

Coalition for Pet Protection begins 23rd year

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Happy New Year!

The Coalition for Pet Protection is starting its 23rd year helping the animals of the Lincoln area. This is the time of year for "to-do" lists, with the most common one being the traditional resolutions for change in the coming year. There was quite a bit of interest in a past pet parent's resolution list, and I've been asked to rerun it.

Here's a list of resolutions to enrich your pet's life, and your lives together.

1. When taking care of year-end paperwork, this is a great time to make arrangements to cover your pet's care if something should happen to you. Have a plan in place so that your animal will be safe and secure if you are no longer here. This is great peace of mind. www.americanbar.org is a great resource of information.
2. Prepare for any emergencies. Three organizations -- The Humane Society, (www.humanesociety.org), Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov), and the ASPCA (www.asPCA.org) -- have pertinent information on planning for disasters, including emergency preparedness kit ideas.
3. Start parasite prevention early either in March or April. Visit with your veterinarian regarding the needs of your pet. Investing in safe, guaranteed products is a great way to keep your pet safe from harmful fleas, ticks and other pests.
4. Speaking of veterinarians...make an appointment to have your pet's health evaluated. Keeping immunizations current, along with preventative health exams can add healthy, quality years to your pet's life. Visit with your doctor about your pet's changing needs. Age-related changes need to be addressed. Also visit with your veterinarian about micro-chipping. This is always best done at a reputable vet's office. The chip can help you recover your lost pet, and offers great peace of mind.
5. For your pet's health, invest in a quality water fountain. Water is very important, and a fountain is a great way to increase intake. Metal fountains are easier to maintain, and easier to keep clean. Have several water stations, and consider using filtered water only.
6. Take an inventory your pet's toys, bedding, carriers etc. Are they safe? Replace if needed.
7. Plan more playtime with your pet. This will help you both! Whether it's an extra walk, or more cuddle/play time, everyone will benefit.
8. Looking for another animal companion? Think rescue/shelter first. Do your research. Deal only with reputable, established organizations. Adopt, don't shop!

9. Support your local animal welfare/rescue organizations. Most groups operate on donated funds and volunteers.

10. Just for fun....if you are so inclined....create a FaceBook page for your pet. This is a great way to share your love of animals and meet like-minded people.

The Coalition for Pet Protection was founded in 1992. It is a local non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Follow CPP on Facebook, at www.petcoalition.org, or by calling 402-434-7922.

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