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What is the hottest trend in pet parenting? Eco pets!

Pets are cute, though they *do* pollute, so it is important to consider the environmental impact of your care choices.

With just a few small changes, you can treat your pet to a cushy, eco lifestyle which will improve the health of your pet and the planet!

There are many environmentally friendly ways to raise our best friends.

Bright Beginnings

A happy green lifestyle begins with baby steps!

- Adopt your pet from a [shelter](#) to make a remarkable difference in the life of an animal, and embrace a new companion. If you have your heart set on a specific breed, consult a [breed rescue agency](#)

Healthy Pets are Hungry Pets!

Feed your animals a nutritious diet that will sustain their appetites and the environment!

- Purchase pet food packaged in biodegradable, recycled materials. Buy food in bulk and store in reusable containers to save money and reduce waste!
- Consider organic pet food as an option. Organic foods do not contain antibiotics, pesticides or genetically engineered ingredients and some foods are made with free range meats!
- Mix up your own signature organic pet food! There are a variety of [recipes](#) to appeal to every pet's palate

Waste Disposal

What goes in must come out! It is important to dispose of pet waste properly to prevent contamination of water sources, and reduce the amount of refuse that ends up in the landfill.

- Always use [biodegradable plastic bags](#) to pick up pet waste!
- Compost pet refuse by making your own [pet waste compost](#) from an old garbage bin. Or, invest in a [doggie septic tank](#) which can be used for up to four pets!

- Another option is to flush pet waste down the toilet. Waste will enter the sewage system for proper treatment to ensure our water supply stays clean

Pet Care Products

Keep the earth in mind when choosing pet supplies. Reuse items that you have around the house and purchase locally manufactured pet care products to cut back on pollution as well as save money!

Pet Hygiene

- Suds up your animals with natural shampoos that are phosphate and sulphate free!
- Fight fleas naturally with these [treatments](#) that you can make from household ingredients

Pet Litter

- Use natural litter made from recycled newspaper, wheat, woodchips or shredded corn cobs in cat and rabbit pans. Natural litters are biodegradable and healthier for your pet
- Go clump free! Sodium bentonite is the clumping agent in cat litter. It is a product used in grouting and sealing because it expands 15 to 18 times its size when wet. Pets may ingest this chemical through grooming, which can poison them and clog their insides

Toys for Your Pet

- Give your animals toys made from recycled material, or [make your own](#) from reused items such as socks, rope or tennis balls
- Eliminate all waste by giving your pets edible chew toys!
- Fetch fido a stick from the park for a toy that is free and fun!

Sleeping Quarters

- Tuck your pets in cozy beds lined with reused towels, blankets, sweaters or materials
- Furnish indoor kennels with reused materials such as towels or rugs, and furnish outdoor kennels with cedar shavings

Spoil your pet while protecting the planet! By making small changes you can take fabulous care of your four legged friends and reduce the impact of their carbon paw prints!

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