



How to Be a "Green Pet" Pet Owner

"Recycling"

- Perhaps the easiest way to be a green pet owner is to choose a "recycled" dog or cat.

The green pet owner will rescue and rehome a displaced dog or cat rather than buy one. *Don't Shop... Adopt!*

- Whether you've rescued a dog or cat, or found your beloved pet through some other means, the *next* best way to be a "green" pet owner is **to spay or neuter your pet**. Doing so, means that you are taking an active role in helping to control the pet population.

Organic Food

- Buy pet foods that are all-natural or organic. Feed your pup foods and treats that have organic or all natural ingredients and definitely **NO animal-by-products!**

Toys

- Purchase toys and other pet products that are made with natural, organic or recycled materials - like hemp dog collars and cotton clothing.

Spend some time making some of your pups toys and goods - take an afternoon and turn those old socks into a great tugging toy; or old blankets into bedding.

Oh, poo...

- Recycle that pet waste, and when on the road use biodegradable poo bags when cleaning up the doo.

Household products

- Use environmentally friendly deicers on your drive and sidewalks - good for your pets and the World.

Use cleaning and other household products that are good for the environment.

Think of all the things you look for when you're buying green products for your home or office (...buy close to home, purchase products that are sustainable, require less manpower, and don't have to be replaced often). Apply those same principles to products for your pet and you'll make an even *bigger* impact on the environment.

Think green. Future generations (...and your pet!) will thank you.

Great green dog links! - Get in the know, get on the move, make a difference!

How to green your pet

<http://www.treehugger.com/files/2007/03/how-to-green-your-pet.php>

From treehugger.com, a great article on how to green up your pet.

Making your own dog composter

<http://www.plantea.com/dog-waste-compost.htm>

Need help? This page will tell you exactly how to compost your pup's poo!

San Francisco to turn dog poop into biofuel

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/03/0321_060321_dog_power.html

The idea may sound far-fetched, but officials in dog-friendly San Francisco, California, hope to harness the power of methane in doggie doo so it can be used for heating homes and generating electricity.

How to control fleas without resorting to chemical warfare

<http://www.thegreenguide.com/doc/24/pets>

Most chemically-based products pose a real danger to the health of your pet, your kids and yourself.

Tackling the carbon paw print

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2006/sep/23/practicaladvice.ethicalliving>

Having a green pet needn't mean keeping frogs, you know. There's actually a lot you can do to reduce your pet's environmental paw print.

Pets Carry Wide Range of Chemical Pollutants

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=89726772>

Your cat probably has more mercury in its system than you do, and your dog has twice as much of the chemicals found in stain-resistant carpets and couches. That's the conclusion of an environmental group that tested pets for a wide range of industrial chemicals.

Local Resources

Paws pet boutique – your local supplier of eco-friendly pet products, located on State 410 263-8383. <http://www.pawspetboutique.com/>



Circle,

Come to Paws' biggest fundraiser of the year, Little Ben's Compassion Cruise on Friday, Sept. 12.

The Cruise is their 3rd annual fundraiser for Animal Legal Defense Fund – a non-profit that defends animals in the legal system nationwide.

From Michelle, Owner of Paws:



The purpose is to raise funds and awareness to help stop animal abuse and puppy mills. One of our dogs is one of the lucky 325 dogs that they were able to remove alive from a puppy mill/hoarder in Sanford, NC. After two years they won the case and the dog survivors now live in permanent, loving homes – mine Folks have a great time with their dogs aboard the *Harbor Queen* with a live band, cash bar and awesome silent auction. Details are on the events page of our website, <http://www.pawspetboutique.com> (Scroll down until you see the photo of Ben at left).

Additionally, if folks don't want to go on the cruise but want to help the cause, we're also going to be selling "Go Cruising for Compassion" raffle tickets beginning July 12. There are 2 prizes: a pair of roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines (anywhere they fly with no blackout dates; \$800 value) and a "Dog Day in Annapolis" package (breakfast, lunch & dinner downtown with your dog and other goodies). Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Last year we raised over \$8,000. This year we're going for \$10,000.

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