



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB<sup>SM</sup>

**Responsible Dog Ownership Day**

## AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER PET PROMISE

*As a dog owner, I promise:*

-  I will never overlook my responsibilities for this living being and recognize that my dog's welfare is totally dependent on me.
-  I will always provide fresh water and quality food for my dog.
-  I will socialize my dog via exposure to new people, places and other dogs.
-  I will take pride in my dog's appearance with regular grooming.
-  I will recognize the necessity of basic training by teaching my dog to reliably sit, stay and come when called.
-  I will take my dog to the vet regularly and keep all vaccinations current.
-  I will pick-up and properly dispose of my dog's waste.
-  I will make sure my dog is regarded as an AKC Canine Good Citizen® by being aware of my responsibilities to my neighbors and to the community.
-  I will ensure that the proper amount of exercise and mental stimulation appropriate for my dog's age, breed and energy level is provided.
-  I will make certain that my dog is identified with both a collar tag and a microchip and I will adhere to local leash laws.

To officially sign the Pet Promise visit

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