

Kitten/ Cat Needs

Kittens are curious and enjoy hiding, clawing, and biting.

Cats sometimes playful but mostly relax nearby as they enjoy being pet on your lap.

Food is best to build trust before petting

Puppy/ Dog Needs

Puppies require a lot of play time and enjoy licking, biting, and digging.

Dogs remain playful throughout most of their life.

Walks, toys, and playing fetch increase bonding and releases energy

Stop the biting early

Offer a toy instead of your hand to discourage biting behavior

How we can help

We help Scotland County on Medicaid or Food Stamps for just \$20 per pet

For Best results, spay/neuter your pets as early as 6 months!

Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return (TNVR) Program is now available!

Protect your pet

Microchipping your pet is the best way to prove ownership if brought to the shelter and costs on average \$30

Parents

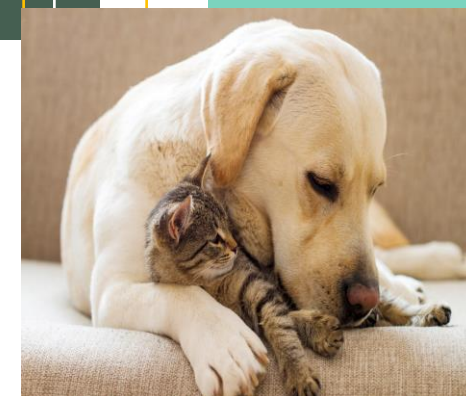
There is an overpopulation of strays in our area. Both SCHS and Animal Control are overwhelmed with calls and may take time to get to you.

Contact Animal Control for aggressive, feral and especially bite cases!

Scotland County Animal Control- (910) 277- 2440
Option 3

City of Laurinburg Animal Control- (910) 277-3231

Report strays roaming but note they are hard to catch, do NOT feed or attempt to pick up strays yourself as you assume all risk and responsibility



Pet Responsibility

By Scotland County Humane Society



Before asking for a Pet

Kittens are vocal and playful but will likely outgrow these traits

Cats are great for more calm/reserved personalities

Puppies are great for outgoing/active personalities

Small dogs still have the same active requirements as larger dogs

Big dogs are known for their affectionate nature as well as guarding abilities

Your Pet Relies on you

Training is first

Potty, food, kennel/crate

Responsibilities

Exercise

Socializing

Veterinary visits

Please don't give up on me

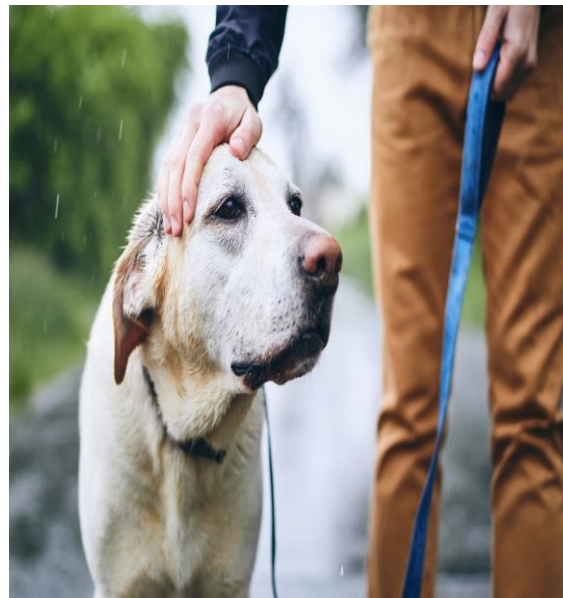
As a puppy or kitten, you bring me home for life.

You prepare me for the rest of my life. Not training is setting me up for failure.

Start training right away to avoid larger issues later.

Kennel, food, and potty training are essential.

When dropped off at the shelter for a new puppy or kitten, I don't understand why and may never be adopted waiting for YOU to come back.



Not every pet is like yours

Although it may be tempting to come up to a cat/dog you should ask adult permission

Ask your parents first AND pet owner

Just because your parent(s) agree does not mean the owner has to

Sometimes they say no and it's ok

Owner may be actively training their pet, or their pet could be sick

Say "Thank you" even if you can't touch their pet because they kept you safe

No Pets? No Problem!

You may not have a pet yet and that is ok.

It is a very responsible decision not to have any pets or animals at home – lack of time, space, etc.

Many people do not think through this decision carefully enough and the pets end up being given away or taken to a shelter or back to a shelter.