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What are some ways that can make life better for animals in your community?

Owners can take more interest in their pets and not mistreat them....

By caring for them, feeding them, bathing them, getting them vaccinated and loving them. There is more to a pet then just a cute, lovable face. There is picking up after them, playing with them and giving them a warm place to sleep. Also, protection is important. You should keep them on a leash while walking them or in a fenced yard.

Owners need to be educated on the long term care of their pets.....

By asking a vet or attending a class at PetSmart, or other pet stores. Also, if you do not plan to mate your pet, they should be "fixed". This will cut down on unwanted pets that possibly could be left or abandoned.

As a community we can take more interest in homeless animals.....

By watching for stays on the streets we can prevent accidents before they happen. We can do this by calling the pound or animal shelter and alerting them of the situation. By contacting the pound they can help with pets that have been abandoned. They can find a home for them or put them down if they are ill.

Don't get exotic pets that need special attention......

Pets that need special attention require hard work, lots of time, a special diet, and knowledge about the pet. Some are dangerous and difficult to care for; these pets are better left for the experts at the Zoo.

These are some of the ways I believe can make life better for pets in our community.