



February Is Responsible Pet Ownership Month

Being a pet parent is a gratifying, love-filled experience but one that also requires commitment and conscientious care. Responsible Pet Ownership Month in February reminds pet parents to stay vigilant in their efforts to keep their pets safe and healthy. Take a few minutes this month to survey the situation in your home.

- ✓ Does your pet have its ID and/or microchip? You certainly hear this question often enough, but it is a prudent reminder that can help prevent your pet from getting lost.
- ✓ Are you prepared with first aid kits? You may want to keep one at home and one in the car so that a kit is also available when you are on-the-go with your pet.
- ✓ Did you recently pet proof your home? Maybe it's time to take another look around to ensure that you are removing any potentially hazardous items, from exposed wires to certain houseplants that may pose a danger.
- ✓ Is your pet buckling up? Travel safely with your pet on the roads and in the air. Be sure to use proper restraints for your pet in the car, including harnesses that click into the car seat's buckle. If your pet is flying soon, be sure to acclimate your pet to its travel crate.
- ✓ Is it more than a year since your pet's last check-up? If so, schedule Biscuit's annual check-up at the vet. It's also a great time to speak to your vet about your pet's nutritional needs.
- ✓ If appropriate, consider spaying or neutering your dog, cat, rabbit or ferret.