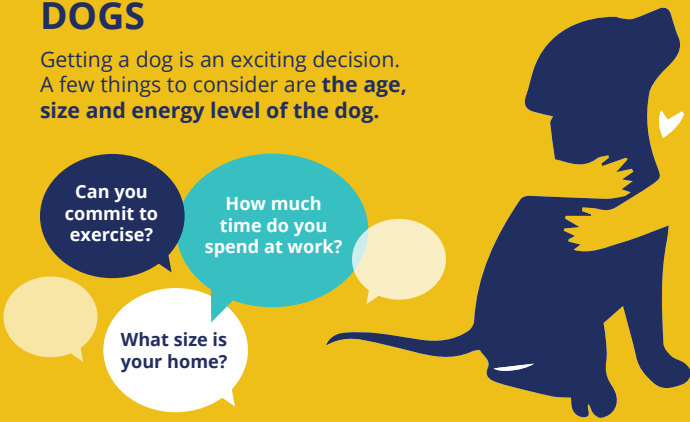


# Thinking About Getting a Pet?

A guide to pet types and their care needs

## DOGS

Getting a dog is an exciting decision. A few things to consider are **the age, size and energy level of the dog.**



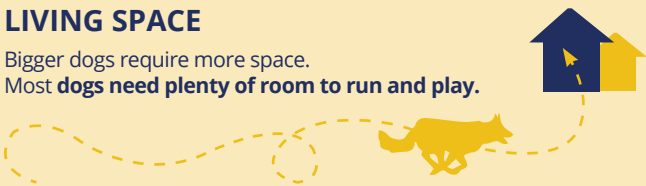
## LIFESTYLE

**Dogs live an average of 13 years.** Make sure you can make the commitment. Dogs need human interaction; you must be able to feed them and let them outside/take them for walks multiple times a day.



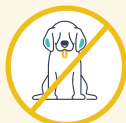
## LIVING SPACE

Bigger dogs require more space. Most **dogs need plenty of room to run and play.**



## ALLERGIES

Are you or anyone in your family allergic to certain types of dogs? You may need to investigate a hypoallergenic breed or a different type of pet.



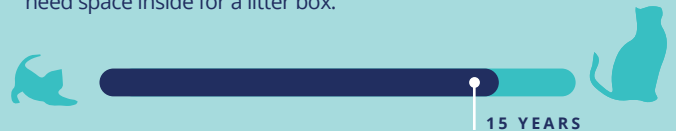
## CATS

Cats are great pets. A couple of things to consider before adopting are **age and temperament.**



## LIFESTYLE

**Cats live an average of 15 years.** Make sure you can make the commitment. Cats are self-cleaning and independent. You will need space inside for a litter box.



## LIVING SPACE

Cats do better in **smaller areas** than most dogs, but still need **toys and games** to enrich their lives.



## ALLERGIES

If you or anyone in your family is allergic to cats it may be better to consider a different type of pet.

