



Perfectly Posh Paws Adoption Welcome Packet

For Every Adoption and furry friend we place in their forever home.

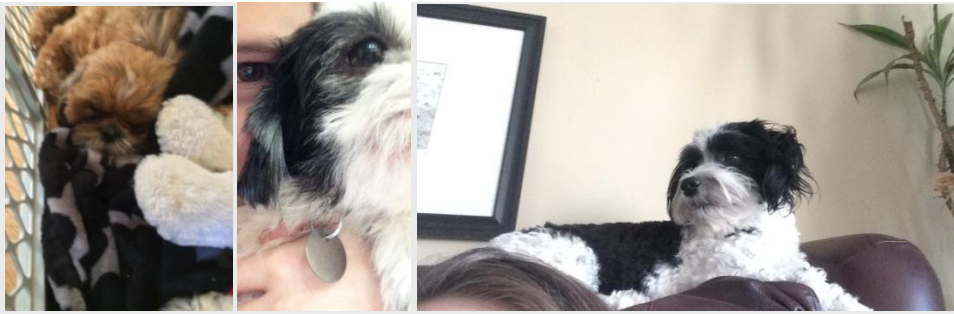
We have this **WELCOME ADOPTION PACKET** to help you adjust to pet parenthood successfully. If you need additional consultation services we would love to hear from you!

We provide New Families - A packet of pet related information to help you on your journey to pet parenthood.

If you are not able to find answers to your questions, please contact us at **708.227.9337.**

We are saving Good Dogs/Cats from Bad Situations! Keep in mind that every dog in our rescue has the right home waiting for her/him.

However some may be active or shy and need a patient adoptive family to go slow and understand that the adjustment to the forever home is a slow and consistent process.



- Call our hotline if you have any questions **708.227.9337** and one of our pet advisor is here to help. Mailing address 1746 E. Corktree Lane, Mount Prospect, IL 60056
- General Email: PerfectlyPoshPaws@gmail.com | info@perfectlyposhpaws.org

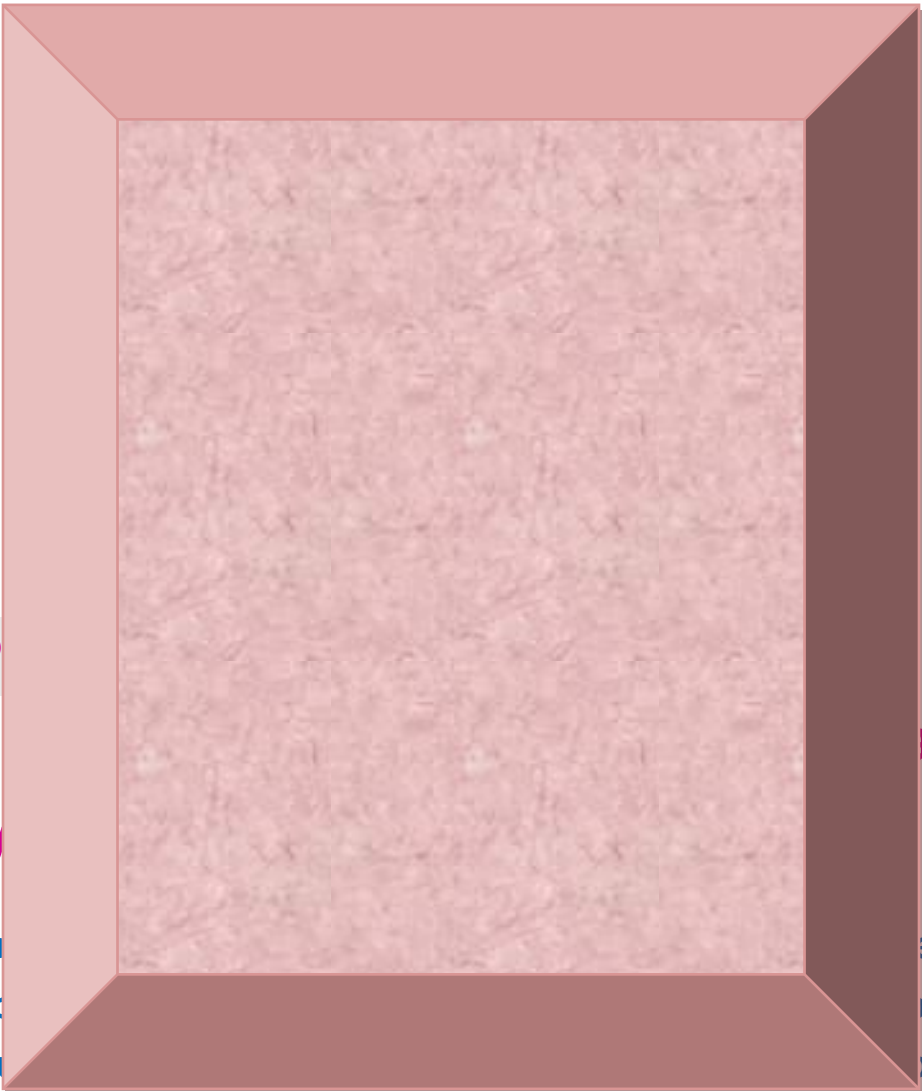
Adoption is FOREVER! *But we are always here to help you and will be here for the life of your pet. We will always take back our rescues if your family has financial troubles, hardship or is unable to care for your dog or cat.*

