



Must Haves for Pet Owners ... and other people, too!

Respect

Showing respect means to show consideration, or to honor. All animals, whether they are pets or wild, deserve our respect:

- They are living creatures, just like us.
- They have feelings, just like us.

Responsibility

Playing with and feeding your pet are just the beginning of pet owner responsibilities. Owners must provide training, medical care, exercise, safe habitats, and grooming. They must clean up after their pets, too!

Wild animals need us to be responsible for protecting their habitats, and for recognizing their need to be left alone. If a wild animal is injured, an adult should notify the local Animal Care and Control Officer. Never go near an injured wild animal because it is probably frightened and in pain. A frightened, hurt animal is more likely to hurt you in order to protect itself.

Knowledge

Many fascinating creatures share the earth with us. We can learn about all of them through books in the library, the internet, or by asking people who work with animals to tell us about them.

