

# Your Pet Care Checklist

*Dog owner's reference guide*



## Daily Care

- ☐ Fresh Water
- ☐ Proper Food
- ☐ Potty Breaks
- ☐ Daily Exercise
- ☐ Grooming (brushing)

Make sure your dog always has access to **fresh, clean water**.

Feed your dog a **balanced diet** appropriate for their age, breed, and activity level.

Provide **regular opportunities** for your dog to relieve themselves.

Engage your dog in **physical activity** such as walks, runs, or play sessions.

Brush your dog's coat **regularly** to prevent matting and tangles.

## Weekly Care

- ☐ Teeth Brushing
- ☐ Ear Cleaning
- ☐ Nail Trimming
- ☐ Bedding Wash

Brush your dog's teeth **several times a week** to maintain good oral hygiene.

Clean your dog's ears **weekly** to prevent infections.

Trim your dog's nails **regularly** to prevent overgrowth and discomfort.

Wash your dog's bedding **weekly** to remove dirt and odors.

## Monthly Care

- ☐ Flea/Tick Prevention
- ☐ Heartworm Prevention
- ☐ Weight Check

Administer **monthly flea and tick prevention** medication as prescribed by your veterinarian.

Administer **monthly heartworm prevention** medication as prescribed by your veterinarian.

Check your dog's weight **monthly** to ensure they are maintaining a healthy body condition.

## Annual Care

- ☐ Veterinarian Check-up
- ☐ Vaccinations
- ☐ Dental Cleaning (if needed)

Schedule an **annual check-up** with your veterinarian for a comprehensive health assessment.

Ensure your dog is up-to-date on their **vaccinations** as recommended by your veterinarian.

Consider a **professional dental cleaning** if recommended by your veterinarian.

## Additional Notes

- ☐ Training and Socialization: Continue training and socialization throughout your dog's life.
- ☐ Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including a pet first-aid kit.
- ☐ Love and Attention: Provide your dog with plenty of love, attention, and playtime!

This checklist is a general guideline and may need to be adjusted based on your dog's individual needs and your veterinarian's recommendations. Always consult with your veterinarian for specific advice regarding your dog's health and care.

## Summary

This document provides a comprehensive checklist to aid dog owners in maintaining the health and well-being of their pets. By following these guidelines for daily, weekly, monthly, and annual care, owners can ensure their dogs live happy and healthy lives. Remember to tailor the checklist to your dog's individual needs and consult with your veterinarian for personalized advice.