1. A portrait of your adopted pet
2. A welcome letter and history of the adopted dog or cat
3. The Best-to-the-Worst Foods | The Best Dog Foods
4. Educational package that includes educational healthcare links
5. Best Veterinarians in the Chicago land area
6. Boarding, groomers and training facilities
7. 20 Useful Pet Smartphone Apps for Every Pet Parent
8. YouTube videos that provide useful pet related information.
9. List of healthy food snack alternatives to give your pet

10. Top 13 Pet GPS Tracker Devices for Cats and Dogs



A portrait of your adopted pet and the history of your pet



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Cage free Dog Boarding Team

Doggie Day Care Team

Dog Training Team

Adoption Counselor

Office Manager

Grooming Team Our groomers can help your pooch to feel special at our salon – we are just a phone call away – Brushing – Bathing – Grooming and even colored highlights. Emergency Service – Upon Request. Now offering \$5 off new customers. Your pet will look good and feel great.

Doggie Lounge Facilities Manager

Fitness Trainer and Doggie Nutritionist We'll work with you to come up with a specialized plan

Transport Team To drive your best friend to his next appointment

Reservations Team For your pooches/kitties spa day, dog sitting, doggy daycare, dog walking, dog boarding or for our furry friends to hang out at your event.

Luxury Dog and Cat Resort Center Manager *(We'll work with you to come up with a unique pampered-pet day, with all the lavishes of a 5-star hotel)*

Spa-Day Happy Hour Host *(Posh Pink Hotel - Pup-tails for pets, and seasonal cocktails and organic snacks/treats, bakery items, feeding mats, raw meat delights, burger-day, pet lavender oil massage treatment for pure relaxation, colored highlights grooming salon, Zen wellness, custom pet beds, and lounge chairs, Evian Spring Water, Gourmet Dinners, Doggie Ice Cream)*

- *Upon our rescue arrival they are spayed and neutered, given up-to-date vaccines, checked for heartworms and are evaluated by a trainer and a behavior vet, they specialize in evaluating dogs that may have unforeseen issues upon arriving into our rescue.*
- *We pride ourselves to helping our adoptive families that transition to their new pet and our team wants the human and their pooch to be comfortable with their decision and will work with each family as they get to know their new family member.*

Our founder Linda has an in-home boarding service, dog sitting and dog walking services for all of our adoptive families.

We offer a slightly discounted rate for our adoptive families. We understand that traveling is stressful and knowing your furry friend has warm bed and family to hang with while you are away is comforting.

We will always be by your side as your furry friend grows older, please know you can count on us to assist you with any phase of your pooches or feline friend life.

Welcome aboard to the Posh Family

The List of Best-to-Worst Foods

1. **A balanced, raw, homemade diet** is the best food you can feed your dog or cat. It will be nutritionally balanced because you're following recipes like those found in the cookbook Here is a great book: Real Food for Healthy Dogs and Cats.

Raw means the food is unadulterated and still contains all the enzymes and nutrients that are typically destroyed during cooking or other types of processing.

Homemade is the best option because you are in complete control of the quality of ingredients in your pet's diet.

I recommend pets get plenty of nutritional variety, and another great thing about serving homemade is you can buy seasonal fruits and veggies on sale, as well as protein sources (meats), and use them in rotation.

2. The next best thing you can feed your pet is a **commercially available raw diet**. This is a raw food diet that someone else has done the heavy lifting to prepare.

It's important that the diet is balanced, and you should be aware that there are raw food pet diets entering the market that are not yet proven to be nutritionally complete. These foods often say "For supplementation or intermittent feeding" on the label.

You'll know if the raw food you've selected is balanced because it will say it right on the packaging: "This food has been proven to be nutritionally complete or adequate for all life stages."

At the present time, these diets are found only in the freezer section of small/private owned or upscale pet boutiques – not in the big box pet stores. You can also find a selection online.

3. **Cooked, balanced homemade diet**. It's the same diet found in number 1, above, except that it's cooked. This means some of the nutrient composition has been diminished through processing.

4. **Human-grade canned food**. If the label doesn't say the ingredients are human grade, they're not. Pet food made with human-grade ingredients is also a great deal more expensive, so that's another way to tell what you're getting.

This type of diet is the most expensive you can feed your pet. What I tell my clients is, "If you have more money than time, you can purchase human-grade canned food for your dog or cat. But if you

have more time than money, I recommend you make a balanced, homemade diet right in your own kitchen for a fraction of the cost."

5. **Human-grade dry food.** As I discussed earlier, dry food is not as species-appropriate as a moisture-dense diet. Human grade is very important because the food is approved, in theory, for human consumption, which means it doesn't contain low quality rendered by-products.

6. **Super premium canned food** which can be found at big box pet supply stores like Petco and PetSmart.

7. **Super premium dry food.**

8. **Veterinary-recommended canned food.** Vet recommended canned foods are purchased at your vet's office or clinic. Typical brands are Science Diet, the Purina veterinary lines, [Royal Canin](#) and Waltham.

