENSE
LOVE
PET
PUPPY
SHELTER
SHOTS
WATER

# Teaching Safety Around Dogs

Dangers posed by dogs running loose, such as dog bites, the possibility of contracting rabies, and the serious emotional trauma that frequently accompanies even a small dog bite, are serious reasons for instructing all children on safety around dogs.

Outlined below are some important areas to be stressed in any dog safety training program:

**PRECAUTIONS TO MINIMIZE BEING BITTEN**

- Never approach a strange dog.
- Don't try to pet or talk to a strange dog.
- Don't pet a dog on a leash unless you have the owners permission.
- Never tease any dog, particularly not a dog in a fenced yard or a dog that is tied up. Chains or ropes can be broken and fences can be jumped over.

**WHAT TO DO IF A STRANGE DOG IS LOOSE**

- Ignore the dog if it isn't running up to you or if you don't have to go past it.
- Don't run or yell or do anything that might excite the dog.
- Keep calm and continue walking away slowly.

**WHAT TO DO IF A STRANGE DOG APPROACHES**

- Be calm. It may bark and growl and you may see its teeth.
- Don't move. Is its ears back and hair on its back raised?
- Speak quietly to the dog, such as "good dog" and watch for signs of unfriendliness.
- Don't stare at the dog.
- If it isn't showing signs of attack, let it sniff the back of your hand.
- If you can tell the dog won't bother you, walk slowly and quietly away.

**WHAT TO DO IF IT ATTACKS**

- Your face and neck are the first parts of your body you should protect. Fold your arms and put them in front of your face.
- If the dog leaps at you or knocks you down, lie on your stomach immediately and protect your head and neck with your arms.
- It is usually best to remain in this position until help comes. The dog probably won't attack any more but may be standing guard over you.

**WHAT TO DO FOR BITE CASES**

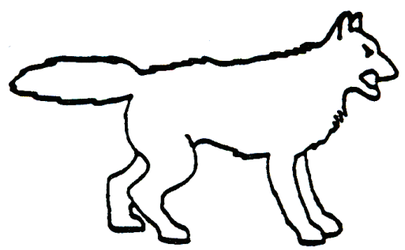
- Flush the wound immediately. Warm, soapy water is preferable, but if clean water isn't immediately available use any liquid close at hand as the important thing is to wash away the dog's saliva AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- Get medical attention promptly.
- Try to get a description of the dog, including as many of the following points as possible, so it can be located and held for observation: breed, color markings, size, tail *(short? long? bushy?)*, ears *(short? floppy? pointed?)*, if it had a collar, or tag.
- Report all bites to the local police, or health department, unless the attending physician makes a report.

# How can I tell if an animal is dangerous?

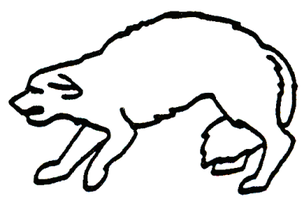
## In Most cases, there are warning signs.

**With a dog, for example, be especially alert for:**

**AN AGGRESSIVE POSTURE**
The ears are erect, the body is stiff or tense, and the tail is either still or moving rapidly.



**A FEARFUL POSTURE**
The ears are back, the body is crouched with the head down, and the tail hangs down or is tucked between the legs.



**ALSO WATCH FOR:**

- Growling, snarling or snapping
- Staring straight ahead
- Bared teeth or curled lips
- Hair standing on end.

Be aware of any unusual or strange behavior. With any unfamiliar animal, pay special attention to:

- BEHAVIOR
- HAIR
- NOISES
- BODY POSTURE
- MOUTH AND TEETH

# OUR FAMILY'S PET CARE CHART

Pets need lots of care and attention every day.

Before you bring your new pet home, decide who in your family will be responsible for the jobs that need to be done for your pet.

Then fill out this chart so everyone will remember what his or her job is.

| JOBS | WHO WILL DO THEM |
|---|---|
| FEED | |
| WALK | |
| CLEAN | |
| BRUSH | |
| CHANGE LITTER BOX | |
| BUY FOOD | |
| TRAIN | |
| TAKE TO VETERINARIAN | |

