



Do Not Buy Pets On Impulse!

Ever felt tempted to rush out and bring home a furry friend after watching a cute animal movie? Or fell in love with a wide-eyed puppy who seemed to be grinning at you and begging to be taken home? Or considered buying an endearing kitten for a friend whom you think will love it?

How many of us have given in to such impulses? Often, pet purchases are made without proper consideration and preparation. When the novelty wears off and reality sets in, many of these animals are given away or abandoned.

Before getting a pet, observe this golden rule: Do Not Buy A Pet On Impulse! Why? Because, A Pet Is For Life!

Some Things To Consider Before Acquiring A Pet

It is always wise to spend some time and effort to find out more about the pet you intend to keep before getting it. For instance, one of the most important things to do is to ensure that the whole family agrees to keeping a pet. Below are some other factors that need to be considered.

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Do you have time for your pet?

Pets need you to feed, care, groom and exercise them. They also need your companionship. All these require time.



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Can you afford a pet?

The costs of owning pets can be high. Expenses such as food, veterinary care, grooming and training classes can add up.



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How much do you know about the pet you want?

Pets may bring problems that you will have to deal with. They may fall sick and untrained pets may damage your furniture or cause other problems.



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Will you be a responsible pet owner?

There are many aspects to being a responsible pet owner. Besides caring for your pet, you have to ensure that it does not create any public nuisance. This means obeying licensing laws, sterilising your pet, cleaning up after your pets in public places etc.



WHO IS AVA? The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, AVA, was established to ensure a resilient supply of safe food, safeguard the health of animals and plants and facilitate agri-trade for Singapore.

AVA CHAMPIONS ANIMAL WELFARE

One of AVA's key goals is to safeguard and promote animal welfare. AVA does this by enforcing strict regulations to protect animals against cruel treatment and educating the public on responsible pet ownership.

Through public education efforts such as talks, roadshows, exhibitions and publications, AVA equips potential and existing owners with knowledge on the care and responsibility that come with owning a pet. AVA also works closely with animal welfare organisations.

These efforts are critical to attaining high standards of pet care and minimising pet abandonment. AVA is committed to ensuring the continued harmonious co-existence of people and animals in Singapore.

AVA'S ANIMAL WELFARE RESOURCES AVA's Centre for Animal Welfare and Control (CAWC), is a one stop centre for matters pertaining to animal welfare and control. The public can visit this facility for information on pets and pet care. Talks on responsible pet ownership and publications on animal welfare are available upon request.

AVA's Centre for Animal Welfare and Control is located at:
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For more information on responsible pet ownership, you can:
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