9. **Veterinary-recommended dry food.**

10. **Grocery store brand canned food.**

11. **Grocery store brand dry food.**

12. **Semi-moist pouched food.**

The reason this type of pet food is so far down the list is because in order for the food to remain "semi-moist," an ingredient called propylene glycol is added. This is a scary preservative that is a second cousin to ethylene glycol, which is antifreeze. And while propylene glycol is approved for use in pet foods, it is unhealthy for dogs and cats. I do not recommend feeding any food that contains this additive.

13. Dead last on the list and the worst thing you can feed your pet is an **unbalanced, homemade diet – raw or cooked.** I'm seeing an increasing number of misguided pet owners in my practice who think they're doing the right thing by serving their pet, say, a chicken breast and some veggies and calling it a day.

Yes, the food is homemade, but it's nutritionally unbalanced. Pets being fed this way are showing up at vet clinics with endocrine abnormalities, skeletal issues and organ degeneration as a result of deficiencies in calcium, trace minerals and omega fatty acids.

What's the Best Dog Food?

After considering dozens of criteria, we determined that the best dog foods should contain:

1. No controversial chemical preservatives
2. No anonymous meat ingredients
3. No artificial coloring agents
4. No generic animal fats
5. Substantial amounts of meat-based protein
6. Fat-to-protein ratio 75% or lower
7. Modest carbohydrate content

So, after reviewing hundreds of dog food brands representing more than 4,300 different recipes, we narrowed our choices down to a few **shorter lists**.

**Ten Great Selections
from Our Best Dog Food Lists**

Dog Food	Form	Rating
<u>Acana Regionals Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars
<u>Fromm Family Gold Dog Food</u>	Wet	4.5 stars
<u>Holistic Select Grain Free (Canned)</u>	Wet	5 stars
<u>Horizon Legacy Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars
<u>Merrick Grain Free Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars
<u>Nature's Variety Instinct Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars
<u>Pinnacle Peak Protein Formula Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars
<u>Taste of the Wild</u>	Wet	5 stars
<u>Victor Grain Free Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars
<u>Wellness Core Dog Food</u>	Dry	5 stars

Educational package that includes informative and fun links

1. <https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com>
2. <https://www.AdoptAPet.com>
3. <https://www.VetStreet.com>
4. <https://www.PETA.org> (people for the ethical treatment of animals or peta)
5. <https://www.dogster.com>
6. <https://www.akc.org> (americankennelclub)
7. <https://www.petfinder.com>
8. <https://Petco.com>
9. <https://iheartdogs.com>
10. <https://sopets.com>
11. <https://www.TheAnimalRescuesite.com> (blog.theanimalrescuesite.com)

12. <https://www.thedodo.com>
13. <https://www.theanimalplanet.com>
14. <https://www.puppyfind.com>
15. www.dogshaming.com
16. <https://thecatsite.com>
17. <https://bestfriends.org>
18. <https://www.dogbreedinfo.com>
19. www.yourpurebredpuppy.com
20. <https://www.rover.com/blog/>
21. <https://www.usserviceanimals.org>
22. www.veterinarypartner.com
23. <https://www.petsmart.com>
24. <https://www.Partnersah.vet.cornell.edu> (Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine)
25. <https://www.vetmed.wsu.edu> (College of Veterinary Medicine | Pet Health Topics)
26. <https://www.aspca> (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)
27. <https://www.petsandparasites.org>
28. <https://www.petmd.com>
29. <https://www.onlynaturalpet.com>
30. <https://www.bringfido.com>
31. www.NatGeowild.com
32. <https://www.kaytee.com> (Small Animal and Bird)
33. <https://www.zilarules.com> (Reptiles)
34. <https://coralifeproducts.com> (Fish – Saltwater)
35. <https://www.aqueonproducts.com> (Fish – Freshwater)
36. <https://www.farnam.com> – (Equine)
37. <https://www.comfortzone.com> – (Dog and Cat Wellness)
38. <https://www.avodermnatural.com> – (Dog and Cat Nutrition)
39. <https://www.adampetcare.com> – (Dog and Cat Flea Prevention)
40. <https://www.petuniversity.com>
41. <https://blog.entirelypets.com> | EntirelyPets.com (Healthy Pets, Inc.)
42. <https://www.humanesociety.org> (The Humane Society of the United States)
43. <https://www.worldanimalnews.com> (Peace 4 Animals)
44. <https://www.animalequality.net> (we work for a better world for all animals)
45. <https://www.hopeforpaws.org>
46. <http://truthaboutpetfood.com/author/foslw3pspow/> (pet food safety advocate – Susan Thixton)
47. <https://www.1800petmeds.com/>
48. http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble_affording_pet.html?credit=web_id91375398#Illinois
49. <https://thehappypuppysite.com>
50. <https://www.rover.com>

5. Educational Websites For Dog Owners

1. Modern Dog Magazine

[Modern Dog Magazine](#) is a great website that contains a variety of information for dog owners. This site contains everything from articles on popular dog topics, such as separation anxiety or the best housebreaking tips, all the way to dog-friendly events and contests. This site pretty much contains anything a dog owner will need, and it's a great choice to help you be the best possible owner.

