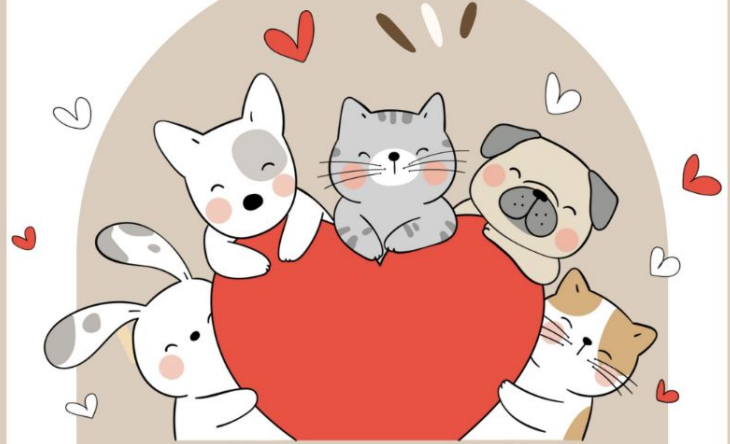


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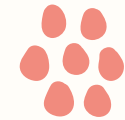
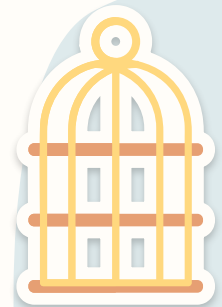
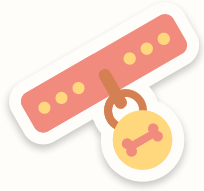
Nurturing Love for Pets

Through a series of fun activities, young readers will explore the world of pets, from dogs and cats to hamsters and fish, as they discover ways to care for and improve the lives of these beloved animal companions. With coloring pages, word games, and heartwarming stories of real-life pet heroes, this book not only entertains but also instills empathy and kindness in young hearts.

By Serena

Welcome!

Caring for Your Pet - Part 2: Exercise, Medical Care,
and Safety





06.

Identification



Microchipping

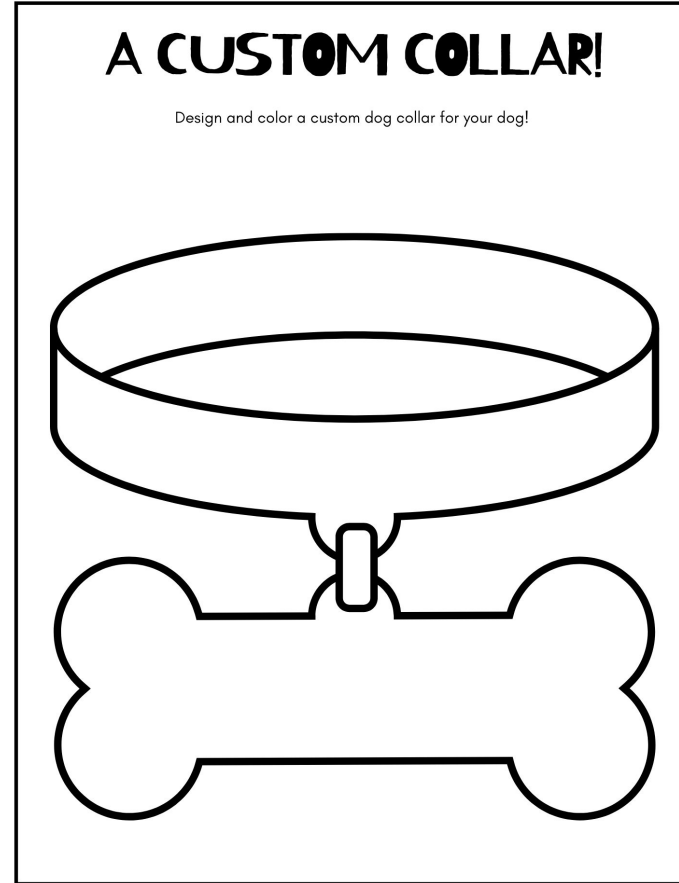
- A microchip is a tiny device, as small as a grain of rice, that a vet puts under a pet's skin. It's like a special ID that never gets lost!
- If your pet ever gets lost, a microchip helps animal shelters and vets figure out who they belong to, so they can get back home to you quickly.
- Microchipping is very safe and quick. It feels like getting a little pinch or a vaccination shot, and then it's all done!
- The microchip has a unique number on it that can be read by a scanner. When your pet is found, the scanner shows this number so the shelter can call you using the contact info you've linked to the chip.





