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It's a given fact that pets need food, water, and shelter. But there is a lot more that our beloved pets need. I believe that the most important things we can give our pets are love and affection, medical attention, good training, and exercise.

Our pets need a lot of love and affection to live a happy life. One way you can show your love to your pet is by spending time with them and giving them attention they need. For example, I have a pet dog named Winter, and I show my love through giving him a lot of hugs and kisses. Another way I show my pet love is spending time playing go fetch with him in my backyard. We pamper our dog and give him treats and dog toys to keep him active and entertained.

One way pets live a happy life is by being healthy. We want to make sure that our pets are healthy and happy, therefore, we need to provide them with medical attention if they need it. For my pet dog, my mother makes sure that he gets all of his vaccines on time and gets his annual veterinarian visits. In case he feels sick, we take him to the vet as soon as possible. Pets need to stay clean by giving them baths and groomed, and well kept.

You should train your pet to listen to your commands. This is very important because pets, especially dogs, need to learn to obey their owner for their safety and protection and to make themselves useful to their owners. Going on daily walks or keeping your pet moving is important to keep them healthy. Another way your pet can exercise is by working for their treats. For example, let your pet do a trick for a treat like a roll.

Pets have a lot more key details that we need to pay close attention to so they can live a long and happy life.