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Promotion of Proper Pet Responsibility - Pet Management Training

Guideline Statement

Animal control agencies have a responsibility to promote owners to receive proper pet management training in all circumstances. Lack of, inadequate, or improper training is a common reason for owners to surrender their pets to animal control agencies, or, even worse, to abandon the uncontrollable pet.

Basis for Guideline

Pet management training, when done correctly, teaches owner responsibility, enhances the bond between owner and pet, helps to ensure the pet's place in the home, and benefits the community as a whole.

Guideline Recommendation

Local animal control agencies should keep a list of qualified animal behaviorists and obedience instructors to give out to owners, prospective owners, or citizens who request such information. Agencies may wish to encourage legislation which might require owners to attend training classes in lieu of first time offense fines or court costs.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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