

1章 Being a Responsible Pet Owner

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Having a pet can be a wonderful experience. Whether it's a dog, cat, or even a hamster, pets bring joy and companionship★ to our lives. For many people, pets are like family members. They provide comfort★ when we are sad and make us laugh with their playful behavior★. However, owning a pet is also a big responsibility. ⁽¹⁾ Taking care of a pet teaches children important life skills, such as responsibility, kindness, and patience. If you want a pet, you must be ready to (2) it properly.

One of the most important parts of pet care is keeping your pet healthy. Just like humans, animals need good food, clean water, and regular check-ups with a veterinarian★. Dogs need daily walks to stay active, while cats enjoy climbing and exploring. Even though cats are more independent than dogs, they still need love and attention. If a pet gets sick, ⁽³⁾ it is the owner's job to take them to the vet. Responsible pet owners make sure their animals are happy and well cared for.

Pets also have emotions, and understanding their feelings is an important part of pet care. Animals can feel happy, scared, or even sad. (4), dogs often sense human emotions and may sit beside their owners when they are upset. Some pets, like cats, prefer quiet places when they feel nervous. If a cat hides under the bed during loud noises, ⁽⁵⁾ it may be feeling scared. By paying attention to a pet's behavior, owners can make sure their pets feel safe and loved.

Before getting a pet, families should think carefully about whether they are ready for the responsibility. Owning a pet means feeding it, cleaning up after ⁽⁶⁾ it, and giving it plenty of attention. A pet is not a toy—it is a living creature that depends on its owner. If everyone in the family is willing to help, having a pet can be a wonderful and rewarding★ experience. Taking care of an animal teaches responsibility and kindness, which are important skills for life.

★ companionship 「友達付き合い、友情」 comfort 「慰め、安らぎ」
playful behavior 「陽気な行動」 veterinarian 「獣医」 rewarding 「やりがいのある」

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問 1 下線部(1)を日本語に訳しなさい。(7 点)

問 2 空所(2)に入る語句を、次のア～エから 1 つ選び、記号に○を付けなさい。(3 点)

ア care about イ make safer ウ care for エ go around

問 3 ペットの健康管理のために必要なものとして本文中に上げられているものを 3 つ日本語で述べなさい。解答の順序は問いません。(各 3 点)

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問 4 下線部(3)(5)(6)の it の指す内容を、それぞれ本文から抜き出しなさい。(各 4 点)

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(6) _____

問 5 空所(4)に入る語句を、次のア～エから 1 つ選び、記号に○を付けなさい。(3 点)

ア Therefore イ For example ウ On the contrary エ To be sure

問 6 本文の内容に一致するものについては T(True)、そうでないものについては F(False)と答えなさい。(各 4 点)

- (1) Cats can live happily without any attention from their owners. ()
- (2) Pets can help children learn how to be caring and patient. ()
- (3) Pets often react to human feelings, such as sadness or fear. ()
- (4) It is acceptable to treat pets like toys because they are playful. ()