IF YOU WANT TO BE A RESPONSIBLE CAREGIVER, WHO CAN GUARANTEE THE NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THE QUALITY OF LIFE IT DESERVES,

make sure ...

1. **You know the implications it will have in your life**
2. **You are aware of the responsibility it entails**
3. **You have time and space**
4. **You have informed yourself about the characteristics, character and vitality of the animal**
5. **The enthusiasm for sharing your life with an animal is not fleeting.**

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Responsible ownership is a commitment for the animal's entire life

Think about it!

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Practical tips for responsible ownership





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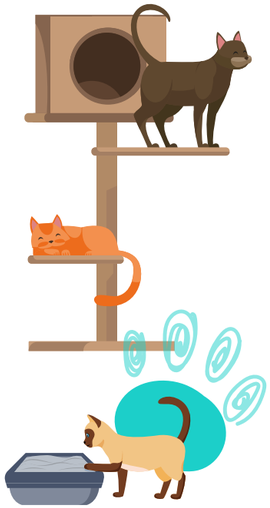
DOGS



- **Life expectancy** ranges from 10 to 13 years. The smaller the breed, the longer they tend to live.
- **Exploratory behaviour** greatly enriches their lives by recognising people and other animals through scent.
- It is important **to prevent** them from consuming onions, chocolate, grapes or nuts.
- There are professionals who study animal **behaviour,** called ethologists, who can help you improve the coexistence with your dog.
- **Training and play** sessions allow for better behavioural control and enhance the dog's bonding, communication and brain development.
- **If you are going to travel,** be aware that there are authorised kennels that can take care of your dog in a responsible manner.



CATS



- **Life expectancy** ranges from 12 to 18 years.
- You will need to install **protection elements**, such as nets in windows, terraces and balconies to prevent them from falling into the void.
- They love to have access to a **running water** source.
- **Tower scratching posts** are indispensable for cats, as they allow them to scratch, serve as an elevated platform and are a great play centre.
- It can be positive to have two or more **litter boxes** for each cat, well separated in different spots of the house.
- **If you are going to travel,** it is important that you know that cats prefer to stay at home and have someone take of them.

EXOTIC ANIMALS



- **Life expectancy** varies a lot depending on the species, from hamsters, which usually live for 3 years, to parrots, which can reach 50.
- There are **vets specialised** in ensuring the health of exotic animals.
- It is beneficial to provide a **corner** where the animal can hide comfortably.
- You must make sure that the **animal's keeping** is permitted by the regulations in force.





- **Covering the carrier,** terrarium or cage can minimise the stress suffered by animals during the journey to the vet.
- **If you are going to travel,** make sure someone regularly checks there have been no breakdowns or power failure that could affect the functioning of the automatic maintenance of the aquariums or terrariums.