2. Cesar's Way

[Cesar Millan](#) made a name for himself as a dog trainer, and he even earned his own television show, The Dog Whisperer. His website, [Cesar's Way](#), is a great resource for any and all dog owners. On his site, you will find a variety of information on how to properly care for your dog, train your dog and be the best owner. Cesar also offers a newsletter and you can even use the site to purchase some of his favorite dog-related items. You can easily spend hours on this site learning tips and tricks for raising the best possible dog.

3. PetMD

There will come a point in time when your dog becomes sick or injured. [PetMD](#) can be a great online resource to teach you about common dog illnesses and how to treat them. For example, if you see a bump on your dog's skin, you can use PetMD to help you determine if it's just a bug bite or if it's something more serious that requires your vet's attention. But while PetMD can help you learn about dog illnesses and issues, it's still best to bring your dog to the vet for a complete exam and professional treatment instead of opting to do it yourself based on what you read.

4. American Kennel Club

Whether you want to learn more about your dog's specific breed or find out more information on dog shows, the [American Kennel Club](#) is a great online resource to use. This site contains a variety of information for both owners and breeders, and it even provides you with specific information about puppies versus older dogs. If you're a dog owner, you'll want to bookmark this site and visit it regularly to educate yourself on your dog.

5. ASPCA

The [ASPCA](#) is dedicated to helping prevent cruelty to animals, but the website can also provide a great amount of valuable information to dog owners. On this site, you can learn about popular news as well as tips on how to keep your dog healthy. This site also provides you with information on foods and plants that could be harmful to your dog's health as well as what to do if you spot animal abuse.

The 10 Best Websites For Dog Lovers

1) Pet Food

It takes time and effort to go to the market and pick up pet food. Plus, it can be pretty heavy as it is often purchased in bulk making it a challenge for some of us to carry the dog food back home. Fortunately, [Petco](#) is an outstanding place to shop online for dog food. They offer several coupons along with free shipping on orders over \$60 to make it cost effective for the consumer to shop online. There is a huge variety of brands listed on the website - and Petco has solid customer service both on the phone and in person at any of their stores across the country.

2) Dog Breeders

When you are looking to become a dog owner, it is important to find a legitimate dog breeder. [Breeders.net](#) is an outstanding resource which allows you to enter your zip code and preferred dog breed to find a list of several breeders near you. It is always important to research and contact several breeders before deciding on which one is the best fit for you; and this website helps you to do just that as it displays the breeder's physical address, website address, and phone number.

3) Puppy Names

It is amazing how difficult it can be to name a puppy. Fortunately [Baby Dog Names](#) makes the process both easy and fun for you. The website lists popular, unique, famous, and wacky dog names. You can also of course sort by male or female and the website also displays a wide variety of other dog related information.

4) The Dog Whisperer

Cesar Milan became famous through his television show which was called The Dog Whisperer. Cesar has an uncanny ability to communicate with dogs in a way that gets them to want to do what he says. [Cesar's website](#) is a tremendous resource offering dog tips, links to Cesar's videos for sale, as well as an Ask Cesar section which allows dog owners to get direct answers to questions which are related to behavioral issues that their dogs are having.

5) Dog Health

One of the most stressful times for dog owners occur when their dog is having health issues. While it is always advisable to visit and get advice directly from the Vet, the web can be a resource to help you to at least learn more about what issues your Pet could be having. [Vetinfo.com](#) is an unique resource which has tons of information about a wide variety of dog illnesses and diseases. The website also lists local veterinarians so that you can setup an appointment with a professional to evaluate your dog in person.

6) Dog Insurance

Everyday dog health issues that dog owners deal with are expensive but they usually aren't overwhelming. Unfortunately, sometimes dogs can have serious health issues which can be extremely expensive to treat. As a dog owner, you will feel an enormous sense of responsibility to take care of your sick dog as dogs of course can't take care of themselves. Because serious issues can arise, dog owners should consider [Dog Health Insurance](#). You can ask questions and get a free no obligation quote from the dog insurance provider. Of course it is a good idea to consult with your Vet before moving forward with a Dog Health Insurance plan as Vets have experience with dealing with dog owners and their insurance providers.

7) The Different Dog Breeds

[Dog Breed Info](#) is an outstanding resource with information on all of the popular dog breeds. There is an alphabetical list of all Purebreds and Cross Breeds with relevant descriptions and other specific information related to the breed. You should take advantage of this free online resource before you decide on which breed of dog you are going to get.

8) Labradors

Labs are increasingly becoming one of the most popular breeds for families to get. Labs are extremely popular in North America because of their easygoing personalities and extreme loyalty. [Gotta Love A Lab](#) is an outstanding resource for all things Labs. The site provides tons of Labrador articles, pictures, stories, and tips.

9) Common Dog Problems

Many dog owners struggle with how to deal with common dog problems. [DogProblems.com](#) gives you dog obedience training tips to help get your dog to listen to you. There is an outstanding forum which allows dog owners to connect with each other to share stories and answer questions which they have experience with.

