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The Top 10 Misconceptions of Pet Owners!

When it comes to caring for animals, there are many old wives' tales and misconceptions that have been perpetuated in the general public. Some have started to die slowly over the years, but many persist. While thinking that black cats bring bad luck or that frogs cause warts may be harmless superstition, the following 10 misconceptions about animals can have serious consequences for your pet's health:

1. **I can save money by treating my pet at home instead of going to a veterinarian.**
2. **Indoor dogs and cats don't need vaccinations and heart worm preventatives.**
3. **The brother and sister that I kept from the litter won't mate with each other.**
4. **My cat is urinating outside of the litter box because she is mad at me.**
5. **My dog could have a heart attack if he gets too excited.**
6. **Cats are a danger to babies.**
7. **My dog should have a litter of puppies so that I can educate my children about the miracle of birth.**
8. **I have to get rid of my cat because I am pregnant and don't want to risk getting toxoplasmosis.**
9. **Crate-training a dog is cruel.**
10. **Cats need to drink milk.**

Have you fallen prey to any of these misconceptions? If so, don't feel bad. The important thing is to seek accurate information about your pet's health, and to go to your veterinarian with any questions -- that's part and parcel of responsible pet ownership!

[#11 from 97 Ways to Make Your Dog Smile](#)
by Jenny Langbehn

Scratch under your dog's collar. Most petting skips over this vital spot, but many dogs fall over in pure rapture when this area is addressed.

"The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them. That is the essence of humanity."
...George Bernard Shaw

DOG BRUSH BUYING GUIDE

Every dog owner should brush their dog. Not only are there benefits to your relationship (packs often groom each other) but every dog can benefit from a healthy brush and skin massage. There are different dog brushes to be used for different types of dogs.

- For medium and long coated dogs, you can use a pin brush or a wire dog brush. Beware of putting too much pressure on your dog's skin while you are brushing. If you press too hard, you may scratch their skin and create a rash irritating your dog – this is not the purpose. You want to angle the brush near the skin and not against the skin. Brush down the dog from head to tail, with the grain of the coat hair. Note that the stomach, male genitals and back end area are sensitive to brushing.
- If you have a hound with a short smooth coated dog, you don't need

to use a wire brush. Rubber dog brushes are just the thing – they will remove any shedding hair and dirt and increase blood circulation to the skin and coat oils all over the dog.

- Remember to always brush your dog before you bathe them. Get the right tools and be careful to make it a pleasant experience for both you and your pet. Finally, enjoy grooming your pet and treat it as a wonderful bonding experience.



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Dogs' diets are very similar to people's; they require clean sources of protein, carbohydrates, and vegetables to be at the peak of health.

If you ate junk food every day, you would become very unhealthy, get fat, and your quality of life would diminish greatly. The same is true for your dog.

Don't take the cheap route and buy Brand X dog food from a supermarket or warehouse-type store, just because it saves you a little money.

Spend the extra time and money to find a healthy, protein rich dog food that gives your pet all the fuel they need to be a happy healthy dog. You'll notice your dog has a shiny coat, bright eyes, and better muscle tone with a high quality dog food.

Tip: You Are What You Eat



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