



## Top Tips For Spring Pet Care

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(NAPS)—With spring underway, it's a terrific time for pet parents to re-evaluate their pets' routines to make sure they are happy, healthy and safe throughout the changing seasons.

### Clean Up Their Grooming Routine

Grooming is essential to pets' routine care and overall health. Pets' needs vary based on breed, age and coat type, but pet parents should always keep their furry friends' teeth, gums, coat, fur, paws, ears and nails fresh, clean and healthy. Across more than 1,350 Petco pet care centers, petco.com and in the Petco app, pet parents can now easily identify grooming services and products without parabens, phthalates and chemical dyes. Petco's Clean\* Grooming initiative helps pet parents feel good about their beloved furry family members' care by offering them the same high-quality options they would choose for themselves. You can schedule a Clean Grooming service at petco.com/grooming.

### Keep Safety Top of Mind

Spring clean pet supplies at home to make sure that everything is in good working order. Items that are used regularly, such as toys, leashes, collars and harnesses, could need replacement. And with more time spent outdoors, understanding the signs of dehydration and overheating is important. Keep fresh water on-hand with a collapsible travel bowl and give pets access to shade or shelter to help them thrive as the weather heats up.

### Protect Against Fleas and Ticks

Spring weather brings not only longer days but also more fleas and ticks that can be harmful to our pets. Flea and tick prevention is the first line of defense against an infestation with solutions like topical and oral treatments. Schedule an appointment at one of Petco's full-service veterinary hospitals or Vetco vaccination clinics to ensure pets are up to date on important vaccinations and



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recommended medications. You can learn more and book an appointment at petco.com/vet.

### Encourage Playtime and Adventure

Springtime fun including regular playtime and hikes in the sunshine will help promote healthy activity with pets. Prepare for the great outdoors with supplies such as a running belt or dog lead with a built-in bungee. Spring can also mean muddy conditions, and a cargo cover or car hammock can do double duty to keep pets safe and cars clean.

It may also be time for brushing up on training skills to ensure pets are ready for more socialization at the dog park. Petco offers group and individual dog training classes for all ages and breeds both in-person and virtually.

### Refresh Their Spring Style

Just like their parents, pets can enjoy a spring wardrobe refresh with trendy items like a colorful backpack, straw hat, butterfly dog harness and crossbody dog backpack. While unpredictable spring weather means a denim jacket may be needed from time to time, a light cardigan could be just right for temperate weather.

### Learn More

For additional guides and recommendations, visit petco.com or your local Petco pet care center.

*\*Petco defines "Clean" as a product or service that is without parabens, phthalates, and chemical dyes.*