Do dogs like hugs?

Here’s how to find out

By Melissa Erickson

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Health benefits of pet ownership

By Melissa Erickson
Southern Nevada News

Pets make their owners feel special, but the benefits of pet compan-
ionship are so much more than just unconditional love and com-
passion to get you out of the door each day.

There is much research that shows owning a pet makes people hap-
pier and more physically healthy. Recognizing this, modern pet owners want their animals to lead special, too.

“Young Americans are an animal-lovin’ bunch. There are many in our generation. But one category they are truly the best way to show

• More than 75 percent of pet parents have brought their pet as a gift.
• A pet or a dog owner has used CPR or dog CPR to save his or her

Where a pet would feel at home:

• Near a park or a walking trail
• Near a lake or a river
• Near a beach or a lake
• Near a mountain

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What you’ll learn

• Anyone can do CPR on a pet

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2. Prescription flea and tick prevention
It’s also important for preventing diseases that can be fatal.

3. Gauze bandages and adhesive tape
These can cover cuts or wounds until you can get to a veterinarian emergency department.

4. Milk of magnesia
This can absorb poison taken by a pet. Always contact your veterinarian before using.

5. Hydrogen peroxide
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6. Over-the-counter eyewash
Use to use if your pet is scratching a lot or has hair in his or her eyes.

7. Water
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How your children can benefit from owning a pet

A dog, cat, guinea pig or iguana can be a child's best friend in ways you might not expect. Research shows how pets can benefit a child's physical and emotional well-being.

By Natha Mannell, How Center News

It's easy to see how pets can teach children responsibility. As young as 3 can be responsible for giving pets water, and older children can tune in to walk the dog.

"Taking care of a pet develops a child's self-awareness and helps them feel like part of the family," according to the Humane Society of the United States.

In addition to increasing self-effacy, having pets can develop a child's relationships skills, especially empathy. The Washington Post reported, "The mere process of giving a pet a home will benefit the child's emotional development." The publication also noted that pets can help children learn to care for others.

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Seven keys to a pawfect pet photo session

By Dave Contant New

Our pets are part of our family and nothing captures their unconditional love better than the perfect portrait. But securing that photo? It’s out there, and the right photographer can help you get it.

Below are 7 things you can do to make sure your pet photos come to life in front of your eyes:

1. **Hire a Photographer That Specializes in Pet Photography**
   - Pet photographers are not the same as professional photographers. Professional photographers of America (PPA) have the training, experience, artistic eye and equipment to produce gallery-quality portraits that will capture the spirit and beauty of your furry pal forever. And once the shoot is done, they’ll have your images by removing eye bugs, the breath and create an amazing backdrop from the photo. They’ll also enhance for details and color for the perfect pet.

2. **Plan the Session to Fit Your Pet’s Schedule**
   - The best photos are captured when your pet is the most comfortable for the best outcome. Pets are the most comfortable for photo shoots when you know they’ll be more manageable. So, start your planning and schedule your photos, you could miss capturing this precious stage altogether. In many cases, the right light, professional photographer can help you capture your pet at the sweetest moments of their life.

3. **Try To Capture Every Stage Of Your Pet’s Life**
   - No pet lives are exactly the same, and the perfect photo can help you chronicle every twist and turn from your first puppy/kitten photo shoot to “rainbow sessions” for pets nearing the end of their life, and every stage in between. These sessions make for a timeless moment in the photos appeal to you, there’s a professional photographer can help you capture it. Whether it’s in their studio or at your pet’s favorite park.

4. **Plan The Session To Fit Your Pet’s Schedule**
   - The best photos are captured when the session is scheduled with your pet’s personality in mind. If you have an energetic puppy or kitten, the best solution with a combination of natural light, location flashes and studio strobes.

5. **It’s All In The Eyes**
   - As they say, “Eyes are the windows to the soul” and a pet’s eyes can be the soul of your photo. If the photos appeal to you, there’s a professional photographer can help you capture it. Whether it’s in their studio or at your pet’s favorite park.

6. **Be Prepared For Unwanted Pets**
   - Just when you think you’ve got a perfect shot, a pet just waiting to make a cameo. Just keep your cool and your camera ready. Unwanted pets just waiting to make a cameo. Just keep your cool and your camera ready.

7. **For All Of Your Pet’s Grooming Needs**
   - Nail Trims
   - Nail Polish
   - Toothbrushing
   - Mud Baths
   - Facials
   - Paw Pad Softening
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