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THINKING ABOUT ADOPTING?



Here are some questions to ask FIRST:

Why do I want a pet? Does everyone in the family agree? Hint: "Because it's cute" is not a good answer!

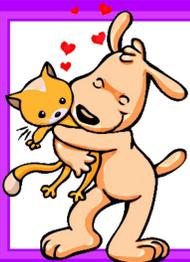
How much time do we have to spend with a pet? Being chained or penned is no life for a pet!

Do I have the money to afford food, vet bills, spay/neuter, grooming, leashes, toys, beds, treats, pet sitters, etc.? Pets have needs too!

What do I know about the behavior traits and needs of different breeds and which one is best for my family? Hint: a Chihuahua & a Husky are not the same!

Am I willing to learn proper pet care and handling? Both kids & pets need to know the rules.

Am I willing to commit to the loving care of a pet for up to 15-20 years, no matter what? A pet should be a friend for life!



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HOW MUCH DOES A PET COST?

Before getting a pet, it's important to think about what the animal will need. Here are some costs to consider:

Spay or neuter to prevent unwanted litters and protect health. \$50 to \$400!

Nutritious food: Better food provides better health & less waste. For a cat or small dog, about \$20-\$30 each month. Large dog, about \$50 or more per month!

Yearly check-up and vaccinations: up to \$100 to \$200 per pet. Your pet may also need other veterinary care throughout the year.

Clean litter box for cats: \$10-20/mo., & more for multiple cat households.



You'll need a collar, ID tag or microchip, toys, grooming supplies, treats, leashes, and for cats, a scratching post. Add these in!

Think ahead and be prepared!

Too many pets end up at the shelter because the owners can't afford them.

Talk to friends and offer to pet-sit or help at your local shelter to see what it takes to be a good pet owner!

Find more info at Petfinder.com & pinterest.com/easttennesseesp

