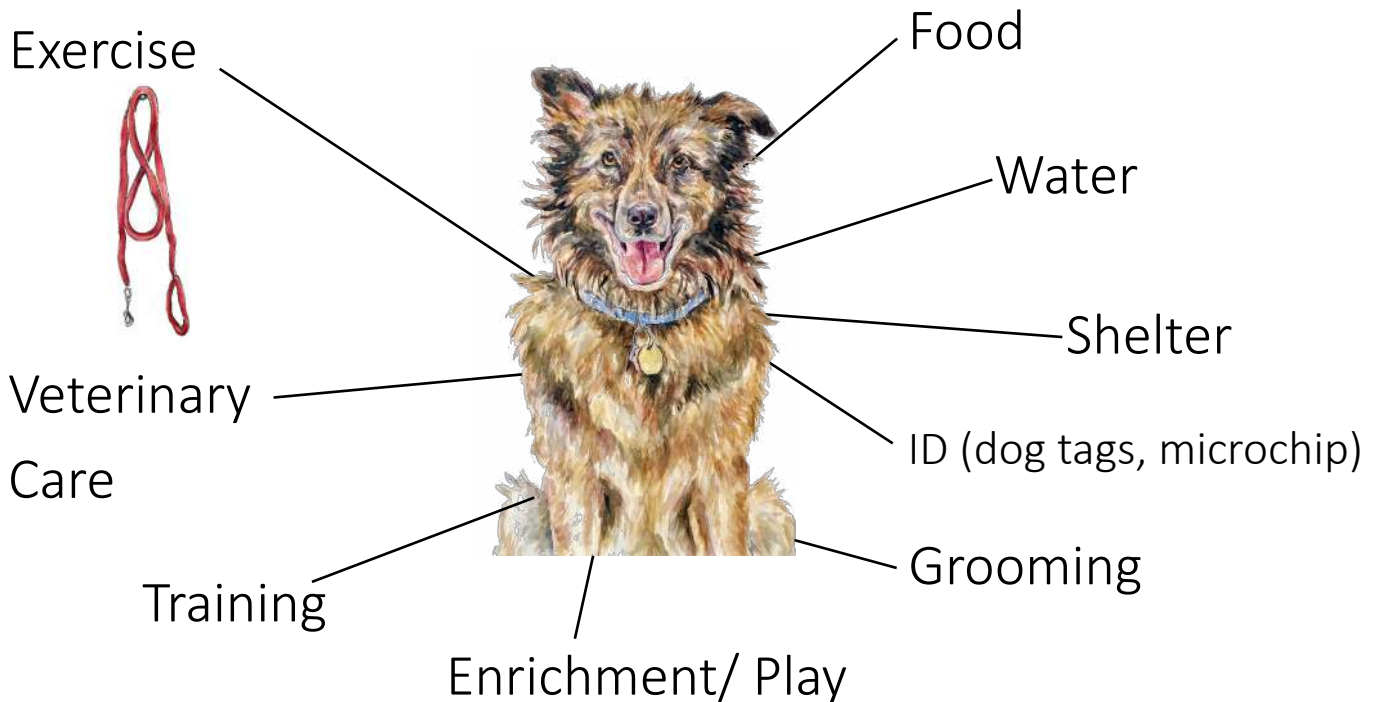


What Dogs Need



Notes: (This is not an exhaustive list)

- Food: Each kind of pet needs its own special kind of food. Some food that is healthy for people is toxic to dogs (i.e. grapes, raisins, chocolate and onions).
- Water: Dogs (and all pets) need fresh water to drink. Students with pets can ensure that there is always fresh clean water for their pet.
- Shelter: Is often our house, but some dogs live outside. If dogs live outside they need a insulated dog house that is dry and provides protection from the wind and sun.
- Grooming: Dogs' fur can get tangled and matted (which can be painful for dogs), brushing helps reduce tangles and matting, and some dog breeds require regular hair cuts.
- Exercise: Dogs need lots of exercise and the amount of exercise depends on the breed and age of the dog. Some dogs need just a little bit of exercise and some dogs need lots!
- Enrichment/Play: Just like us, dogs need things to do so they don't get bored. Dogs enjoy playing or socializing with other dogs. We can also play with our dogs too—games like fetch or hide-and-go-seek provide mental stimulation and exercise.
- Veterinary Care: Just as people need to go to the doctor, pets need to go to the veterinarian for checkups, spay-neuter procedures to reduce unwanted litters, vaccinations and get treated if they get sick.
- Training: Training is really important to keep both people and dogs safe. Training is also a great way to provide mental stimulation.
- ID (tags and microchips): If a dog (or cat) gets lost, the ID will help locate the owner.