# HELP LUCKY FIND HIS WAY HOME

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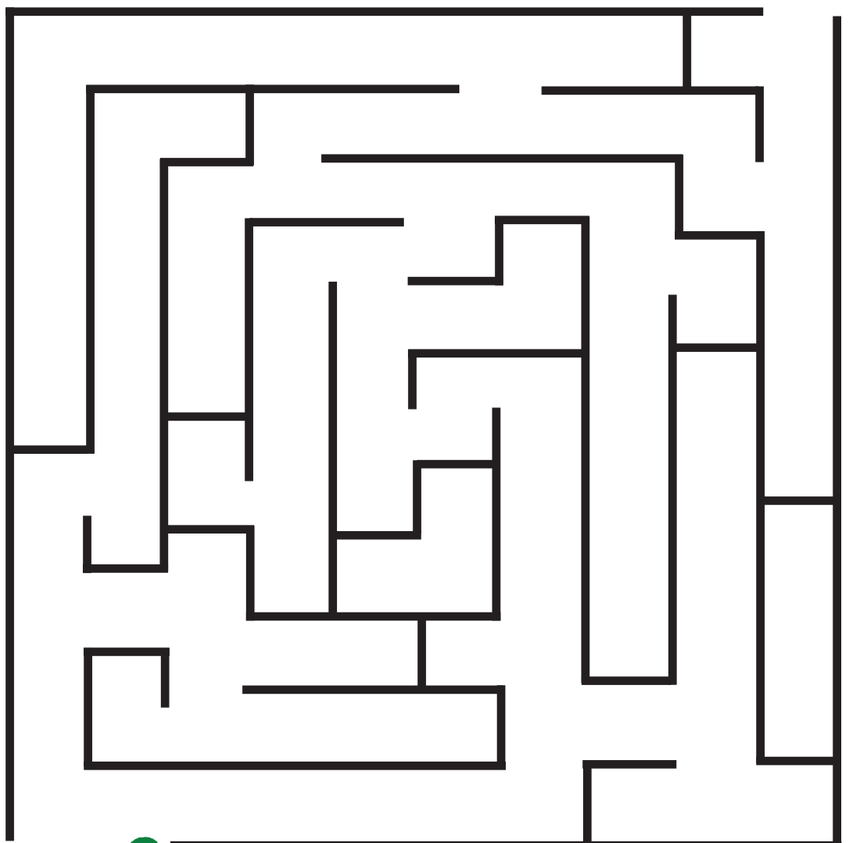

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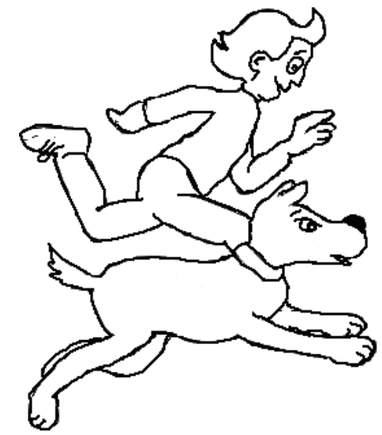


## Don't Chase dogs

Dogs are frightened and afraid when you chase them. The dog might not watch where he is running, and might get hurt. You might get hurt, too. Running around dogs excites them and the dog might bite you.

