



Life Hacks Every Pet Owner Should Know

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Abstract

Caring for pets is a rewarding experience, but it also comes with its challenges. This guide offers practical and creative life hacks to make pet ownership easier, more enjoyable, and stress-free. From cleaning tips and DIY pet toys to solutions for managing shedding and handling unexpected messes, these hacks are designed to simplify daily life for both you and your furry companions. Whether you're a new pet parent or a seasoned owner, these clever tips will help you save time, maintain a clean and organized home, and keep your pets healthy and happy.



1. Introduction

Owning a pet brings immense joy and companionship, but it also comes with its fair share of responsibilities. From keeping your home clean to ensuring your pet stays healthy and entertained, balancing everything can sometimes feel overwhelming. That's where life hacks come in! By incorporating a few smart and simple tricks into your routine, you can make pet care more manageable and enjoyable. In this article, we'll explore a variety of life hacks tailored to pet owners—ideas that save time, reduce stress, and strengthen the bond with your furry, feathered, or scaly friends. Let's dive into these game-changing tips!

2. Everyday Habits of Great Dog Owners

Are you a good owner or a GREAT one? Check and see how many of these habits you're already doing.

You pick up more than just poop



Picking up your dog's poop is Good Doggie Care 101 but truly great pet owners will be mindful of any mess their animal makes and clean up after them, says Ruth MacPete, veterinarian and author of *Lisette the Vet*. This means not only cleaning up poop piles from the neighbor's lawn but wiping up pee, drool, or other liquids in public places; picking up the pieces when your dog shreds a toy; and making amends if your pup chews someone's shoe, pees on a rug, or otherwise makes a mess. Your dog will pay you back tenfold with these 28 ways your dog is trying to say "I love you."

You follow the rules even if you think they're silly

Some public places don't allow pets and great pet owners in Sydney will obey the posted signs, even if you're 100 percent sure your Good Boy would be just fine, Dr. MacPete says. "If a business only allows service animals, be respectful and leave your canine companion at home," she says.

You do a daily "snout-to-tail" check

Great pet owners care deeply about their dog's wellbeing and spend a few minutes each day giving them a once-over, says Neil Cohen, dog behavior expert, owner and head trainer at Sit Means Sit. "By touching your dog, from snout to tail (and everywhere in between) you not only teach a dog to accept your touch, should they need it in an emergency, but you also

familiarize yourself with their body, enabling you to quickly notice anything that wasn't there yesterday—like a tick, cut, tumor, etc.," he explains.

