



The Companion

March 2015

Friends Forever Humane Society Newsletter

2015: CELEBRATING 62 YEARS OF GIVING COMPANION ANIMALS A SECOND CHANCE

If you're bored this spring, it's not our fault!

We have three opportunities for you to have fun and support our furry friends at the same time!

Get Lucky with the FFHS March Madness Raffle!

The odds of having a perfect bracket for this annual college basketball playoff have been reported as 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808. That's 9.2 quintillion, or 9.2 billion written 1 billion times. According to USA TODAY, if all the world's population filled out just one bracket every year, it would take 1.3 billion years to get a 100% correct bracket. That means dinosaurs alive 65 million years ago could have been filling out brackets and we'd still just be 5% of the way to perfection!

But you don't even have to be a basketball fan to win \$500 or more with our March Madness raffle. Tickets are just \$10 each, 3 for \$20, or 8 for \$50. Only 1,000 tickets (maximum) will be sold, with cash prizes as follows:

- 1st place (first drawn) – \$500 guaranteed or 10% of total dollars in ticket sales, whichever is greater
- 2nd place (second drawn) – 5% of total dollars in ticket sales
- 3rd place (third drawn) – 3% of total dollars in ticket sales
- 4th place (fourth drawn) – 2% of total dollars in ticket sales
- 5th place (fifth drawn) – 1% of total dollars in ticket sales

Tickets will be sold through 5 p.m. on April 5, the day before the final NCAA Tournament game, and winners will be drawn after the game – ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available through FFHS board members and volunteers or at the Friends Forever shelter office, so win BIG with Friends Forever, and make our pups and kittens big winners too!



CALENDAR

MARCH

All month

- March Madness Raffle Tickets for sale
- 6-12 National Pet Sitters Week
- 23 National Puppy Day
- 31 Chili Day lunch and supper, Freeport Eagles Club

APRIL

All month

- Animal Cruelty Prevention Month (ASPCA)
- National Pet Month
- National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- National Heartworm Awareness Month
- 5 Last day to buy March Madness Raffle tickets
- 6 March Madness Raffle ticket winners drawn
- 10 ASPCA founded in 1866
- 11 National Pet Day
- 12-18 National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week
- 17-23 Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week
- 18-24 National Pet ID Week
- 24 Hairball Awareness Day
- 25 World Veterinary Day
- 26 National Kids & Pets Day
- 29 International Guide Dog Day
- 30 National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

MAY

- 2 Raise the Woof comedy night, Freeport Moose Lodge
- Board Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 5:45 pm – Freeport Public Library

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Next up is Chili Day!

Literally thousands of folks have enjoyed this event over the years. Please join us for lunch or supper – or both – for both traditional and vegetarian chili, cornmeal muffins, hotdogs, cheese, beverages, and homemade desserts. All proceeds directly benefit the companion animals at Friends Forever so bring your appetite, have a great meal or two, and know you’ve BEAN a real help to FFHS!



Tuesday, March 31

Freeport Eagles Club (1200 W Galena Avenue, across from Lincoln Mall)

Lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm • Supper 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Adults and children 9 and over: \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door

Children 8 and under: free

Carry-outs available

Tickets available at the door or in advance at the Shelter or from any FFHS board member



Raise The Woof!

Get ready for some side-splitting comedy at Raise the Woof, a stand-up comedy tour that works with animal rescues around the country to give a voice to animals through laughter. We’ll have more info soon on the headliners, but mark your calendar now for a night of great food and fun benefitting Friends Forever and the rescued pets at Critter Camp Exotic Pet Sanctuary.

Saturday, May 2

Freeport Moose Lodge, 601 East South Street, Freeport

Doors open at 6:00 pm, show starts at 8:00 pm

Tickets \$15 or \$170 for a reserved table of 8 close to performers

Grill menu & full bar available

Silent auction • Free chair massages • Free tarot/psychic readings

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Wish List

We appreciate all donations!

Here is our wish list, including both daily-use items and those we have included as special, larger donations that will add to the safety and security of our staff, visitors, and animals. If you have questions, please contact the shelter, and thank you!