Dog Collars

- A dog collar is a band made of cloth, leather, or plastic that goes around a dog's neck. It's like a necklace for dogs and can be colorful and fun!
- Collars help keep dogs safe. They hold identification tags with the dog's name and your phone number, just in case they wander off. Collars can also hold a leash for walking and a microchip for extra safety.
- It's important to pick a collar that fits well. It should be snug enough so it doesn't slip off but loose enough to fit two fingers under it comfortably. Also, choose a material that is durable and comfortable for your dog.





07.

Waste Management



SCOOP IT, DON'T SKIP IT: THE SCOOP ON PET WASTE

RESPONSIBLE PET WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- **BRING IT:** Always bring a plastic bag when you are out with your pet.
- **BAG IT:** Use the bag as a glove to pick up pet waste. Scoop up the waste and turn the bag inside out around the waste.
- **DISPOSE IT:** Properly dispose of pet waste by placing it in a trash can or flushing it, unbagged, down the toilet.



WHY IS PET WASTE A PROBLEM

It can result in:

- Environmental Pollution
- Health Risks
- Odor and Aesthetics issues
- Contamination of Waterways
- Leftover waste can attract flies and other insects, creating nuisance and potential health issues
- Damage to Lawns and Landscapes
- Negative Impact on Wildlife
- Public Safety: Slip and fall accidents





06. Responsible Breeding



Missing Pets

- Begin searching your neighborhood immediately and inform your neighbors.
- Contact local animal shelters and veterinary offices, providing a detailed description and photo of your pet.
- Utilize social media and community boards to post about your missing pet, including clear photos and contact information.
- Create and distribute missing pet posters with a current photo, your pet's name, and your contact details.
- Ensure your microchip contact information is up-to-date and mention that your pet is microchipped in all communications.

MISSING PET POSTER CREATION

Pet's Name: _____
Type/Breed: _____
Gender: _____
Age: _____
Date Lost: _____
Contact Name: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Contact Email: _____

Description of the pet:

Size: _____
Color/Markings: _____
Distinctive Features: _____
Any Collar or Tags: _____
Special Needs or Medical Conditions: _____

Last Seen Location:

Date and Time Last Seen: _____
Address or Area: _____
Any Known Landmarks: _____

Additional Information:

Personality Traits: _____
Microchip: Yes / No
Reward Offered: Yes / No
Any Other Relevant Details: _____
Design the poster:

Use the next page to create an eye-catching poster. Include the pet's photo, basic details, and contact information prominently.
Consider using bold fonts, bright colors, and attention-grabbing headings to make the poster stand out.

Complete

- Take your dog on a walk to the park.
 - Pet Care Quest ACTIVITY.
 - Caring for your pets.
 - I Can Stay Safe with Dogs.
 - Missing pet poster creation.
- Help the dog get to the shelter!
 - "Tails" from an animal shelter.
 - Dog Safety Pledge.



The background features several decorative elements: a cluster of seven red dots in the top left; a light blue abstract shape at the top center; a yellow abstract shape at the top right; a red target symbol on the right side; a cluster of yellow dots in the bottom right; a green leaf-like shape at the bottom right; and large, soft-edged abstract shapes in yellow, light blue, and light pink scattered throughout.

**See you in
the next
workshop!**