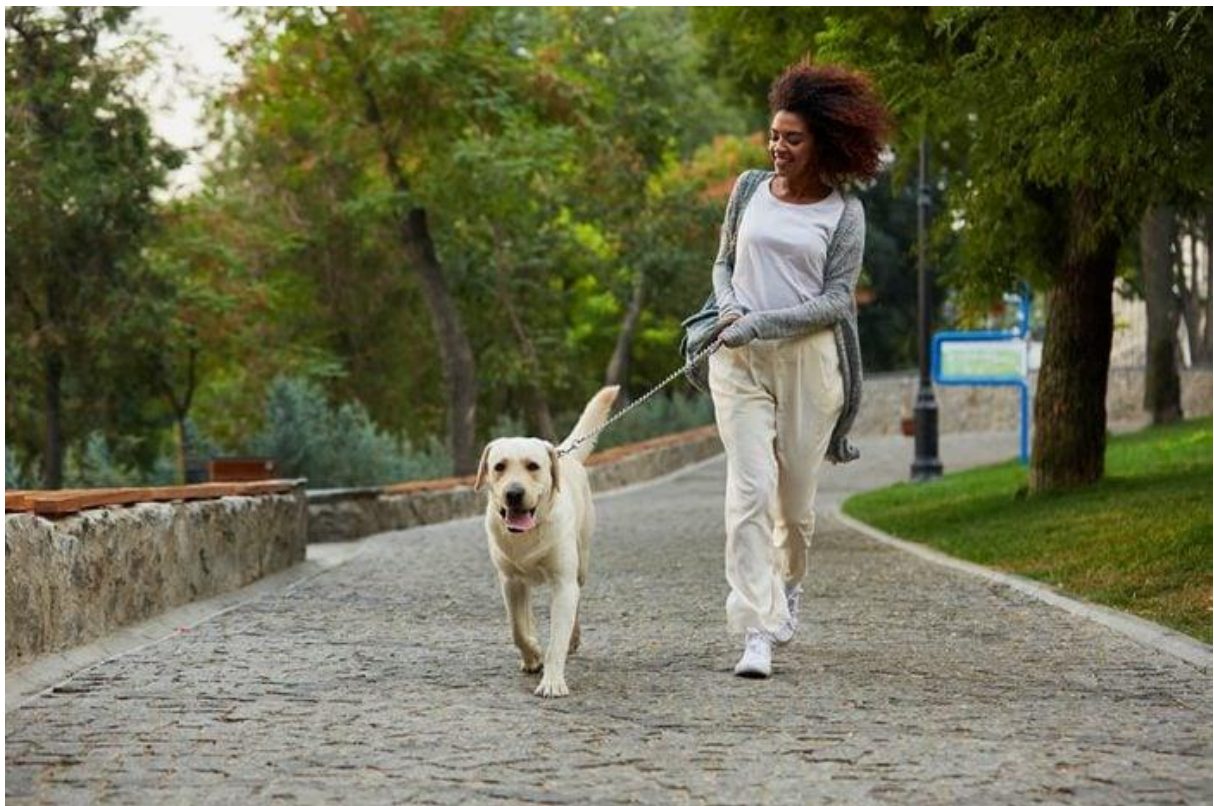
You train your dog to have good manners

"Responsible dog owners socialize and train their dogs for how to behave in public," MacPete says. Untrained dogs can cause all kinds of problems, intentionally or not, and a great owner will prepare them for different situations before bringing them in public. Not only does this protect other humans but it makes your doggo and his canine friends more comfortable too since they know what to expect. However, if your dog used to follow the rules but now blatantly disobeys, it's a sign that your dog is secretly mad at you.

You respect that not everyone is a dog person

You love your pup with all your heart but a good pet owner recognizes that not everyone shares their love for animals. Whether others are allergic, have a dog phobia, or just don't enjoy pets, rather than trying to convince them otherwise you respect their boundaries and train your dog to do so as well, MacPete says. Plus, forcing dogs to greet people they don't want to is one of the 14 things you do that your dog secretly hates.

You are consistent with the rules



Great pet owners know that forbidding their dog to eat off the counter one day and then allowing it the next isn't being kind, it's just confusing. Dogs thrive with rules, Cohen says.

“Maintain regular boundaries, for example, no counter surfing, no nose on the table, no jumping on people,” he says. “Boundaries establish leadership/authority and make your dog more comfortable in your pack.” Clear rules are one of the 19 things your dog really wants from you.

You let your dog sniff all the bushes

Most of the time people want their dog to conform to their lives but a great pet owner in Sydney makes time for their dog to just be a dog. “You give your dog the gift of a sniff-filled walk or playtime with other dogs, playing in the way that makes the dog, not necessarily the humans, happy,” Benson says.

You walk your dog every day



“Great pet owners make time for a walk; a simple daily walk allows dogs to experience their world and be enriched by it,” Benson says. Walks are good exercise mentally and physically for dogs—not to mention their owners too, she adds. More exercise is just one of the many proven health benefits of owning a pet.

You encourage your dog’s natural instincts in a healthy way

All dogs are born needing to bite, chew, and chase but all too often those instincts get them in trouble in the human world. Great dog owners in Sydney understand this and give the dog safe ways to express their nature, Benson says. “Give your dogs food puzzles or other games and toys that allow them to practice natural canine behaviors like chewing and ‘hunting’ for their food,” she says. Does your pup figure out toys quickly? This is one of the 13 simple ways to tell if your dog is smart.

You correct your dog with kindness

When your dog acts up, you need to bring them back in line but great dog owners know the difference between correction and punishment, says Kristi Benson, a certified canine therapy trainer and behavior expert. They use their voice to reassure, comfort, and correct their dog—not scare them, she says. “Good owners will not use yelling, swatting, training collars, or other physical punishments as they know they are bad for the dog’s welfare,” she explains. “Modern dog training techniques can help you teach your dog to obey without using harsh punishments.” Training collars are one of the pet products vets would never buy.