Daily Use

We ALWAYS need these items!

- Purina Dog & Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Double pocket folders
- High efficiency (HE) laundry soap
- Garbage bags (55, 39, and 13 gallon)
- Copy paper
- Gift cards for Staples, Menards, Farm & Fleet, Walmart and Home Hardware
- Clay cat litter
- Chew bones
- Treats
- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Glass cleaner

Shelter/Park Improvement and Maintenance Items

- 6x6 treated posts 8’ long
- Security camera system
- Picnic tables
- Benches for the dog park
- Large dog kennels
- Grooming table
- Gator or similar UTV with dump box for park maintenance

Special Request

We would like a tablet (iPad or similar) to be able to bring to adoption events, use as a second computer at the office, and generally allow us to be more portable in our computing. If you got a new one at the holidays, we’d be happy to receive your older one!

Thank you!

TREASURER'S LETTER



Thank
you for
a good
year!

As I sit here and look out at all the snow, waiting for spring, I have good news to report. We ended 2014 better than expected, and I was expecting a lot. At the time I wrote my last

letter, I was hoping for ending the year with over \$30,000 in the bank. We definitely accomplished that goal. We started 2015 with spendable cash of \$40,824. By spendable cash I mean that all the reserved funds not used in 2014 had been moved to the money market for safe keeping, and the \$40,824 was left to spend as needed. This is actually a little over \$2,000 ahead of where we were at the start of 2014, so it is a definite improvement.

So for 2015, I would like us to set the bar a little higher. How about setting a goal to end the year with over \$45,000 spendable cash in the bank?

Thank you to everyone who helped us have such a great year in 2014; without your continued support of time, supplies, and monetary donations we would not be where we are today. May we all have a equally wonderful year in 2015!

Terri Matthews, Treasurer
Friends Forever Humane Society

Please note that in order to help with newsletter costs, we have elected to discontinue publishing actual financials in the newsletter. However, these are always available to you by calling the shelter or emailing us at info@friendsforeverhs.org.

President's Letter

It is with great pleasure and eager anticipation I welcome everyone to 2015. I am excited to once again have the honor of being the Board President for Friends Forever and look forward to a busy and fulfilling year. The board has all 13 seats full for the first time in a couple of years, which has brought some new faces and new perspectives to the organization.

