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I believe the one rule people should follow regarding pet ownership is always treat them with kindness. This can be shown in many ways. We own two dogs in our family. Winston, a Yorkshire Terrier age 15 years and Toby, a terrier mix, who is 5 years old. These dogs are my best friends and I would do anything for them to make sure they have the best life possible. They give me unconditional love every day, therefore, I treat them with kindness and love every day.

Kindness can be shown through giving animals love and attention. This can be done by petting them and playing with them. Another way to show kindness is taking them on daily walks. This can benefit both the dog and the owner. It benefits the dog by seeing new sights and smelling new smells. As a dog owner, I benefit from daily walks by getting active, heart healthy and improving my overall well-being. Fresh air is great for all of us.

Another way to show your pet kindness is the shelter and good you provide. Bring them inside to shield them from the elements when it's too hot or cold. They need a warm bed to snuggle in. Animals also need adequate amounts of food and water daily. This creates a healthy pet and what better way to show kindness to your pets than taking care of their dietary needs. Like humans, pets need vitamins to stay healthy and live long lives. Regular trips to the veterinarian are very important for the health of your pet.

A great way to show kindness to animals is to give them space to run and play with their toys because all beings need to play and have fun. This is good for their mind and body. Frequent bathing and grooming also shows kindness to your pet. Not bathing and grooming your pet could cause serious skin infections, rotting teeth and other internal illnesses.

Microchipping your pet is a small act, but a huge way to show kindness if your pet gets lost. If someone finds them, they can have any vet verify if they are microchipped to get the owner's information. This allows your beloved pet to be returned to you faster, bringing joy to both the pet and the owner.

Overall, there are many ways to show animals kindness, whether it be through food, shelter, exercise, grooming or microchipping. These acts of kindness are always reciprocated in unconditional love. Showing kindness to your pet not only improves their life but enriches your life as their owner.