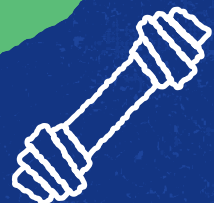


#5 PAMPER YOUR PET THE GREEN WAY



Many of us love to pamper our pooch or moggie, and it's possible to do so in an **eco-friendly** way. Use environmentally friendly grooming products and choose durable toys that will last or ones that are pre-loved.



#6 CHOOSE THE RIGHT PET

Before getting a pet, consider what will work best for your home and routine, and choose an animal that will fit comfortably in your home.

A smaller companion will often have a smaller **eco-pawprint** - and cost less to feed. If you're not sure what will work best, explore pet-sitting schemes.

#7 SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER PET OWNERS



Connect with other pet owners to help them reduce their pet's **eco pawprint** too.

Small changes make a **big difference**. For your pet, for wildlife, and for the planet.



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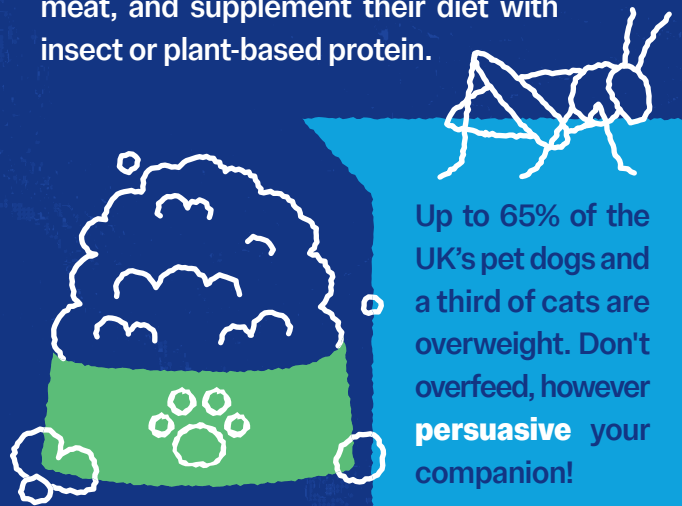
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#1 THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU FEED YOUR PET

What's in your pet's food bowl has an impact on the planet. Choosing chicken over beef can cut the carbon footprint of food by **up to 90%**. Choose dry pet food and non-prime cuts of meat, and supplement their diet with insect or plant-based protein.



Up to 65% of the UK's pet dogs and a third of cats are overweight. Don't overfeed, however **persuasive** your companion!



#2 TREAT PARASITES CAREFULLY AND CHAT TO YOUR VET

Flea and tick treatments contain chemicals that can spread over your home, get washed down the drain and into rivers where they are **toxic to aquatic species like dragonflies**.

Speak to your vet about these treatments, as the risk of fleas and ticks is typically lower in winter and spring. If your dog swims or is washed often, a spot-on product might not be the best option.

#3 DISPOSE OF PET WASTE RESPONSIBLY

Pet waste can contain substances that are **toxic to the environment**. Always pick up and bin your dog's poo. Waste from the litter tray should go in the bin too - not down the loo.



#4 REDUCE YOUR PET'S IMPACT ON WILDLIFE



Domestic cats kill around **27 million birds** in spring and summer alone. Help protect local wildlife by putting a bell on your cat's collar, and keep dogs under control when near deer, farm animals or ground-nesting birds.



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