## **Dog Care Checklist**

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## Health

- □ Provide your dog with dry dog food on a daily basis.
- □ Feed your dog quality food without added chemicals or fillers.
- Give your dog a water and food bowl that fits all of his or her feeding needs.
- □ Always leave fresh water out for him.
- □ Provide your pet with the essential vitamins.
- □ Keep your dog free of biting pests.

## Hygiene

- □ Brush your dog regularly.
- □ Keep your dog clean and its coat shiny with a dog shampoo.
- □ Brush your dog's teeth.
- □ Keep plenty of dental chew toys and rawhides around.
- □ Trim your dog's nails.
- □ Keep your dog's eyes and ears clean.

## Happiness

- □ Reward your dog with a tasty treat.
- □ Keep your dog entertained with various toys.
- □ Take your dog on a walk on a daily basis.
- □ Allow your dog to go outdoors several times throughout the day.
- □ Give your dog lots of petting, grooming and attention on a daily basis.
- □ Spend 3-6 hours per day with your dog.
- Get your dog to interact with other dogs of its own size and temperament.
- □ Commit to regular training.