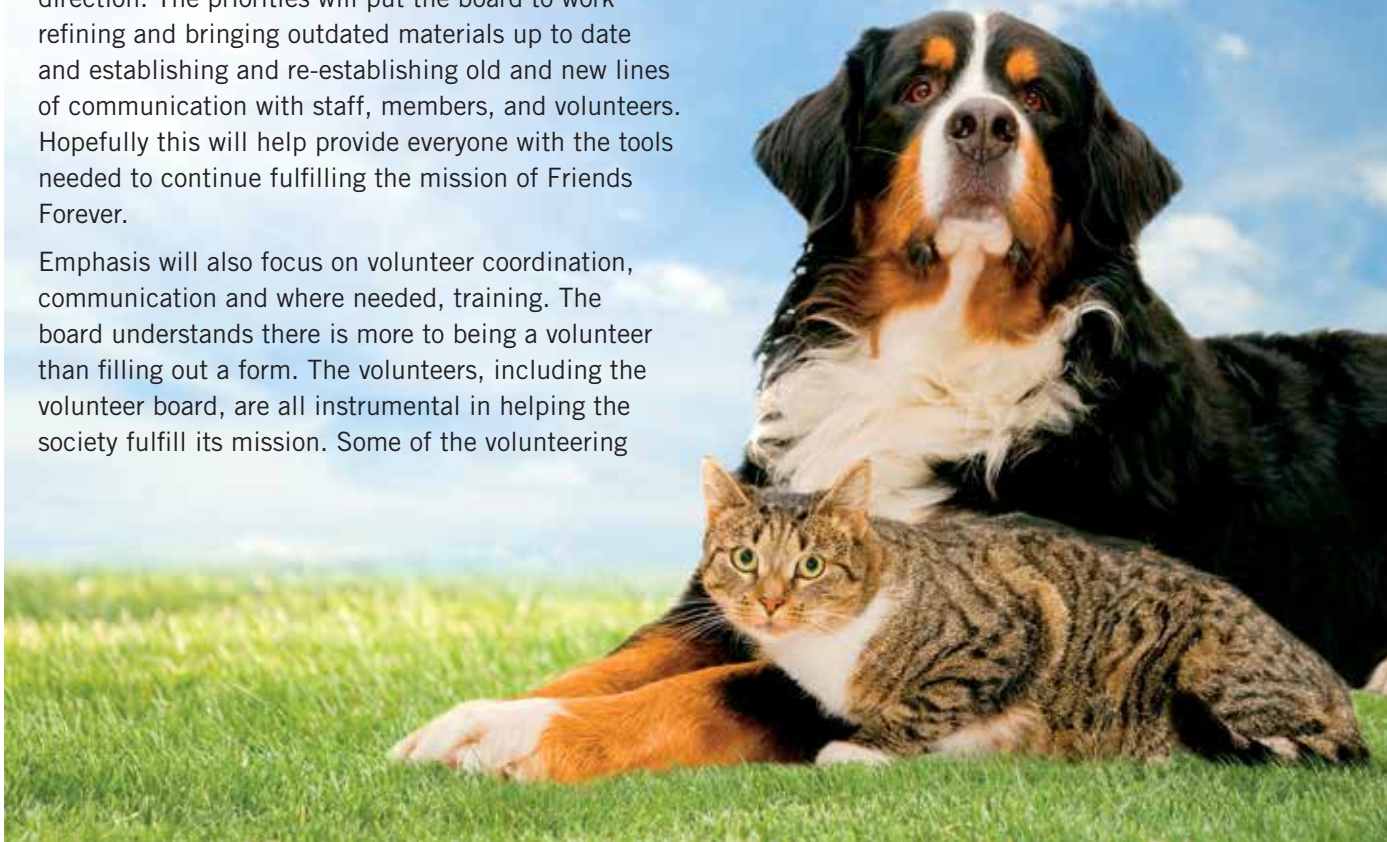
As a group, the board has set some very important priorities to keep the Shelter moving in a positive direction. The priorities will put the board to work refining and bringing outdated materials up to date and establishing and re-establishing old and new lines of communication with staff, members, and volunteers. Hopefully this will help provide everyone with the tools needed to continue fulfilling the mission of Friends Forever.

Emphasis will also focus on volunteer coordination, communication and where needed, training. The board understands there is more to being a volunteer than filling out a form. The volunteers, including the volunteer board, are all instrumental in helping the society fulfill its mission. Some of the volunteering

happens out front while some takes place behind the scenes, but it is all important to our success.

As we approach what hopefully will be an early spring, I believe I can speak for the entire board in thanking all of you for your past support of Friends Forever and for your anticipated future support as well. Please take the time to visit the shelter often and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Doug



I am glad to know “kids today!”

All of us have heard people lamenting about how “things were so much better” when they were younger, and how “kids today” just aren’t headed anywhere good. Indeed, if you google “kids today” you’ll come up with everything from how depressed today’s youth are to all of the great things that yesterday’s youngsters had that today’s kids are missing.

In one of the online lists of the “simple pleasures today’s kids will never know” were things like rotary- dial phones, typewriters, and tan M&Ms. I don’t know about you, but I’m pretty impressed with today’s smartphones and computers, and who cares what color M&M’s are as long as they’re chocolate? But what really impresses me is the great kids I meet through Friends Forever.

The next time you read about a kid who’s caused trouble, remember that for every one of them, there are many great kids who care about and support worthy causes. When it comes to animals, here are two who come to my mind. The first is a young man who raised \$200 for FFHS just by collecting spare change from family and friends. The second is a local girl who asked that instead of birth-



day gifts for her, her family and friends provide supplies for FFHS.

There have been many generous youngsters who have volunteered their time and talents or raised funds for FFHS –

these are just two who are fairly recent. These “kids today” are making a difference, and I just have to believe that they will grow into caring, involved, upbeat adults!

