



FLEA TICK AND WORMS:

Dogs need regular flea, tick and worm treatment. Your vet or pet professional can offer advice on what treatment is needed. This is mainly done at home via a tablet routine. Puppies require more regular worming and attention.



EXERCISE

Dogs love and need daily activity, daily routine is vital to your dogs health and wellbeing. Especially, they need to experience the world through their noses. Any kind of travel is interesting. A little space and some toys will allow your dog to play alone. A large bone is an absorbing workout.

SOME EXTRA TIPS TO BE DOG-AWESOME



Dogs need exercise: Dogs love a run, a play and a sniff. Remember dogs invented social media eons ago so take time out everyday to walk your dog. Allowing pet time to sniff and investigate is good for him/her mentally. Dogs gain knowledge of the world through their noses.

Keep your dog on a leash in public spaces: dogs can get excited and over react, so be aware and stay Dog-Awesome.

Companionship: More than anything your dog wants to be with you.

A Dog-Awesome Owner also understands the the importance of:

Picking up after your dog's done its business - they can't do it themselves!

Keeping the noise levels down - dogs bark for a reason, so be aware and considerate of neighbours.

Fencing - ensure your property is fenced and that dogs are safely secured behind the fence.

For more information on how you can be Dog-Awesome visit our website:
cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

Your dog will think you're the greatest human being to ever walk the earth, your dog will be one of the best friends you'll ever have.

Don't let him or her down.

For more information, tips and help on good dog ownership, search 'cassowary coast good dog owner guide' or visit your local council office.

Lost dog, dog complaint or dog question? Call the Council's customer service team on **1300 763 903** or email: enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au



Essential tips, info and advice to keep your dog happy, healthy and safe.



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Be a good owner and you will have a good dog

The benefits of successful dog/human relationships are well known; a dog can be a wonderful addition to the life of an individual, a family or a household.

Happy, well-adjusted dogs equally benefit a community, but this requires co-operation and a level of responsibility from dog owners.

Apart from the commitment and understanding required to create a happy, well-adjusted dog, there are legal, financial and social obligations you should be aware of.

Start here and be a good dog owner, it doesn't take much to be as awesome as your dog thinks you are.

BEFORE YOU BUY OR ADOPT



PAUSE

Before you rush out and get a dog consider the hard work and lifetime commitment. A dog will be your loyal friend for life, and will look to you for guidance, love and play. A dog is a companion — for life.



BREED

Choosing a new best friend can be a challenge. Do a little research on the characteristics of different breeds to choose the right dog for you. Think first in terms of size, hair type, temperament and research known health problems.



GOOD DOG

A good dog is made by a good human. A good dog behaves well in the community. Unfortunately, you can't buy good behavior; it has to be learnt, and it requires an ongoing commitment from both owner and dog.



The Good Owner CHECKLIST



Dogs can learn up to **165** words, consistency is the key. To keep your dog safe, there are five basic commands you should learn together:

SIT, DOWN, STAY, COME, HEEL

LEGAL STUFF



REGISTER

All dogs on the Cassowary Coast must be registered annually with Cassowary Coast regional Council by July 1st. Because Registration enables us to reunite you and your dog if it gets lost



MICROCHIPPED

It is a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped in Queensland. Ideally your dog will be microchipped before you buy or adopt. Otherwise, see your vet.



LIABILITY

As the owner/keeper of your dog, you are both personally and legally liable for its actions.



FINES

There are over 50 possible dog-related fines. Follow this guide and you'll be fine, not fined.



A HEALTHY DOG



DIET

Good Nutrition is important for dogs. Give your dog a mixture of meat, grains, vegetables, fruit and vitamins. How, when and what your dog is fed is up to you but regular feeding is important. Most professional pet stores can offer advice on what your specific pet needs, just try not to underfeed, or overfeed.



WATER

We live in a hot part of the world, sometimes VERY HOT. Make sure your dog has a constant supply of clean water all year round. Always provide more than one drinking bowl and position them in the shade. NEVER confine your dog in the car.



A QUIET PLACE

All dogs need a safe place 'to call home'; a comfortable bed in a quiet area away from distractions, out of direct sunlight, secure and free from hazards. And like us, they must be given the opportunity to go to the toilet a couple of times a day.



VACCINATIONS

All dogs require vaccinations throughout their life to prevent disease. These are injections administered by a vet.