3. DIY Pet Toys You Can Make At Home



The graveyard of deceased dog toys is vast. If your dog is one of the talented that can rip up a stuffed toy in 20 seconds flat, it may feel like toy funerals are happening far too frequently and money is being thrown out the window.

Toys are a necessity for keeping dogs happy, active and out of trouble, but spending money on them doesn’t have to be part of the equation. In fact, dozens of potential DIY dog toys are just waiting to be made from unused things that have been lying around for ages, such as old T-shirts or jeans, towels or bed sheets.

Check out these genius ideas for homemade dog toys. Choose one and get your craft on!

1. No-stuffing bunny dog toy

How insanely adorable is this no-stuffing bunny dog toy from Lia Griffith? Full disclosure, a bit of sewing is required to make this DIY dog toy, but — need we even say it? — the results are seriously cute.

2. Interactive dog feeder toy

A PVC pipe is the main ingredient in this sturdy feeding toy created by Dog Tipper, which aims to keep your pooch busy by making him work for the treats inside. You'll need to be somewhat handy to drill holes into the pipe, which you can do best when the pipe is secured in a vise. Sand the rough edges of your holes with sandpaper and when all of them are smooth, put the pipe into the dishwasher for cleaning. Put PVC caps on each end of the pipe.

3. Plastic bottle tug toy

Plastic bottles are so last decade, but if you still bring one home occasionally, why not fashion it into a tug toy before tossing it in the recycle bin? How perfect is this simple plastic bottle toy from Eigil the Staffy?

4. Ball tug toy

You'll need an old T-shirt, a tennis ball and a pair of scissors to whip up this totally tuggable ball tug dog toy. Simply lay your shirt flat and cut across in three strategic places, according to She Knows, then wrap the ball inside two of the pieces. Use the smallest piece of shirt to cinch the toy together. Cut the remaining pieces of cloth into strips and braid.

5. Rope ball toy

You're going to need patience (and some pliers!) to tackle the tying involved in this rope toy recipe, courtesy of Instructables. Things you'll need: rope (3/4-inch diameter), a lacrosse ball and some electrical tape. First, unwind between 10 to 15 feet of the rope and tape the ends. If you're fluent in "knot," the next steps will be a synch for you, if not, there are how-to's provided for each knot. Pliers can be useful pulling through strands of rope.

6. T-shirt rope toy

That stack of T-shirts in the closet that nobody is wearing, they can be turned into a T-shirt rope toy for your dog. Permacrafters has a super-simple tutorial on Instagram for this stylish DIY dog toy. Your dog — and your closet — will thank you!

7. DIY agility jump

Give your dog extra exercise with this easy-to-make agility jump that can be set up in the backyard, or if you're feeling brave, the living room. Gone to the Snow Dogs built their agility

jump using furniture grade PVC pipe (both white and blue) and different kinds of furniture grade PVC fitting. The important thing here is having a PVC pipe cutter — and knowing how to use one! — and carefully cutting each piece as instructed (the long white pipes, which will be the ground bar, need to measure 47 inches long). Follow the directions provided and you'll have leftovers for future projects.

8. No-sew denim dog toy

No sewing machine? No problem! All you need to make this denim dog toy from Siva Sobieski McMullin is some scissors and an old pair of jeans. The finished product is simple, sturdy, and so much fun to chew!

9. Towel tug toy



Tattered towels are given new life when they're fashioned into (washable!) DIY dog toy — and the operative word here is: easy! Per Good Housekeeping, just cut three strips of towel, about 4 inches wide and at least 12 inches long. Tie them off at one end with a small towel strip (1 inch wide and 6 inches long). Braid and use another strip to tie off the end.

10. Apple pie pupsicles

It's part toy, part treat, with a full serving of cuteness. These three-ingredient frozen yogurt dog treats from Dalmatian DIY require a cute silicone mold, but in all honesty, any shape will do because eating them will be the only thing on your dog's mind. Mix a half cup of yogurt and a half cup of unsweetened applesauce or pureed apple in a bowl. A sprinkle of Ceylon cinnamon is optional. Freeze thoroughly and serve with a smile!

