

# Owning Your Dog and Cat Responsibly Makes Your Community a Better Place to Live

## To All Dog and Cat Owners!!

Complaints about dogs and cats have been continuously increasing in recent years. In order to create a community where dogs, cats and humans can live in harmony, it's important that you, the owner, realize that there may be those around you who don't like dogs or cats. **Try to put yourself in their shoes.** It's most likely that anything that would bother you would bother them. Understanding how others may feel will improve your morals, and lead to a more comfortable environment where we can all live in harmony!



## Make your community a better place to live! Strictly observe the following rules!



### 1 Don't let your dogs run loose!

Domestic dogs that are allowed to run loose tops the list of complaints regarding dogs, and dog bite accidents have been increasing. When you walk your dog, or even on your own property, put a collar on your dog and keep them on a leash.



### 2 Don't ever throw your dog or cat away!

It's not easy for domesticated dogs or cats previously owned to survive in the wild. Moreover, as a result of feral dogs and cats, many rare species of animals are facing extinction. Please take care of your dog and cat and give them lots of love and care.

**You may be imposed a fine of up to ¥500,000 for throwing away your dog or cat.**



### 3 Clean up after your pets!

Sidewalks and parks are becoming contaminated with dog and cat waste! When you go for a walk, always take something you can use to clean up after your pet. Be responsible and properly dispose your pet's mess! Please keep your cats indoors.



### 4 Exercise and Sanitation!

Have a good understanding of your pet's habits and behaviors. Keep them clean and well exercised so they don't build up stress. Stressed pets may behave aggressively, bark or meow for no apparent reason and become a nuisance to your neighbors.



### 5 Spay/ neuter your pets!

Many abandoned dogs and cats are puppies and kittens. They may be small, but their lives are still precious. Get your pet spayed or neutered !



### 6 Register and vaccinate your dog!

Dogs that are at least 91 days old must be registered (once in their lifetime) and receive the rabies vaccination once a year.

#### ● Register any dog you own.

Registration Application Fee: ¥3,000 ※If you lost your dog's license tag, get it re-issued for a fee of ¥1,600.

#### ● Get your dog vaccinated against rabies once a year.

Vaccination Fee (Regular Mass Vaccination): ¥2,450

※Get your dog vaccinated at a veterinary hospital if they were not able to get vaccinated at the regularly mass vaccination.

Vaccination Certificate Issuance Fee: ¥550

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