

## What duty of care do I have for my pet(s)?

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Every owner has a duty of care towards their animal. People should not take on the responsibility of keeping a pet unless they have the means to provide it with appropriate care and attention. This includes providing specialist treatment in the case of sickness or injury to prevent unnecessary suffering. Owners should arrange for their animal to be taken to a vet as soon as it becomes ill and to pay for any treatment themselves.

Visit the [Pet care section](#) of the RSPCA's website to learn more about the five basic welfare needs of pets.