4. Secrets of Dog Groomers



Many a bad fur day has been averted by dog groomers. The people holding the shears at your local pet salon are experts in keeping pups looking neat, but beautification is just one part of the job. Dog groomers are also versed in handling difficult personalities—both from the four-legged clients and their owners. We spoke to three groomers working across the Sydney. about the most challenging breeds to groom, their tricks for handling difficult customers, and other hairy aspects of the profession.

1. There are many routes to dog grooming.

Technically, dog groomers don't need any license or certification to operate in the Sydney. Regardless of the law, most groomers complete training before they start working professionally. According to Page Petravich, a groomer at Ravenswoof in Sydney, there are many paths to take. "There's no one place where you can get credentials to become a groomer," he tells Mental Floss. "There are countless seminars and workshops that can provide certificates of education and things like that, but the main way people learn about grooming is through grooming academies."

Grooming academy courses typically last six months to a year, and after completing the curriculum, graduates receive a certificate. Some groomers forgo formal classes altogether

and learn through apprenticeships. Unless your groomer has a license or certificate displayed on their wall, the only way to know their credentials is to ask.

2. Small dogs can be the most challenging to groom.

Every groomer has a dog breed that makes them tense up when they see it come through the door. For Nicholas Vanet, a groomer at Island Pet Resort in Staten Island, New York, that breed is huskies. “Huskies are the ones that always cry for help,” he tells Mental Floss. “I could be washing the dog, and they’ll be screaming like I’m taking scissors and poking him.” Despite their quirks, he still has a soft spot for the vocal breed. “These dogs are probably the biggest drama queens I know, but they’re the best. I still love them.”

For Kimberly Ives, a groomer at Puff & Fluff in Phoenix, Arizona, terror comes in a smaller package. She tells Mental Floss, “You can never predict a Chihuahua. They could be the sweetest Chihuahua and they could be the most stubborn Chihuahua that will turn and bite your finger off.”

3. Dog groomers also have to deal with the occasional cat.

Though dogs can be difficult customers, canine clients are rarely as misbehaved as felines. Cats don’t show up at the pet salon that often, but when they do, groomers are in for a challenge. “They’re not like dogs. Cats just want to be left alone,” Vanet says. “You must have two people to groom a cat, because if you are by yourself it is impossible.”

4. Peanut butter is a dog groomer’s best friend.

When a dog would rather be anywhere other than getting a trim, groomers have a trick for boosting their mood. “If the dog doesn’t have allergies and it is OK-ed by the pet parent, a couple of people at my salon like to use peanut butter or a treat as a form of positive reinforcement for doing nails, or really doing anything [the dogs] don’t want to do,” Petravich says.

For Vanet, peanut butter comes in handy during bath time. “When I give them a bath and they’re trying to move around a lot, I actually take peanut butter and I put it on the wall,” he says. “[I use] a little toy type of thing that I keep against the wall, and they start licking it to distract them from moving.”

5. Dog groomers dread shaving poodles

Some breeds are difficult to groom because of the type of haircut required, not their temperament. A classic French poodle cut—with poofs of fur and a shaved face and legs—is a groomer’s worst nightmare. According to Petravich, “There are a lot of breed standard haircuts for poodles, like the one you see in dog shows which is called a Historically Correct Continental—it’s very difficult to execute.” That type of haircut is rarely asked for, but many

poodle owners still want their dogs' feet and faces shaved—which can be harrowing. “It takes a lot of patience and a lot of practice,” he says. “You have to be very careful going in between the toes.”

6. The number of dogs they groom in a day varies.

Because the size of a grooming job depends on the animal, many groomers don't know how busy their day will be until they get to work. “When I come in I'll review my schedule and just kind of see overall what my schedule looks like for the day,” Ives says. “I see whether I have big dogs, little dogs, and mentally prepare myself for what I'm going to be dealt with today.”

According to Petravich, scheduling a full day of grooming can be a complicated process. “If I have four large doodles come in, I'll pretty much be only grooming those doodles all day, but if I have four smaller dogs like shih tzus or little schnauzers, I can usually do those plus some larger dogs,” he says. “So everything is dependent upon how big they are, how long the coat is, the kind of haircut that they want, the temperament of the dog, and really how much I can do in an eight-hour day.”

5. Simple Ways To Keep Your Pets From Ruining Your Stuff



They are cute. They're funny. And you love them to bits. But, admit it, sometimes pets can drive you crazy. From scraping the drapes to chewing on our houseplants, my ninja kitty keeps getting up to mischief whenever he's unwatched.