How can we interest your kids or your neighbors’ kids in becoming involved with FFHS? How can we help them experience the pride that comes with volunteering for a great cause like homeless animals? Let me know, or get in contact with our current volunteers or board members with any ideas you have. I am very glad to have the opportunity to get to know “kids today,” and I would happily enjoy meeting more of them!

Carol Falconer

Friends Forever Shelter Manager



Will you be a Friends Forever BFF?



Best Friends Forever

you wish and whatever level you choose, your contribution will help provide quality food, housing, and medical care for animals who through no fault of their own have found themselves waiting here for their forever homes!

Just go to www.friendsforeverhs.org and click on the BFF logo to sign up today, and we’ll send you a BFF window cling that you can proudly display to show everyone how much you care. Thank you for remembering our furry friends by being their BEST friend!

Our Best Friends Forever (BFFs) commit to a monthly contribution to Friends Forever, automatically charged to a credit card or handled by check. If you choose to donate by credit card you don’t ever need to do another thing!

Suggested monthly levels are \$10, \$17, \$33, and \$48, but you can designate any amount

These generous folks said YES!

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The best doctor in the world is the veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what's the matter. *He's*

We're pleased to include an article from a Freeport-area vet in the Friends Forever newsletter! Authors will change from

Heartworm: Be sure you're on the offensive!

Heartworm protection for both dogs and cats is such a commonly advertised pet treatment that it could be easy to forget how important it is. In fact, while it's easy to keep at bay, heartworm is definitely a potentially fatal disease and preventing it should be a regular part of your pet's healthcare regimen.

Heartworm disease is caused by worms over a foot long that live in the animal's heart, lungs, and related blood vessels. It can cause heart failure and lung disease as well as damaging many other organs in your pet's body. It can affect both dogs and cats (and ferrets), as well as other critters like coyotes and foxes. Because these types of wild animals often live close to urban areas and rural communities and can come in contact with domesticated pets, they are definitely considered carriers.



Heartworm disease is transmitted via mosquito. Adult female heartworms living in an infected dog, fox, coyote, or wolf produce microscopic baby worms called microfilaria that circulate in the bloodstream. When a mosquito bites an infected animal, it picks up these baby worms, which develop and mature into larvae in 10 to 14 days. When the infected mosquito then bites another susceptible animal, the infective larvae enter the new host through the mosquito's bite wound. It takes about 6 months for the larvae to mature into adult heartworm, at which time they can live for 5 to 7 years in dogs and up to 2 or 3 years in cats. Because of their long lifespan, each new mosquito season can increase the number of worms in an infected pet.

Not just a dog's disease

Heartworm disease is found more often in dogs than cats. Heartworms in a dog can mature, mate, and produce offspring, all inside the dog. Hundreds of worms can be found in untreated dogs with the disease. Even if they can be eliminated – which is easier said than done – they can cause permanent damage that may affect a dog's quality of life. Because of this, it's important to catch the disease as early as possible in its progression, or better yet, prevent it.

Many dogs show few or no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. Symptoms can include a mild persistent cough, reluctance to exercise, easy fatigue, decreased appetite, and



weight loss. As the disease progresses, their bellies may swell due to excess fluid in the abdomen. Dogs with large numbers of heartworms can develop a sudden blockage of blood flow that results in a life-threatening form of cardiovascular collapse. This is called caval syndrome, and is marked by a sudden onset of labored breathing, pale gums, and dark bloody or coffee-colored urine. Without prompt surgical removal of the heartworm blockage, few dogs survive.

While cats can indeed contract heartworm disease, it's much less common than in dogs and most worms in cats do not survive to the adult stage. Cats with adult heartworms typically have just one to three worms compared to potentially hundreds in dogs, which means that many fewer grow to maturity inside the cat.

However, this also means that heartworm disease often goes undiagnosed in cats, and even immature worms can cause serious damage due to a condition called heartworm associated respiratory disease (HARD). It's especially important to regularly test for heartworm disease in cats because the medication used to treat heartworm infections in dogs cannot be used in cats, so prevention is their only means of protection.

