Dog Safety

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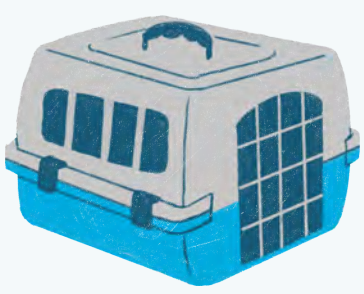
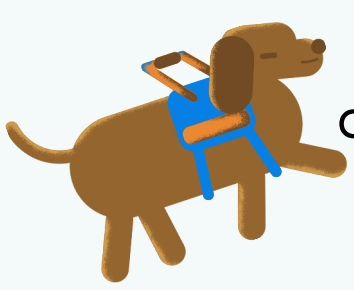
Tips to keep you and your furry friend safe!

Traveling with a Dog

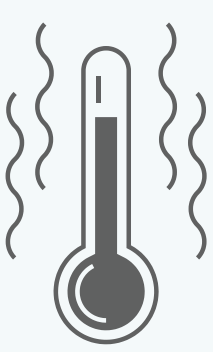


Dogs should travel in the backseat.

Restrain dogs with harness fastened to seat buckle or anchored crate.



Stop every 2-3 hours for the dog to exercise and eliminate.



Dogs are not to be left in cars due to temperatures.

Cleaning after Dogs

Ensure faeces are cleaned up at least once per week.

Storing Food

Ensure food is stored 40-50 centimetres above the floor.

Lifting a Dog

Bend knees and keep back straight.

One person can lift up to 22.5 kilograms. Two people are needed for lifting 22.5-36 kilograms.

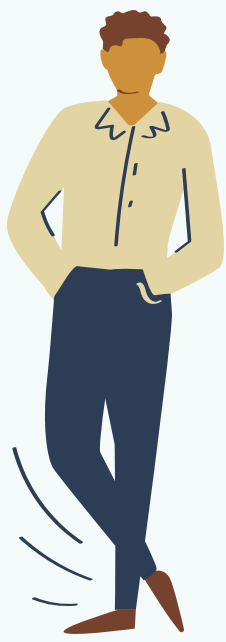
Perform procedures on the ground when possible.

Keeping Clean

Wash hands after petting a dog.

Do not let dogs lick your face, wounds or scratches.

If handling wear appropriate clothing to protect skin.



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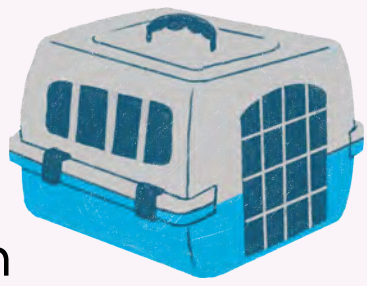
Cat Safety

Tips to keep you and your purring friend safe!

Indoor Environments

Companion cats should remain indoors to reduce risk of diseases.

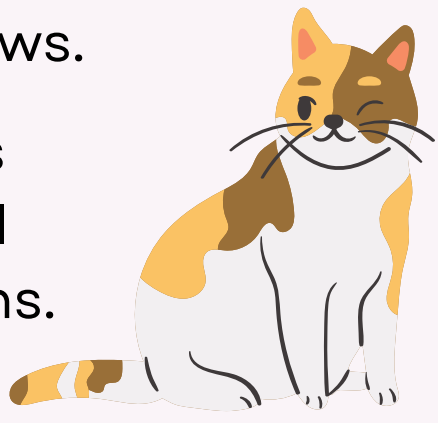
Transporting Cats



Cats should travel in a strapped down crate.

Prevents cats from escaping the car through unloading or open windows.

Prevents potential distractions.

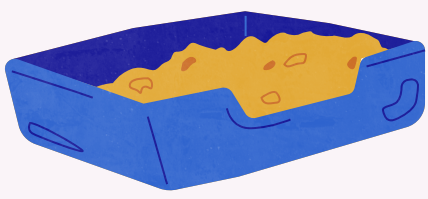


Storing Food

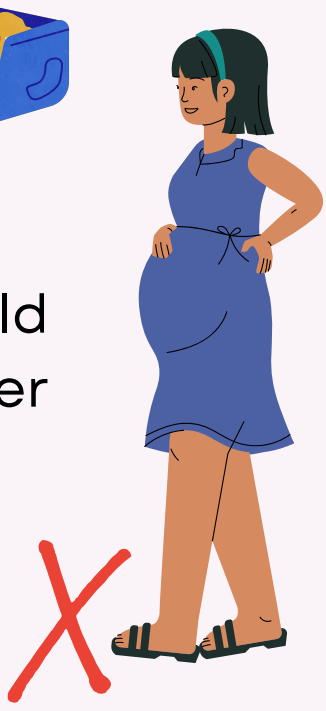
Ensure food is stored 40-50 centimetres above the floor.

