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<center>Overpopulation of Cats and Dogs</center>

Every year in the U.S about 6-8 million abandoned cats and dogs go to shelters. Some times when we are driving home I see stray pets on the sidewalks. These are some examples of overpopulation of cats and dogs. So here is my advice to all of you pet owners on how to prevent this tragedy. If we all try hard enough we can make the world a less overpopulated place.

First and foremost you should always neuter and spay. It prevents the animal from giving birth which is a cause of overpopulation. And don't worry about the cost because it is fairly cheap. Due to health and behavioral benefits, spayed and neutered animals live about twice as long compared to untreated pets. This is why you should neuter and spay, not only does it prevent overpopulation but it also has good effects on your pet.

Before getting a pet you should always consider all of the responsibilities. Never get it from a breeder because they reproduce more pets on purpose just for the money, instead you should get it from the pound. If your family is allergic to dogs or cats you shouldn't get one. If you got a pet not knowing your family was uncomfortable with it you might end up abandoning the pet which leads to overpopulation. Make sure you have a contained area to keep your pet so it doesn't get loose. If you contemplate before getting a pet it will prevent you from abandoning it or losing it, so think before you act.

You should always help prevent overpopulation and there are lots of options. First of all you can always educate your relatives and friends about how they can prevent overpopulation too. If you have some spare cash laying around you should donate it to a pound. Pounds are nonprofit so it's good to give them donations. Try to spread the word by writing newspaper articles, putting up posters, and info panels at public buildings like the library or the mall. You can even ask your mom/dad to share to their friends and coworkers

So to sum it up, you should always treat your pets, think about your choices before getting a pet and try your best to help prevent this calamity. If you do most of the things I advised then you can make the world better. If we do nothing it might be raining cats and dogs one day.