

## Proper Pet Care

### Required by Law

- Provide clean water that the animal can access at all times
- Maintain a healthy body weight
- Provide shelter to keep animal out of elements (rain, snow, wind, and heat)
- Provide veterinary care if animal is ill or injured.

### Additional Care

- Keep current on vaccinations
- Spay/Neuter your animal to reduce the risk of future health issues
- Keeping your animal indoors
- Providing your animal with a quality diet

## The FIVE Freedoms

1. FREEDOM from Hunger and Thirst- fresh water and a healthy diet to maintain full health and vigor.
2. FREEDOM from Discomfort- providing appropriate environment including shelter and comfortable resting area.
3. FREEDOM from Pain, Injury, or Disease- prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment
4. FREEDOM to Express Normal Behavior- providing sufficient space, proper facilities, and company of the animals own kind.
5. FREEDOM from Fear and Distress- ensuring conditions and treatment, which avoid mental suffering.