Symptoms of heartworm disease in cats range from negligible to dramatic, including coughing, asthma-like attacks, periodic vomiting, lack of appetite, weight loss, seizures, or fluid accumulation in the abdomen. Unfortunately, the first sign can also be a sudden collapse or death, often from complications such as blood clots and inflammation if adult worms die in the cat's body.

Prevention is better than the cure!

The American Heartworm Society recommends that you “think 12” when protecting your pet from heartworm disease.

1. Get your pet tested every 12 months for heartworm.

The test is usually an easy one, requiring just a small blood sample from your pet that detects the presence of heartworm proteins. Most vets can process heartworm tests right in their offices for immediate results, but if not, even sending the sample off to a lab still will give you a quick answer. When pets test positive, further tests may be ordered and your vet will give you instructions to help you care for them at home as they recover. For puppies and kittens under a year old, consult your vet as preventives are based on weight and young animals grow fast! The important thing to remember is ANNUAL testing; even when your pet is on year-round heartworm prevention, this is necessary to ensure that the prevention program is working. If there has been a lapse in prevention (one or more late or missed doses), pets should be tested immediately, again six months later, and then annually after that.

2. Give your pet heartworm preventive 12 months a year.

There are several different treatments available, from pills to topical medications – you and your vet can determine what’s best for your pet. Even in regions of the country with cold winters, the American Heartworm Society recommends year-round prevention program. The mosquito population continues to evolve, and some even overwinter indoors. Year-round prevention is the safest option. Unfortunately, there are no commercially available vaccines for the prevention of heartworm disease.

One question we get is whether a prescription is needed for heartworm preventive medication. The answer is yes. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeling on heartworm preventives states that the medication is to be used by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. This means heartworm

preventives must be purchased from your vet or with a prescription from him or her through a pet pharmacy.

While just a good idea in general, another reason for this is that some heartworm preventives are effective against certain intestinal parasites. While that may sound like a super two-for-one treatment opportunity, it may not be a good idea for your particular pet. With the history of your pet in mind, your veterinarian is the best person to determine the right product for him or her.

In closing, if you remember 12/12, your pet will be protected. With heartworm disease, your best defense is a good offense.

Dr. William B. Condie, DVM
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Thank you...

To the generous people who've helped Friends Forever through memorials and donations.
The following lists cover the timeframe from November 14, 2014 to February 17, 2015.

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Freeport Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture

Dr. Don Doaks

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Florence Hitchcock

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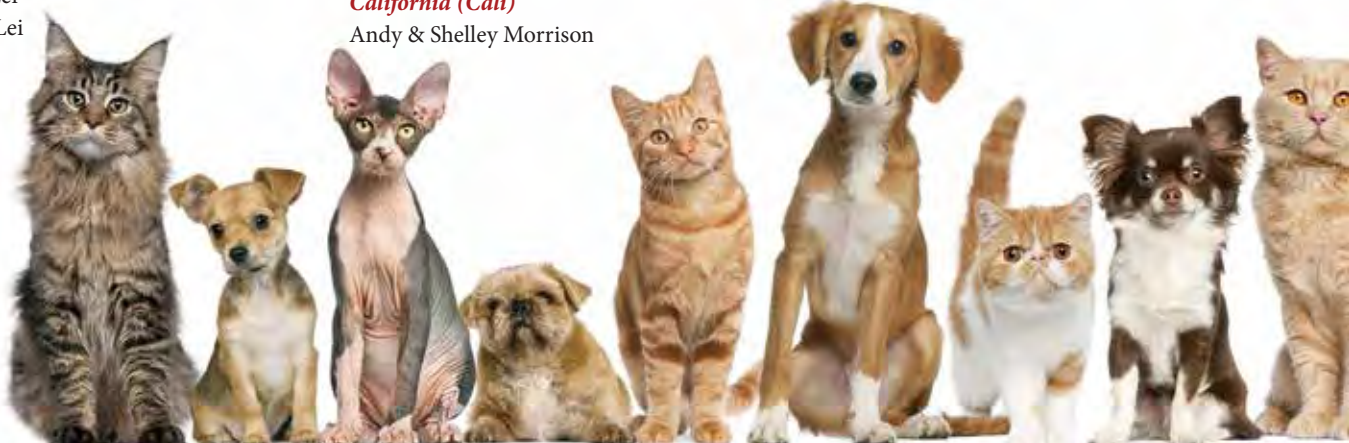
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BB - 17 years of Love

