

## 7 Easy Steps To Help Keep Your Pet Safe and Healthy

### Step #1 – Vaccinations

Keep your pet current on vaccinations and just like us they should have wellness exams at least once a year.

### Step #2 – Parasite Prevention

Heartworms, Fleas, Ticks, Roundworms and many other stomach worms can be treated and prevented. Your pet should be on some kind of monthly treatment. See your veterinarian for which medication would be best in your area.

### Step # 3 – Identification

Collars, Name Tags with current up to date information, and Microchips increase the chances of your pet being returned to you if they should run off by over 50%.

### Step # 4 – Travel Safely

Always restrain your pet while in the car or truck. NEVER have your pet in the back of the pickup truck loose, put them in a kennel or cage. Make multiple stops to allow your pet to drink if needed or just stretch out. Be aware that feeding your pet right before or during your trip could cause them to be car sick, so lighter meals or waiting til you arrive may help.

### Step # 5 – Fences

You may have heard the saying that fences make for better neighbors, well this is true for our pets. Fences help your pet to know their boundaries as well as keep them safe from the road. Electronic fences are great just be aware that they only keep your pet in, not others out.

### Step # 6 – Backyard Care

Outdoor pets need plenty of shade in the summer as well as plenty of water. But did you know that more pets have lack of water issues in the winter. Water left outside freezes making it impossible for your pet to drink it. Frequently check your pet water dishes during any kind of weather but especially severe weather.

### Step # 7 – Walks

Walk your dog frequently, they need the exercise as much as we do. This keeps them healthy, lean and fit. Always walk your dog on a leash, this gives you control in case of unforeseen circumstances. Many injuries can occur when dogs are off their leash.