

The Importance of Knowing Your Pets

Have you ever stopped to think how important it is to know your pets? Not just to know them as your pets—what they like to play with, and how they like to get attention—but more in depth than that. It is important to know what is normal for them, in behavior and in health.

When it comes to their health, there are things to be aware of. One example, does your pet usually have to eat every 12 hours, to keep from getting an upset tummy and vomiting bile? Knowing what is normal for your pet allows you to spot a change in behavior which could mean that your pet is becoming ill. Other examples are: knowing how much water your pet drinks every day, and how much sleep is normal for your pet. This information can come in handy when giving the veterinarian a history on your pet(s.) In many cases, a slight in change in behavior is nothing to be concerned about and can mean nothing at all.

Observing our beloved pets is one of the ways they can let us know when something is wrong. It was because of my observation that I was able to catch my collie's stomach cancer before it was too late, and get him treatment. It also allowed me that special time with him before he crossed the rainbow bridge.

This year's article is written in loving memory of my beloved collie Dancer.

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