



DRAYTON VALLEY



Welcoming a pet to your home for the first time?



You've decided to welcome a new family member – a pet! Whether adopting a playful pup or a spunky cat, there are different things to prepare for your new family member. Review our checklist on how to prepare!

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Prepare the family!

Establish the required budget and consider:

- Food
- Animal Licencing
- Accessories/Toys/Bedding
- Veterinarian Care/Medication
- Boarding
- Insurance
- Pet first-aid kit

Set ground rules:

- Where can the pet go and not go in the home or in the yard?
- Are they permitted on furniture?
- Where will they be sleeping?
- How will you introduce to the family?
- How will you introduce to other pets in the household?
- Establish your pets' routine
- Learn the local Animal Control Bylaws
- Who will be doing which chores related to pets?

Essential Services?

Veterinarian

Pet Insurance

Pet Sitter

Groomer

Dog Walker

Prepare your home!

Secure your home and yard

- Ensure doors, gates and windows latch properly
- Confirm all fences are secure, are the correct height, and are in good condition
- Make sure there are no potential escape routes
- Notify anyone that may routinely be in your yard of a new animal (e.g., Meter-maid)
- Order a Pets on Premises sticker and display on your front door in case of an emergency

Pet proof your home

- Tie-up long blind cords
- Invest in tightly closing garbage cans and pet-food containers
- Walk your home and view it from your pets perspective and eliminate or move anything that looks tempting
- If you have house plants, ensure they are non-toxic or out of reach

Creating a space in your home

- Get a bed for your pet
- Invest in a crate, carrier, or both
- Plan for a play area
- Purchase pet toys
- Purchase pet grooming accessories
- Stock up on necessary supplies
 - ID Tags with phone number, pets name and pets address
 - Pet Food (hard/soft)
 - Food and water dishes
 - Treats
 - Leashes
 - Waste bags
 - Litterbox, scoop and litter
 - Training pads
 - Animal coats/boots
 - Baby-gate or ex-pen
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Scratch posts/pads

Determine Emergency Plan

Are you prepared in case of an emergency?

- Who is responsible for getting animals prepared?
- How will animals be transported?
- Do you need any special equipment to help capture the animal before transporting?
- Where can/can't you stay with your animals?
- Emergency Preparedness kit for Animals (Plan for at least 14 days)
 - Food
 - Water
 - Medication
 - Toys
 - Vet Records
 - Waste Bags/Litter Box and Litter
 - Pet Carrier (labelled with yours and the pets information)
 - Pet First-aid kit and guidebook
 - Recent photo of you and your pet together (proves ownership if you get separated)
- What do you do if you aren't home when you need to evacuate?
- What are your pets stressors and how can you calm them?
- Is your pet friendly with people and other animals?
- Do you have extra collars/leashes?
- If you are using can food, do you have a manual can opener?
- Does your pet have food allergies? If so, have a list prepared in case you have to board your animal

Pet first-aid kit

- Muzzle
- Protective/rubber gloves
- Rubbing alcohol/antiseptic wipes
- Hydrogen peroxide (3% strength)
- Stretch bandage or vet wrap
- Pen light
- Blanket for transport
- Cotton tipped swabs/balls
- Adhesive tape, gauze squares, gauze roll
- No stick sterile wound dressing
- Antibacterial soap
- Sterile rinse solution (saline, such as eyewash or wound flush)
- Clean syringes (1cc and 5cc)
- Splinting items (tongue depressor or popsicle stick for small pets)
- Bandage scissors
- Tweezers
- First aid ointment or cream
- Lubricating jelly or plain Vaseline
- Corn Syrup (for diabetic/low blood sugar)
- Instant cold packs
- Pet nail clippers

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