

ADULT SKILLS CLASS #1 - Pet Readiness Class:

Course Description: Owning and caring for a pet is a big responsibility. This adult skills class, geared toward pet ownership readiness, guides the student through the process of pet type discernment through to pet purchase, including breed, habitat, diet, medical considerations and the like. When this class is complete, the student should have all facts required and consideration given to owning a pet of his/her own.

Method: With help from Mom and Dad, student will obtain books about choices and subsequently about desired pet. Once student has researched what type of pet he/she believes will fit best with his capabilities and personality. He/she will research all elements of successful pet ownership; breed, habits, habitat, food requirements, cost, etc.

Content: Learn to own and care for a pet.

Graduation: Upon researching all elements and passing the "Pet Readiness Checklist" student will take required funds and acquire pet.

Pet Readiness Checklist.

No	Question	Answer	Mentor Approval Initial
	Pet Type / Breed		
1.	What type of pet do you plan to buy, type, breed, etc.?		
2.	How did you decide, what criteria did you use to decide on this type of pet?		
3.	What sources did you use to discern pet type and care for pet? If you read books, which ones or how many?		
	Habitat		
4.	What type of habitat will it require?		
5.	How do you plan to provide a home for this pet?		
6.	What type of maintenance / upkeep is required for the habitat? (supplies, cleaning frequency)		
7.	Are there indoor/outdoor considerations?		

8.	Are there climate considerations (min/max temperature for pet)?		
9.	What other supplies might your pet require (toys, litter box, etc.)?		
Health and life of pet			
10.	What does this pet eat?		
11.	How much food per month will this pet require?		
12.	Can you plan to feed your pet to help offset costs (maybe plant greens in garden during summer / fall months, or hunt for food for your pet?) if so what would you grow, hunt?		
13.	Will it require veterinary visits?		
14.	Will your pet need to be spayed or neutered? At what age is it safe to have your pet spay / neutered?		
15.	Are there shots your pet will require?		
16.	Which vet (if necessary) will your pet visit?		
17.	How often should your pet visit the vet?		
18.	What things need to be removed from our home / yard to ensure the safety of this pet (what is poisonous to your pet, types of plants, etc.)?		
19.	If your family takes a trip, what do you plan to do to have your pet properly		

	cared for in your absence?		
	Cost		
20.	Approximately, how much does your pet cost?		
21.	Expected monthly veterinary costs?		
22.	Expected monthly food costs? (take into consideration a garden for feeding your pet or other things you can do to offset food costs)		
23.	Total expected cost for habitat?		
24.	Total expected annual cost of pet (food, vet, etc.)		
25.	How to you plan to supplement your income to accommodate these new expenses?		

Checklist Completed By: _____

On this Day: _____, 2011

Approved By: _____

On this Day: _____, 2011

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU NOW ARE READY TO OWN AND CARE FOR YOUR OWN PET!!

With Love,
Mom & Dad