



Before getting a pet, we have to think carefully if we can care for it properly.

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One responsible option is to adopt our pet from an animal shelter instead of buying it.

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Having an exotic pet is more responsibility because it can cause problems for ourselves, for other people and for the natural habitat.

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A pet is for life, not a passing fad but a responsibility to a living thing for its entire life. A responsible carer has enough time to walk or give space to their pet, feed it properly and take care of its health.

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Not just with my pet! A responsible carer will talk to family and friends to help with the problem of invasive species and to take better care of our pets.

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Being a responsible carer for our pet means making a commitment to looking after it, dedicating enough time (for walks, sufficient space, proper diet, etc.), taking care of its health and future.

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Abandoning a pet in the street can cause a lot of problems for other people, animals and even the ecosystem.

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We should take our pet to the veterinarian regularly for check-ups to make sure it's in good health and has all of the necessary vaccinations.

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If you decide to get an exotic pet it's your responsibility to know its origins (always legal), its needs, and the way of life of the species.

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Before getting a pet we should find out about how to take care of it and any peculiarities of the species. Not all pets are the same or need the same care.

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An exotic pet can transmit diseases to people or wild animals.

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Abandoning a pet (in the street or in the wild) is a cruel thing to do. They depend on us and cannot survive by themselves. An abandoned pet can become a problem and act like an invasive species.

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When I can no longer care for my pet I can look for other responsible owners. If I can't, I will notify the Municipality or call 112 to find out what are the best options for my pet.

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If you find a wild animal or invasive species, call CRAS Madrid-Viñuelas (Wild Animal Rescue Centre) of the Community of Madrid (91 276 06 26)

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There is an Agreement to protect wild animals from illegal trade. This is called the CITES Agreement (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora). Spain signed the Agreement in 1986.

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