According to research, 17% of all furniture claims in Sydney. are a result of pet damage. While many of those can be repaired with quick fixes like vinegar or wood filler, up to 16% require the entire piece of furniture to be replaced. Maintaining a clean, beautiful home while accommodating the instinctive urges of your pets takes some effort (and oodles of patience) but it's not impossible.

Here are ten easy-to-do, DIY hacks that'll make any pet parent's life much easier:

Scratch-proof your door: If your pet claws at the door every time they want to go out in the yard, use a DIY protector to mitigate damage. Stick a clear, scratch-proof sheet on the part of the door where your pet is likely to scratch. Use double-sided bonding tape to ensure that it doesn't fall off. Alternatively, you can use contact paper or install a vinyl door screen.

Discourage destructive chewing: From remote controls and blankets to shoes and furniture, puppies love to chew 'em all. To save your belongings (and your sanity), discourage this bad habit by spritzing some deterrent spray on things they're most likely to chew. You can easily make a chewing deterrent spray using vinegar or citrus oil. Alternatively, you can rub some clove oil on items that are most "chewable." The bitter taste will deter your fluffer from noshing on your things. It's also important to give them a substitute to sink their teeth in since chewing is a natural habit for canines. You can make DIY chewable toys in a jiffy using household items like ropes, old t-shirts or denim.

De-fuzz household items: This is one of those tried-and-tested hacks that can literally change your life! Just put on a pair of damp dishwashing gloves and run your hand over the pet hair riddled upholstery or fabric. The fur will instantly stick to the rubber gloves. Dip the gloves in water once you're done. When the fur starts to float on the surface, collect it and toss it in the trash. You can also use lint rollers to pick up those stubborn pet hairs from your clothes. For carpets, use a rubber squeegee or a carpet rake to remove pet hair.

Keep your stuff from getting scratched: If your feline friend loves to get its mitts on your furniture, wrap some twine tightly around the table and chair legs. This will keep your cat from ruining the wood. Additionally, place some scratch posts wherever your cat likes to hang out. Creating cat-friendly spots is important to prevent them from attacking your stuff. Here's how you can make one from cardboard or natural bark. Trimming your pet's nails can also be an effective damage control technique. You can do it on your own or take your pet to a professional groomer. If you choose the former option, here's a quick guide on how to safely clip your cat's claws.

Easy-to-do deep cleaning: If you struggle to get pet hair and cat litter out of those weird nooks and crannies in your house, put a squeeze-ketchup bottle top on your vacuum cleaner for quick and easy deep cleaning.

Eliminate pet odor: Every pet parent is familiar with that weird pet smell that refuses to go away no matter how much you scrub clean your home. To nix that persistent odor, place some dryer sheets wherever your doggo likes to snooze or hang out. You can also use DIY scented candles for the same purpose. Here's how you can make some homemade scented candles using cinnamon, coffee beans or lemongrass.

Keep your cat off the furniture: If your kitty loves to jump on your counter or furniture, just stick some double-sided tape on the surfaces you don't want them to hop on. Cats hate sticky things so this trick should be able to discourage the habit.



Eliminate fleas and ticks: If left unchecked, those nasty infestations can take weeks or even months to control. Nip the problem in the bud by using a natural insect repellent on your pet. You can easily make one by diluting essential oils like cedar, lavender or eucalyptus in distilled water. Store it in a spray bottle and spritz the solution on your pet's fur twice or thrice a day. You can also pour a few drops in your pet's collar to keep the bugs away. If you have a cat, make sure it doesn't lick the solution. Alternatively, you can use diluted apple cider vinegar or lemon and water spray on your kitty. The unpleasant taste should keep them from running their tongue over the fur. Other than that, sprinkle diatomaceous earth (DE) over the furniture and your pet's bedding, once or twice a week. The powder dehydrates and kills fleas, ticks and mites. You can also sprinkle it over your carpet before vacuuming, to get rid of flea eggs.

Save your toilet paper rolls: If your TP rolls happen to be on the business end of your cat's claws, clip it in place with a bulldog clip to keep it from unraveling. And in case your feline mischief-maker still manages to shred the toilet paper, spray some cat repellent around your washroom. This will keep your cat away from the TP rolls. Here's how you can make a natural, non-toxic repellent using lemon juice, white vinegar or peppermint oil.