10) Pet Travel Guides

[Pet Travel Guides](#) help pet owners learn which hotels, restaurants, and parks are dog friendly. It is a great joy to bring your dog to public places and this website gives you the head start to finding out which places will treat your dog with the respect that he or she deserves.

6. Best Veterinarians in the Chicago land area

When looking for a veterinary clinic—or deciding whether to ditch the current one—there are some serious questions to consider: Can you tour the facility? Is it easily accessible in an emergency?

Does the vet give a thorough exam and take a thorough medical history? With any veterinarian, a strong feeling of competency and comfort is paramount in the exam room, but the reality check might be the price tag.

Some vets are much better priced than others. You can shop around and get a reasonable idea of price levels by simply making a few phone calls.

Among the 220 clinics rated (see note on methodology below), *Checkbook* found huge disparities even with the most basic procedures:

- To neuter a 6-month-old, 30-pound dog, prices ranged from \$115 to \$690, with an average price of \$243.
- To spay a 6½-month-old cat: a range of \$119 to \$292, with a \$192 average.

- To clean the teeth of a 5-year-old, 65-pound dog: a range of \$99 to \$469, with a \$241 average.

The chart this page also shows how the prices of the top 23 stacked up against the average prices for all the clinics evaluated. For example, at Beverly Hills Animal Hospital in Chicago, you could expect to pay \$65 for services that, on average, cost \$100 at all of the area's clinics surveyed. All of the 23 clinics here had prices that were either below average or close to it.

Low prices are not the only way a vet can save you money. You want a vet who informs you about lower-cost care alternatives, offers preventive advice, and doesn't do more than necessary.

Unfortunately, local vets didn't score so well when it came to keeping medical costs down. Many clients surveyed complained that veterinarians pushed costly treatments that benefited their pocketbooks over owners' pets.

On average, clients gave veterinarians their lowest marks on this category of the survey.

Some veterinarians did shine here—a few clinics received a “superior” rating on 95 percent of the surveys—but a number of clinics pulled in superior marks from only 30 percent of their clients.

As for Marquez, he finally found a vet worth keeping—Hobson Valley Animal Clinic in Woodridge. “They actually took the time to listen to me,” he says. “They seemed genuinely concerned.”

Health Insurance for Fido or Fluffy?

If you're considering health insurance for cats or dogs, read the fine print. For example, one veterinary insurance policy charged a \$305 annual premium, but imposed lots of potentially costly limitations, including:

- a fixed reimbursement plan that might not cover the total cost of a procedure;
- a \$50 deductible for each accident or illness (rather than a per-year deductible);

- no coverage of vaccinations and routine care—unless you pay an additional premium of \$144; and
- a maximum payout of \$14,000 per year.

You must decide whether what you get is worth the price. Buying insurance to cover noncatastrophic expenses means you pay profit, sales costs, and administrative costs for an insurance company to process bills that you could pay yourself.

You also add to your own paperwork. And you pay premiums to cover a pool of other policyholders, some of whom may be more wasteful—i.e., more prone to using excessive care—than you are.

Name	Address	City	Phone	Percentage of customers who rated clinic “superior” for overall quality	Amount you might expect to pay for care that would cost \$100 at the average Chicago-area clinic
Aberdeen Animal Hospital	11 E. Golf Rd.	Des Plaines	847-699-8387	87	\$91
Animal Medical Center of Crystal Lake	41 S. Virginia St.	Crystal Lake	815-455-0770	95	\$99
Animal Medical Center of Itasca	220 Catalpa Ave.	Itasca	630-773-2040	93	\$77
Arlington Park Veterinary Hospital	2105 Hicks Rd.	Rolling Meadows	847-934-1535	92	\$96
Beverly Hills Animal Hospital	10359 S. Western Ave.	Chicago	773-779-7790	93	\$65
Camp McDonald Animal Clinic	2010 E. Camp McDonald Rd.	Mount Prospect	847-296-1188	93	\$100
Evergreen Park Animal Hospital	3000 W. 95th St.	Evergreen Park	708-422-9007	89	\$71
Forest View Animal Hospital	1744 W. Algonquin Rd.	Hoffman Estates	847-934-0207	100	\$77

Name	Address	City	Phone	Percentage of customers who rated clinic “superior” for overall quality	Amount you might expect to pay for care that would cost \$100 at the average Chicago- area clinic
Hobson Valley Animal Clinic	6720 Rte. 53	Woodridge	630-852-1995	93	\$93
Howard Street Animal Hospital	715 Howard St.	Evanston	847-475-1880	100	\$75
LePar Animal Hospital	3811 W. 95th St.	Evergreen Park	708-423-3200	88	\$91
Mannheim Veterinary Hospital	2740 N. Mannheim Rd.	Franklin Park	847-455-7387	97	\$72
Markham Animal Clinic	3451 W. 159th St.	Markham	708-339-4010	95	\$92
Mayfair Animal Clinic	4314 N. Elston Ave.	Chicago	773-478-1868	100	\$105
Mokena Animal Clinic	9455 W. 191st St.	Mokena	708-479-2811	89	\$84
Mount Plaines Animal Hospital	888 E. Northwest Hwy.	Mount Prospect	847-259-0330	91	\$96
Mundelein Animal Hospital	650 N. Midlothian Rd.	Mundelein	847-566-5750	95	\$91
Oak Forest Animal Clinic	15701 S. Cicero Ave.	Oak Forest	708-687-0110	88	\$95
Park Animal Hospital	2540 N. Harlem Ave.	Elmwood Park	708-452-7275	100	\$63
Pulaski Animal Hospital	5424 S. Pulaski Rd.	Chicago	773-735-2112	94	\$90
Skycrest Animal Clinic	5301 Rte. 83	Long Grove	847-634-3538	96	\$100
Village Animal Clinic	25W510 Geneva Rd.	Carol Stream	630-690-9191	87	\$99