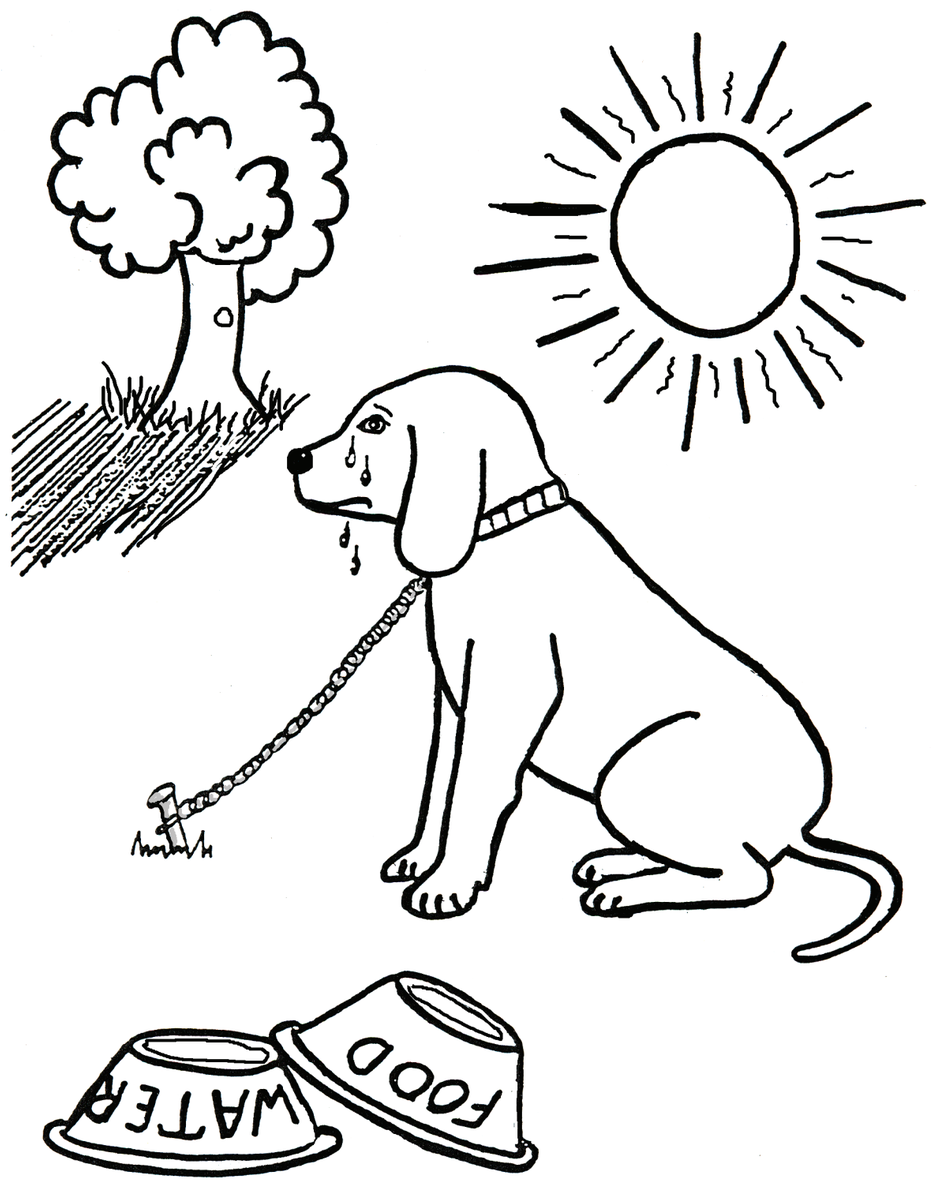
## Don't Run from a dog

Remember, if a strange dog comes up to you, stand still. You cannot run faster than a dog. Be sure to face the dog at all times. The dog might chase you if you

## Don't Tease dogs

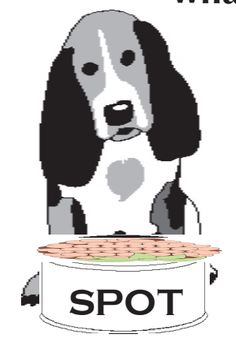
Dogs do have feelings and they can feel pain. Do not hit an animal or throw anything at an animal. The dog may get mad and chase you or try to bite you. Can you blame him? Would you like a person to hit ot throw something at you? Good rule... Don't tease any animal.

## Why is this dog crying?




## WORD SCRAMBLE

**Unscramble these words to see what your pet needs every day.**

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# One key to good health...

**Good pet health begins with a constant supply of fresh water.**

**Remember: Your pet needs fresh water at all times; once or twice a day is not enough. Animals must be able to drink whenever they get thirsty.**

Fresh water is also vital in helping your pet's kidneys and other organs function properly. Without water for a long period, the animal could become dehydrated and die.

Here are some tips on how to keep your pet safely supplied with water:

1. Shop for large, sturdy plastic spillproof water containers now available.

2. Clean your pets dish or bucket daily and always keep it filled with fresh cool water.

3. When traveling with your pet, bring along a thermos of cool water and your pet's own dish with you. Offer the animal a cool drink whenever you stop for one yourself.

4. Remember that water is the only drink an adult animal ever needs. Cats and dogs do not need milk after they are fully grown.

**If you keep your pet outdoors for any length of time, never leave the animal unattended. (left alone outside, the animal may suffer from the heat, cold, rain or snow or be stolen by pet thieves.) And follow these tips regarding your pet's water.**

1. Always use a sturdy, stainless steel or galvanized pan of rubber or plastic bucket as your pet's dish.

2. Attach your pet's dish or bucket securely to a tree or fence with an S-hook or bicycle strap so that it can't be knocked over.

3. Anchor the dish or bucket in the center of a rubber tire so that it won't spill or tip over.

**If your pet does not have a daily supply of clean, fresh water, you'll expose the animal to several dangers**.

1. Dirty water breeds bacterial diseases, which can harm your pet and be transmitted to you.

2. Dirty water attracts flies and mosquitoes, which will lay their eggs in your pet's water. Mosquitoes can transmit larve, which will cause heartworm in the dog.