Clean up urine stains: So your pet has accidentally soiled your favorite French rug? Pas de problème! Blot the area with some paper towels. Next, pour this DIY vinegar stain remover over the soiled area to neutralize ammonia and remove the stain. You can also use a mixture of dishwashing liquid and warm water for the same purpose.

Meanwhile, if you live in a rented apartment with your pet, make sure your landlord knows about it. You should also see if your renter's insurance covers pet damage.

Lastly, if you've tried everything to keep your pet from damaging your things and it's been of little or no avail, check with a vet as it could be a sign of a health problem.

6. Easy Tricks To Remove Pet Odors in Your Home



No one will know a pet is in the house when you take these steps to remove odors from furniture, flooring, and the air.

Pet odors can be a persistent challenge, whether you're dealing with a wet dog smell, litter box issues, or the lingering scent of a hamster cage.

Our guide will walk you through effective strategies to eliminate pet odors, including odor prevention and deep cleaning techniques. By following these tips, you can enjoy the companionship of your furry friends without compromising on a clean and inviting living space.

Understanding Pet Odors: Causes and Challenges

Pet odors can stem from various sources, including natural body oils, dander, urine, feces, and even saliva. These organic materials can become trapped in fabrics, carpets, and furniture, leading to persistent smells that are difficult to eliminate.

Factors such as humidity, poor ventilation, and the type of surfaces in your home can exacerbate pet odors. For instance, carpets and upholstered furniture are especially prone to absorbing and retaining smells. Your odor removal strategy will depend heavily on both the cause of the odor and where it's located.

Essential Tools and Products for Pet Odor Removal

To effectively combat pet odors, you'll need an arsenal of cleaning tools and products. Here's a breakdown of the essentials:

Carpet Cleaning Solutions for Pet Odors

Look for enzyme-based cleaners that break down organic matter, such as urine and feces. Here are some highly rated options:

Simple Solution Extreme Pet Stain and Odor Remover

Resolve Urine Destroyer

Rocco & Roxie Professional Strength Stain & Odor Eliminator

These products penetrate deep into fabrics and carpets, neutralizing odors at their source rather than simply masking them.

Absorbents and Neutralizers

Absorbent materials play a vital role in soaking up liquid messes and neutralizing odors. Baking soda is an excellent natural odor neutralizer that can be used on carpets and furniture. For newer carpets where baking soda isn't recommended, consider a dry carpet cleaner like Host Dry Carpet Cleaner, which is safe for various rug types, including wool and oriental rugs.

Specialized Equipment

Investing in the right equipment can make a significant difference in your odor-fighting efforts. We recommend buying the following items:

A high-quality vacuum cleaner with a washable filter

A carpet cleaner or steam cleaner for deep cleaning

An air purifier with a HEPA filter to remove airborne pollutants

Charcoal bags for passive odor absorption

Effective Techniques for Removing Pet Odors from Carpets

When an accident happens, it's crucial to act quickly and use the right techniques to remove pet odors from carpets effectively.

Natural Methods Using Household Items



For those who prefer natural solutions, several household items can be effective in removing pet odors from carpets.

Baking soda: Sprinkle a liberal amount on the affected area, let it sit overnight, and vacuum thoroughly.

Vinegar solution: Mix equal parts water and white vinegar in a spray bottle. Apply to the stained area, blot with a clean cloth, and let it dry.

Hydrogen peroxide and dish soap: For tough stains, mix one cup of hydrogen peroxide with one teaspoon of concentrated dish soap. Apply to the stain, let it sit for 15 minutes, and blot clean. Be aware that hydrogen peroxide can bleach materials, so test this solution on a small, hidden section of your carpet beforehand.

Commercial Carpet Cleaning Solutions

Commercial carpet cleaning solutions may be necessary for stubborn odors or larger affected areas. You can rent professional-grade carpet cleaners from Lowe's and Home Depot. Local businesses in your city may also offer carpet cleaner rentals.

Eliminating Pet Smells from Furniture and Upholstery



It can be particularly challenging to remove pet owners from furniture and upholstery. Here are some effective strategies to freshen up your soft furnishings:

Vacuum thoroughly, including under cushions and in crevices.