Name	Address	City	Phone	Percentage of customers who rated clinic “superior” for overall quality	Amount you might expect to pay for care that would cost \$100 at the average Chicago-area clinic
Wauconda Animal Clinic	197 Thomas Ct.	Wauconda	847-526-2727	100	\$91

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This chart lists 23 veterinary clinics rated highest among the 220 clinics evaluated in *Chicago Consumers’ Checkbook* magazine and at checkbook.org.

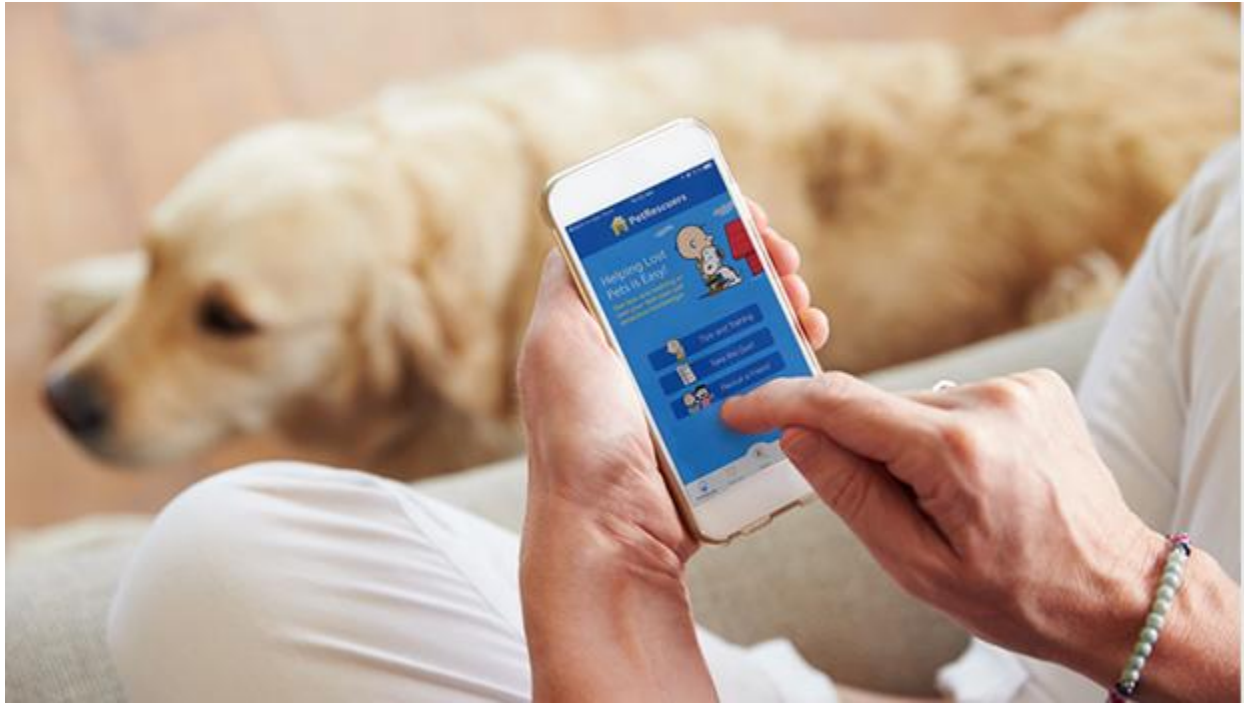
Checkbook asked area consumers to rate several aspects of their service experience “inferior,” “adequate,” or “superior.” More than 6,300 surveys were compiled.

Each of the clinics listed was rated by at least 15 customers. The percentage of customers who rated the overall performance of a clinic as “superior” is given on our list.

To compare prices, *Checkbook’s* shoppers, without revealing their affiliation with *Checkbook*, checked prices on various procedures.

The list shows how each clinic’s prices compared to the average, which here is scaled to \$100. For example, a clinic with a price of \$90 on the table quoted prices 10 percent lower than the average quoted price.

10 Best Apps For Every Pet Parent



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Do you go everywhere with your smartphone? If the answer is yes, then you ought to check out these apps for people who live with and love dogs and cats. The following are all free to download and available for iPhone & Android users. A link to the Android version on Google Play appears at the end of each listing.

