

# We Are Family

## Pet Planner Checklist

We cannot assume that our pets will naturally adapt to the arrival of a new baby. Taking the time and effort to prepare your pets will help to ensure a smooth transition.

**The Pet Planner Checklist will help guide you in the preparation process.**

### Questions to ask yourself

- Will your pets feeding time need to change?  Yes  No
- Have you organised who is going to look after your pets when you are in hospital?  Yes  No
- Who is cleaning your cat litter tray?  Yes  No

### Do you need to change any of the following:

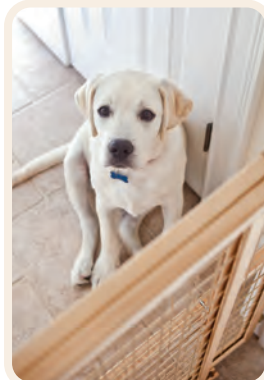
- When your pet is walked?  Yes  No
- Where your pet is fed?  Yes  No
- When your pet goes to the Vet for its annual visit?  Yes  No
- Where your pet sleeps?  Yes  No
- Which rooms of the house your pet can enter?  Yes  No



**Create a safe and secure area where you can separate your dog from your baby.**

### At home

- Have you set up the nursery so your pets can get used to it before your baby comes home?  Yes  No
- Have you decided which rooms you do not want your pets to go in?  Yes  No
- Do you need to consider a barrier or security door?  Yes  No
- Do you need to make a child free area inside so your pet can relax too?  Yes  No
- Where is your pet going to sleep when the baby arrives?  Yes  No
- Is your pet going to spend more time outside?  Yes  No
- Do you need to build / purchase a run or enclosure?  Yes  No
- Will you need to purchase different bedding?  Yes  No
- Will your outdoor area provide their daily needs of shelter, food and water?  Yes  No



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Getting your pet ready for the arrival of your baby

### Helpful training hints for your cat



Do you need to train your cat to:

- Walk on a harness? Yes No
- Stay inside? Yes No
- Use a litter tray? Yes No
- Travel in a crate? Yes No
- Go into a cat enclosure or cat run? Yes No



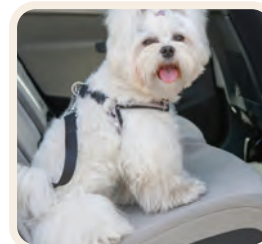
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### Helpful training hints for your dog



Do you need to train your dog to:

- Sit calmly while in a harness in a car? Yes No
- Walk comfortably with you beside the stroller or pram? Yes No
- Walk comfortably on a loose lead? Yes No
- Understand some basic commands such as sit, drop and stay? Yes No
- Be comfortable and relaxed spending time away from you in another room or outdoor area? Yes No
- Do you need professional help to train your dog? Yes No



### When your baby comes home

- Do you have enough food for your pet? Yes No
- Have you organised someone to exercise the dog? Yes No
- Have you organised someone to help with your pet's grooming requirements? Yes No

Notes:

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Actively supervise all interaction between your baby and pets.  
If you can't actively supervise, then make sure they are securely separated so there cannot be any physical contact.

**Actively Supervise or Securely Separate.**