Cleaning after Cats

Litter boxes should be cleaned daily.



Pregnant women should not clean litter trays.



Litter boxes should not be in dining rooms or kitchens.

Keeping Clean

Wash hands after handlng a cat.

Keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth whilst handling cats.

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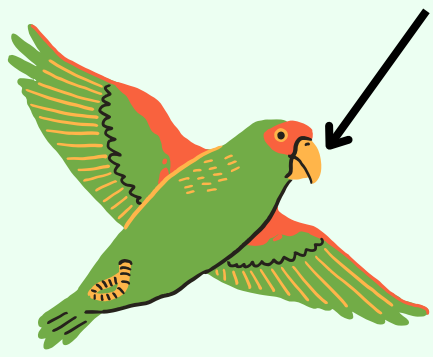
Bird Safety

Tips to keep you and your feathery friend safe!

Bird Beaks

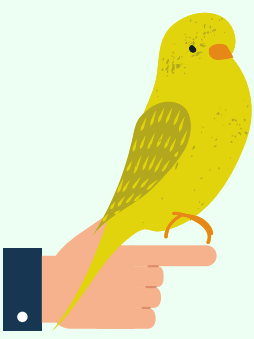


Birds use their beaks to balance.

Birds use their beaks and tongues to investigate their surroundings.

Birds don't often bite unless they are really scared.

Holding a Bird



Be gentle when holding a bird.

If you hold a bird too tight, it stresses them and makes it hard for them to breathe!

Keeping Clean

Wash hands after holding or touching a bird.

Keep your hands and bird away from your eyes, nose and mouth.

Don’t kiss your bird.

Wipe surfaces your bird has stood on if out of their cage.

Washing Their Cage

Clean their cage often to keep dust and feathers at bay.

Wear a face mask when cleaning their cage.

Storage

Keep your bird cage and food at a height that you don’t have to bend down or reach high for.

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Horse Safety

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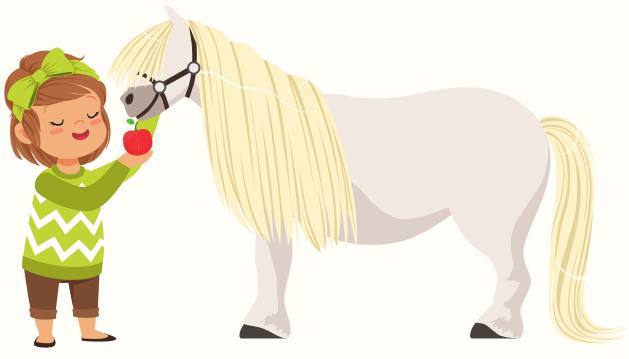
Tips to keep you and your trotting friend safe!

Horse Behaviour

Horses are easily frightened.

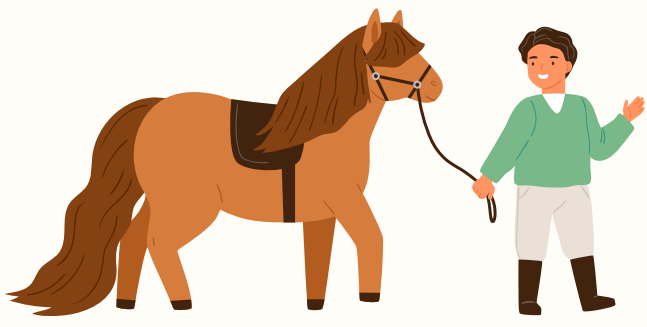
They can run away if scared.

Try to be quiet and calm around horses.



Handling a Horse

Horses are big animals and you cannot use force with them.



Pulling your horse too hard can hurt yourself and the horse.

Approaching a Horse

Don't approach a horse from directly behind.

Walk up slowly and talk gently or hum to not startle them.

Keeping Clean

Wash hands after touching a horse or their equipment.

Safety

Special helmets are needed to ride a horse and you should not ride without a helment.

Long pants and inclosed shoes (boots) will make your ride most comfortable.

Storage

Keep horse equipment and food at a height that you don’t have to bend down or reach high for.

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