Sprinkle baking soda liberally over the surface, let it sit for several hours or overnight, then vacuum.

Use a fabric freshener spray designed for pet odors.

For washable items like throw pillows and blankets, launder them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

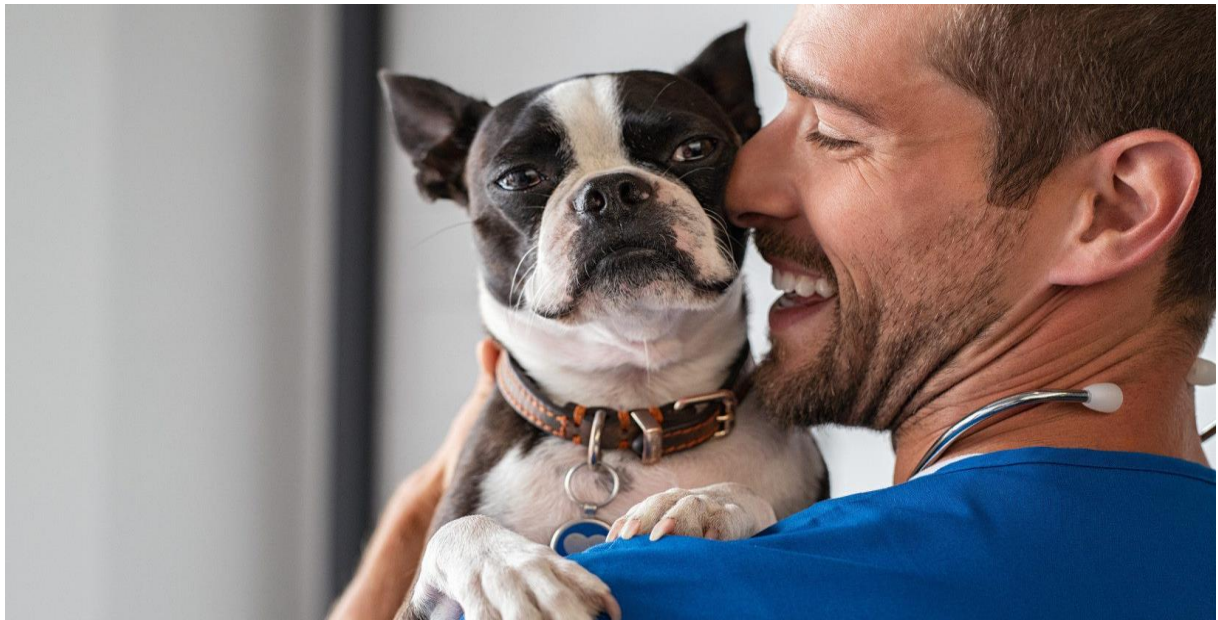
For leather furniture, use a leather cleaner and conditioner to remove odors without damaging the material.

Consider steam cleaning upholstered furniture, but only if the fabric allows it and there are no urine stains present.

For severe cases or valuable furniture, professional cleaning may be the best option.

Always test any cleaning product on a small, inconspicuous area first to ensure it won't damage or discolor the fabric.

7. Cleaning Tips Every Pet Owner Should Know



Owning a pet is a source of joy and companionship, but it also comes with a fair share of challenges, especially when it comes to maintaining a clean home. Pets shed fur, leave paw prints and occasionally have accidents (like pee on the carpet!).

For those living in a rental property the stakes are much higher as moving out demands a spotless home; hence, knowing a professional end of lease cleaners Sydney can be valuable. But with a few smart tricks, pet owners in Sydney can keep their homes clean on a daily basis, making it easier to prepare for inspection day, host guests, or even move out. Here are ten useful tips that you can follow easily.

1. Control Pet Hair with Regular Brushing

Pet hair is a common struggle especially with dogs and cats that shed. To reduce the amount of hair around the home, brush your pets regularly. This can reduce the fur left on your

furniture and carpets, making it easier to keep these surfaces clean. You can also run a vacuum through hot spots of your pet to reduce build-up. Additionally, you can also send your furry friend to professional pet groomers. This way, you can avoid needing intensive cleaning or hiring professional end-of-lease cleaning services in Sydney.

