

# The importance of pet vaccination

From cats to canaries, and dwarf rabbits to dogs, pets bring many benefits

**80 million homes** in the EU have at least one pet



They offer **companionship**

They can help to **relieve depression** and loneliness



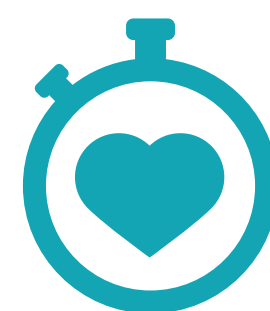
Pets improve **socialisation skills** and bring particular benefits to children with **autism**

Regular dog walking **reduces the risk of obesity**



Studies show children with pets have **less risk of allergies and eczema** (33% less)

Simply stroking your pet can help **reduce heart rate and blood pressure**



As responsible pet owners it is essential to take good care of our pets



**APPROPRIATE FOOD**

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO LIVE IN**



**REGULAR EXERCISE**

**APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION**



**MICROCHIP**



**GOOD HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Vaccinating your pet is an important part of preventing disease and making sure that your pet lives a long and happy life, **however:**

Only **30–50%** of the pet animal population is vaccinated in developed countries, and this is **significantly less in developing nations.**

(WSAVA vaccination guidelines)

**21%** of dogs and **46%** of cats in the UK haven't had regular booster vaccinations

(PDSA PAW Report 2017)

Today in parts of Europe diseases like Rabies, Distemper and Infectious Canine Hepatitis are virtually eliminated thanks to regular vaccination, but a certain percentage of vaccine coverage is essential for herd immunity.

**If we stop vaccinating, these diseases will re-emerge or become more prevalent.**

**Preventing disease through vaccination protects the important relationship we have with our pets.**

Speak to your vet today to make sure your pets get the protection they deserve.

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