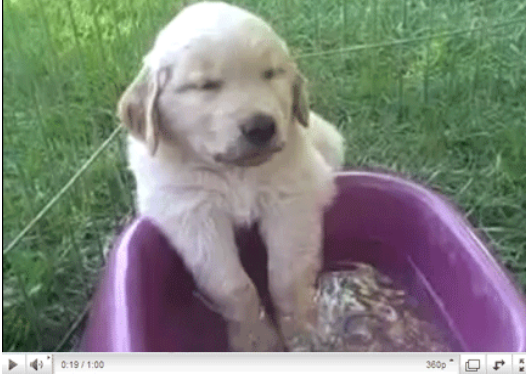




Video of the month



Special Events:

Healthy Hounds 3K Dog Walk

June 25th 2011 9am

Athletic Club of Bend

Special event to raise awareness
about ideal dog body weight.

Puppy Party

June 26th 2011 3pm

Eastside Bend Pet Express

Special deals for new puppy & kitten
parents and lots of fun!

4th of July Pet Parade 🇺🇸

July 4th 2011 10am

Downtown Bend Oregon

Come join us for Bend's most fun
parade! Everyone is welcome!!!



Puppies & Kittens

Crash! You startle awake, heart racing. "What was that?" you think, trying to wake yourself up enough to form coherent thought. "It sounds like it came from the kitchen."

You get out of bed, exhausted and groggy, and stumble your way through the dark house. "Ouch!" you cry out as you enter the kitchen and something stabs into the arch of your foot.

You flip on the lights and take in the scene. Glass is everywhere. Somehow, the entire stack of dishes you washed after dinner the night before has fallen off the counter. Pots and pans have rolled across the floor, two glasses and a plate are shattered, and the dish rack has bounced half way across the room.

"How could this have happened?" you think to yourself. "I know I didn't stack anything too high, and the dish rack was where it always is."

As you finish your thought, two sets of frightened, wide eyes, fuzzy ears, and long whiskers peek out from around the corner.

"Bad kittens," you say as you pull the shard of glass out of your foot. "Bad, bad kittens."

When most of us think about getting a new kitten or puppy, we tend to be overly optimistic. We think about playing with new toys, going on walks and hikes, snuggling on cold winter evenings, and falling asleep to deep purring. Sure, there will be a little bit of work to housebreak the new pet, and maybe a few things will be chewed or ripped up by sharp little teeth and claws, but it won't be a big deal. After a few weeks, we convince ourselves, we'll have a great companion and everything will be just like it was before.

Unfortunately, this ability to convince ourselves a new pet is easy is why many cats and dogs end up at the Humane Society, the pound, or in a shelter. The reality is, no new pet is easy, young or old, and you have to make a lot of adjustments to your home and daily life to ensure everyone is safe and happy. Here are some things we think you should always consider.

Pet Proof Your Home:

Kittens and puppies get into everything. Before bringing a new one home, get down on the floor level and look for anything that might be a hazard. Electrical cords, cords on blinds, toxic plants, sewing baskets with sharp needles, and bits of yarn or string all interest puppies and kittens and can cause serious damage if ingested. Make sure low cupboards close tightly, waste bins have lids, and you only use animal safe insect repellent. Expect new kittens to scratch at every piece of furniture, and cover things you do not want ruined until they learn how to use their scratching post.

Housebreaking:

Housebreaking can be very challenging for new pet owners. The key is time and patience. Make sure you have a lot of free time in your life when you bring home a new pet. Puppies and kittens have to go to the bathroom every couple of hours, and it's important they are able to do so. The best way to teach a





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Humane Society of Central Oregon

For every new Facebook friend we received last month we donated food to HSCO. Thanks to every ones help we raised over 2,310 pounds of food!!!

Puppy Survey

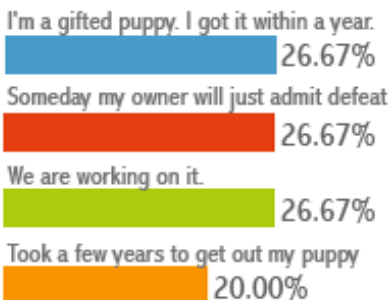
Puppy Love?

What is the most valuable thing your puppy has destroyed?

Submit

Survey Results

How long did it take to learn to walk correctly on leash?



Facebook Fans!

Help us reach 1000 fans. Our 1000th fan will win some awesome prizes and we will make a 1000 pound food donation to a local Humane Society! Check out our page [here](#).

puppies & kittens continued.....

puppy or kitten how to go outside or use the litter box is to watch them until you see them act like they have to go to the bathroom. Quickly pick them up and take them to the designated potty area. Once they go in the right spot, praise them profusely. Yelling at a puppy or kitten for going to the bathroom in the wrong spot will only scare and confuse them. It's best to spend a lot of time watching them, use lots of praise, and be patient.

Night time:

Cats are nocturnal, and kittens will keep you up all night. If you want to get a good night sleep, do not let them in your bedroom. Provide your kitten with a lot of toys to keep her busy, plenty of water, and then shut your door. Once she is older and has calmed down you can consider having her in your room at night. Puppies are diurnal, but they often have a difficult time adjusting to being away from their mom and litter mates, especially at night. The best way to reduce anxiety is to keep them in a crate any time they are alone. The small space helps puppies feel safe. Fill it with lots of easily washable, warm, comfy blankets, a few toys, and water to help your puppy sleep through the night. If you can get a piece of cloth or blanket from the puppy's original home, the familiar smell will also help him calm down.

Veterinary care:

It's very important to give your pet regular vet visits right from the start. Many puppies and kittens come home with ear mites, worms, fleas and ticks, and more serious diseases like Kennel cough. A check-up will allow a vet to check for any of these common issues, prescribe medicines, and start administering important vaccinations. When you decide to bring a pet into your life, you are responsible for the quality of their life, and regular vet visits are a bit part of this equation.

Supplies:

Both puppies and kittens are happiest when they have lots of toys to occupy their time. Look for soft toys without any hard parts, such as eyes, they can rip off. Cats benefit greatly from a climbing and scratching post, especially if they will stay inside. Puppies will need a collar, name tag, and a leash right away. Both puppies and kittens will need a high quality natural pet food with no fillers. Growing pets have different requirements, and it's important to make sure they are getting the right food and the right quantity.

New pets are fun and a fantastic addition to your life, as long as you are prepared. It's important to do a little research, and to think hard about the reality of many years of vet bills, feeding, watering, and exercising your pet. If you do it right, you will have a loving companion and excellent stories for many years to come.

STAFF PRODUCT PICKS - Wendy Broderick / Alpine Minis Ex-Pens - These collapsible exercise pens are a must have for puppies. They give them room to play and be puppies, and they set up quickly and easily with no tools! They also work great in and outdoors



Poochie Bells - Poochie bells are a great tool for training your pup to ask to go out. Much better than having them wack the door with their paws! High quality bells and they are stylish enough to have in any room.