3. Stagnant water can rust a non-galvanized metal container and rusty water can make your animal sick.

**So, remember: One key to good health for your pet is a constant supply of fresh cool water.**

# Why is this dog crying?

**A. WHY IS THIS DOG CRYING?**

1. No water for him to drink. All animals need fresh water, especially on hot sunny days.
2. No food. Animals, like people, must be fed each day.
3. The sun is hot and the dog needs cool shade
4. His chain is too short. He cannot comfortably lie down.
5. He has no room to exercise. All animals need exercise daily.
6. There is no one near to love him. All animals, like people, need love.

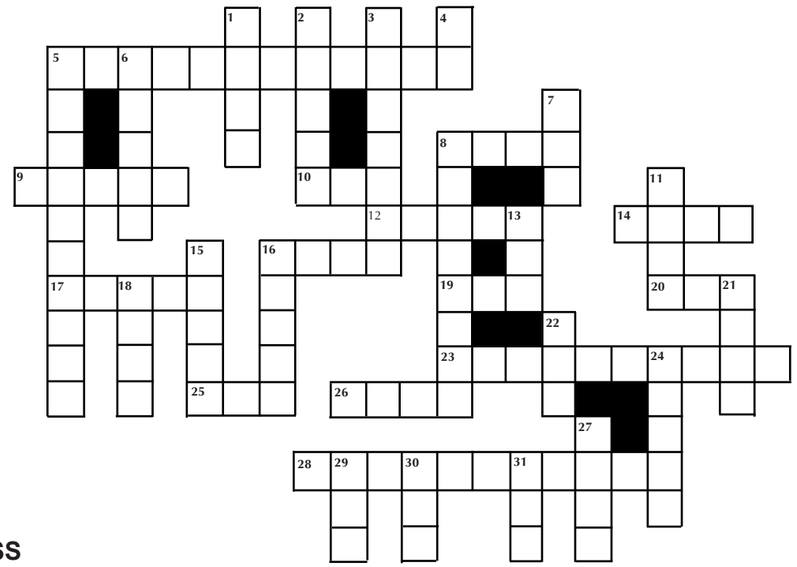
**B. WHAT MUST WE DO TO BE KIND TO ANIMALS?**

**C. NEW YORK STATE LAW SAYS ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE**:

1. Fresh water
2. Food
3. Shelter
4. Protection from the weather

**D. Have some fun - Color the picture on the preceeding page.**

# How much do you know about being kind to animals?



**ACROSS**

5. The doctor who checks your pet when he/she is sick is a _____.

8. When you pick up a pet rabbit, don't ever grab him by his _____.

9. A leash law says that your dog has to be on a _____ if you let him out in your yard.

10. Your pet may be killed by a CAR if you let him _____ in the street.

12. You should find a quiet, warm place for your pet to _____.

14. Every pet need lots of _____ from its owner.

16. There's a lot you need to know if you want to take good _____ of your pet.

17. If you _____ your pet every day, he won't need a bath very often.

19. When a kitten grows up, it is called a _____.

20. When a puppy is one year old, it is considered a full-grown _____.

23. To protect your furniture and drapes, make sure your cat has a _____ post to sharpen his/her claws on.

25. It is cruel to leave an animal out in the hot _____ with no water or shade available.

26. Most dogs enjoy chewing on a _____.

28. A person must be very patient when he _____ a puppy.

**DOWN**

1) Everyone should learn how to be _____ to all animals.

2) It is very important that all your pets have fresh _____ to drink every day.

3) The law says you have to buy a _____ for your dog every year.

4) Your dog should be _____ a leash when you go for a walk.

5) Guinea pigs and rabbits need fresh _____ several times a week.

6) You will probably get bitten if you think it is fun to _____ dogs.

7) When you get a new kitten, you should teach it to _____ a litter box.

8) Pets are like people - they often get fat and lazy if they don't get enough _____.

11) A new pet owner should learn what kinds of _____ are best for his pets.

13) A responsible _____ owner will have his dog or cat spayed or neutered so it can't have puppies or kittens.

15) A veterinarian should give a puppy or kitten its _____.

16) If you don't have a fenced yard, you should use a _____ to keep your dog at home.

18) Dogs can be _____ as guide dogs for the blind, hearing ear dogs for the deaf, and many other kinds of work.

21) If you let your dog run loose, you might come home someday and find out that he's _____.

22) Many dogs like to get a _____ on the head when they so something right.

24) A _____ that will protect him from rain or cold is important for an outdoor dog.

27) A pet owner should use a fence or a chain to keep his dog in his own _____.

29) People think that you can't teach an _____ dog new tricks, but this is not true.

30) The veterinarian knows what is best for your pet when it is _____.

31) If you want to learn about animals, you can _____ a book or search the Internet.