PETRESCUERS BY HOMEAGAIN

Tap into tens of thousands of PetRescuers and participating shelters and clinics across the country with this app. You can set it to receive detailed Lost Pet Alerts for missing dogs and cats in your area. Should your dog or cat stray, her info can alert PetRescuers to be on the lookout. The app also provides info on what to do if you find a lost pet as well as heart-warming stories of microchipped pets that have been reunited with their families. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



VET ON DEMAND

When you can't reach your own veterinarian, Vet On Demand may work as a substitute. With the app, you can connect with a licensed veterinarian for a face-to-face consultation about your cat or dog's condition. A one-time call is \$40 for 15 minutes, or you can subscribe for \$9.95 a month and get unlimited consultations. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



MYPET REMINDERS

Keeping track of your pet's veterinarian appointments and medications are important but can easily become overwhelming. That's where the MyPet Reminders app comes in handy. Create a profile for your pets and keep track of important dates. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



THE BARK: DOG CULTURE MAGAZINE

It's simply a smart and well-written magazine for dog owners, regaling readers with smart features and essays, reproductions of dog art and tips on animal behavior plus training articles, book reviews, veterinary advice and more. And the editors have a soft spot for pictures of smiling dogs. Free, but \$ to download an issue or subscribe. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



ROVER

Whether you're a pet parent in search of a dog sitter or someone who wants to work as a pet caretaker, Rover can help by connecting you. The biggest company of its kind, Rover lists dog walkers, pet boarders, house sitters and others who love pets in more than 10,000 cities. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



DOGSYNC

If you have more than one dog, share pet care with others or simply want a record of when your dog's needs are attended, DogSync can help. This app lets you record when a pet has been walked, watered and fed, taken to the vet, given medication if needed and more. With it, you can easily connect with others in your "pack" and ask for help with responsibilities. [iOS](#). [Android version](#) "coming soon".



DOG CLICKER TRAINING

Many behaviorists recommend clicker training. It's an effective way to reward good behavior – as long as every click is followed by a treat. Having this simple app, which offers three different sounds, replaces the need for carrying around a separate clicker. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



PETPARENT

This app enables users who live in major cities to connect with a community of people who love and care for pets. It offers info on pet-oriented venues such as dog parks, and businesses such as groomers and doggie day care. You can add a photo of your pet, set up a play date and even find dog-friendly bars and brunch spots. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



WAG: DOG WALKING

Still a bit new to the game, Wag connects truly obsessed dog owners to insured, bonded and background-checked dog walkers to select and book. Here's why: once your dog goes out, you can track its path live with the app's GPS map. Plus you get a report after every walk that contains a photo or video, distance walked, duration, and whether your dog peed or pooped. Note that not all geographic areas have dog walkers and this app is currently for iPhone users only. [iOS](#).



NEKO ATSUME

Not that anyone needs a new addiction, but Neko Atsume is awfully cute and asks so little. Put out some virtual food, and a few cats appear. Add some toys and you'll meet more that you can photograph for the in-app cat book. There's no violence, no shooting, just some cartoony cats who show up to play and eat. Watch out for Tubbs, though. He's a gobbler and you'll need to refill the food bowls soon after he visits. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



BONUS: PETDIABETES TRACKER

If your pet has diabetes, the PetDiabetes Tracker app is an absolute must-have. The app not only allows pet parents to monitor and track the symptoms of their pet's diabetes but also allows you to log important medical information such as blood glucose levels. It also features handy reminders for insulin shots and veterinarian appointments. You can then email a full report of the data you input directly to your veterinarian from within the app. [iOS](#). [Android](#).



20 Useful Pet Smartphone Apps for Every Pet Parent

1. [Tagg](#)

Tagg is essentially a GPS attachment for your dog's collar, and because of its many features, it can give you peace of mind. The app will track your dog's activity and send you a message if he goes beyond the boundaries you set. Not only that, Tagg allows you to make sure your dog is getting enough exercise by measuring movement.