2. Use Lint Rollers on Soft Surfaces

Even with regular brushing, some hairs are bound to end up on furniture, curtains, and clothes. Lint rollers are excellent for quickly picking up stray hairs on sofas, blankets, or other soft surfaces. For larger furniture pieces, try rubber gloves—simply damp them slightly and wipe them over the furniture to capture the hair.

3. Invest in a High Quality Vacuum

Having a powerful vacuum cleaner, especially one with a HEPA filter, is an invaluable asset for pet owners. When you are choosing to buy one, look for the options that have attachments for upholstery and crevices to reach even the toughest corners. It is good to vacuum high-traffic areas and pet hangout spots at least twice a week to keep pet dander and hair away. This will also reduce allergens, improving overall air quality in your home.

4. Keep a Pet Friendly Carpet Cleaner Handy



Accidents happen, especially with younger pets and carpeting in the home. A non-toxic and pet-friendly carpet cleaner (white vinegar + warm soapy water) can help with pet-related

stains. Blot the stain immediately (avoid rubbing), then apply the carpet cleaner as directed. If the stain still refuses to leave, seek assistance for professional carpet cleaners in Sydney.

5. Designate an Eating Area for Your Pets

Establish a designated eating area for your pet to contain food spills. Placing a mat underneath food and water bowls can also make it easier to deal with spills and wipe things down. Some pets like to carry food away from the bowl, so consider using a non-slip mat to keep the bowl in place. A clean eating area means fewer hidden crumbs and spots, making regular cleaning much easier. This will also help you prep your rental property for a detailed end of lease cleaning Sydney before the final rental inspection.

6. Wash Your Pet's Bedding Regularly

Pet bedding tends to collect odours, dirt, and fur, and the same goes for cat towers. Washing it regularly (ideally every two weeks) keeps these things in check and keeps allergens at bay. Use pet-safe detergents to wash and vacuum around their sleeping areas to minimise build-up. If you're moving out, ensure your pet's bedding is cleaned and stored separately to avoid odours lingering in the home, making it easier to focus on cleaning the other parts of the property.

7. Neutralise Odours with Baking Soda

Baking soda is an affordable and effective solution for neutralising pet-related odours. Sprinkle it on carpets, rugs, or pet beds and let it sit for about 15 minutes before vacuuming. This neutral deodoriser, without overpowering scents, can help keep your home fresh without bothering your pet. Routine use of baking soda is helpful for daily maintenance, leaving only minor touch-ups to be done by professional end-of-lease cleaning services in Sydney.

8. Trim Your Pet's Nails

Keeping your pet's nails trimmed can reduce the chances of scratches on the floors and furniture. Long nails can also damage carpets and wooden surfaces, making it challenging to maintain a pristine look. If you have hardwood floors, consider placing rugs in areas your pets frequently visit. Less wear and tear means less work when it comes to deep cleaning, sparing you a lot of hassle.

9. Clean your Pet's Toys and Accessories

Over time, pet toys and accessories can accumulate dirt, saliva and sometimes food particles. Washing these items regularly can keep bacteria and odour at bay. Soft toys can be thrown in the washing machine, while rubber or plastic one's can be scrubbed with pet-safe soap. Keeping these clean can help maintain your and your pet's health.

10. Set up an Outdoor Cleaning Station



When your pet returns from outdoors, it'll likely bring dirt, mud, and even pests into the home. Setting up a small cleaning station at the entrance can help keep the dirt outside. Use a mat to wipe their paws, and keep towels and wet wipes handy for quick clean-ups. Keeping outdoor messes out of the doors can significantly reduce the amount of dirt brought back inside, reducing your cleaning load.

However, if you are at the end of your tenancy, prefer hiring experts for a budget end of lease cleaning Sydney, NSW and secure your hard earned bond money.

Conclusion

Being a pet owner is a journey filled with love, laughter, and learning. By adopting these life hacks, you can streamline daily tasks, solve common challenges, and create a happier, healthier environment for both you and your pet. From clever cleaning tips to creative ways to keep your pet entertained, these simple solutions can make a big difference in your routine. Remember, the goal is not just to manage the responsibilities of pet ownership but to enjoy every moment of it. With these tips in hand, you're well on your way to becoming an even more resourceful and confident pet parent!

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