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Bobby and Bandit

Ruth & Jim Sturtevant

Callie

Bonnie & Larry Hughes

Cobb, Black Lab

Scott Lillie

Coconut

Marilyn Janssen

Destiny, Her Little Yorkie

Betty Rupnow

Big Buddy; Butch's beloved Doberman

Laurie Broughton

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Kelly, Irma, Michael, Morse, Scott and Nyssa

Marilyn, Dave and Jake Rice

Digger Phelps Richter

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Dusty #2 Young

Given Anonymously

Eldrige

Kathy Eanes

Holly

Paul & Carolyn Crank

J.D., Joey & Lainie

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Jack

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Dixie

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Jamie, her dog

Mabel Doll

Leigh a chocolate Siamese

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Marie Arnquist

Pebbles & Cali

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MYA SFD (single female dog) – Hello there! I'm Mya and I'm a four-year-old terrier mix with a stunning brindle coat. I'm a full-figured gal, or so I've been told, but I'm not at all opposed to active romping; I'd be glad to take more walks and play around with a family to slim down a bit to a more svelte size. I like everyone I meet and am fine with most other dogs and cats too. I enjoy being around folks, and am happy just hangin' out. I'd love to join you on your couch – if I had opposable thumbs, my personality would have me taking up knitting! Come meet me soon and let me show you how happy we can be!



ANDY SMC (single male cat) – Hi everyone! I'm Andy. I was a stray before I came to Friends Forever, but now I know that people are GREAT! I haven't met one yet that I don't like. I'm good with other animals, and I'm ready to be your best pal. I'm not quite two years old, so I have a lot of years of love to give and while I'm not hyper, I do like to be in on whatever action is goin' down. Have you got room on your lap for me? I hope so, and I hope to meet you soon!



Are you a responsible pet owner?

We just finished Responsible Pet Owners Month in February, and here are three ways the experts say you can make sure you're a bonafide member of that group.

KEEP IDS UP TO DATE AND VISIBLE. There's no way to know when or how you could be separated from your pet, but it's a sure bet that without identification, it'll be a lot harder to get them back. All pets should be micro-chipped, but remember that just having the microchip is not enough: *you have to register it in your name.* This is one of the most common things pet owners overlook. If you don't register your pet in your name, the best you can hope for is that a lost pal is returned to a shelter it occupied at some time in its life since that's likely where the last registration may be. A collar with your pet's name and contact information for you is also a good idea and can certainly speed up the process of reuniting lost pets and their owners, but remember that collars can come off – having a current microchip is crucial.

TRAIN AND/OR PLAY – EVERY DAY! Even if you only have time for a few quick moments, you need to constantly reinforce your bond with your pet. Cats will enjoy a bit of play if they're



active, and some quality “lap time” should fit into anyone's schedule. A little training every day is a great way to keep your dog connected to you AND more obedient because dogs are hardwired to live in an orderly “pack” environment. Even if all you do is a quick bit of practice and reward with behaviors your dog already knows (come, sit, down, shake), you will underscore your role in your dog's life as the pack leader – and make him or her feel like a well-adjusted pack member.

KEEP THEM MOVING. There's ample evidence that pudgy animal pals are more prone to injury and illness, and are far more susceptible to mobility problems too. Studies have shown that on average, pets that are slightly underweight live longer than overweight ones. More food is not more love, no matter what you think your pet is telling you with those big eyes. Whether you are taking your dog for a walk or having a game of catch-the-feather with your cat, it's good for them AND you to be active. Missing a day now and then isn't a problem, but make sure it's not too often.

So in 2015, start or renew your commitment to be a responsible pet owner – it takes some effort to make sure your furry family members are happy and healthy, but it's certainly worth it!



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