Available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Tagg

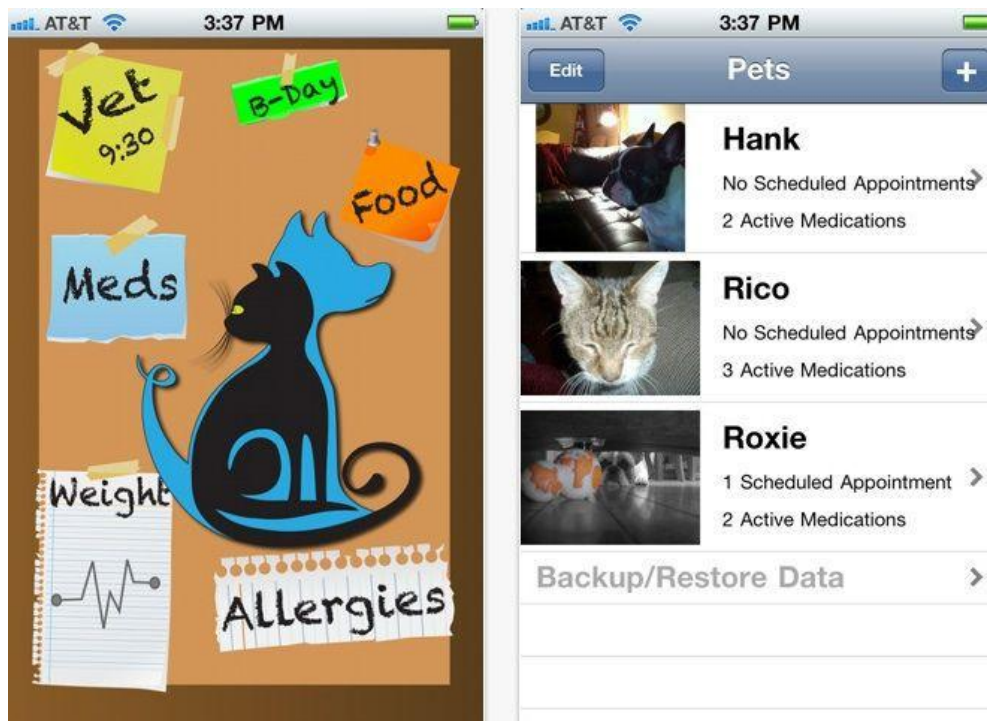


2. [DoggyDatez](#)

DoggyDatez is a mobile social platform for dog owners and their dogs to make friends. The main idea is that you can "mark your territory" and see who else visits your spot. You're also able to search for other DoggyDatez users by gender, age, dog gender, dog age and/or dog breed.

Available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Screenshot courtesy of DoggyDatez

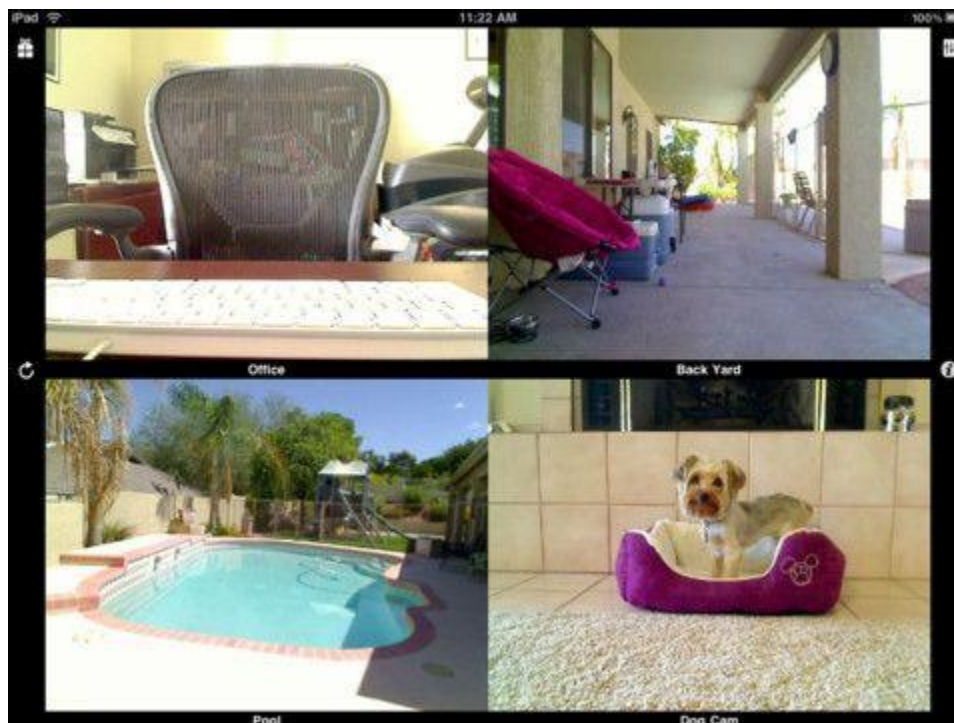


3. [Pet Phone](#)

The Pet Phone app lets you track your dog's health with ease. You can keep track of vet appointments, medications, allergies and food preferences for each of your pets, and the app can be synced with your calendar to get reminders.

Available on [iOS](#).

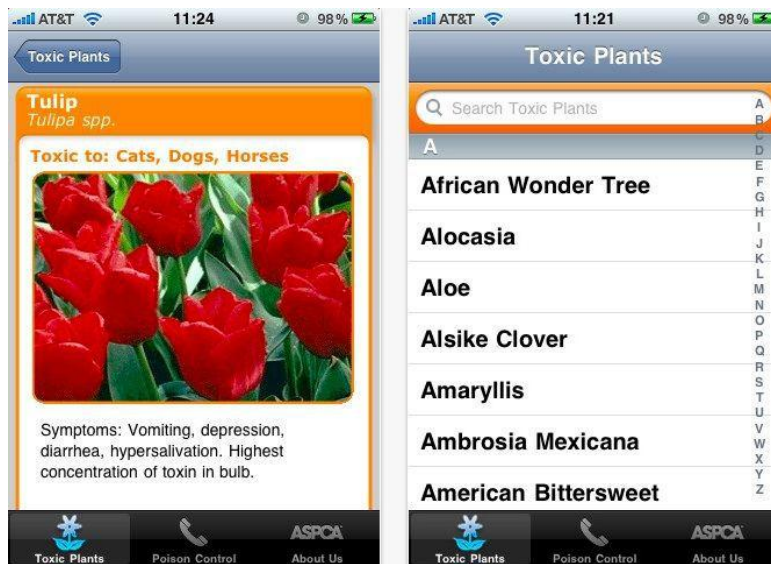
Screenshot courtesy of Pet Phone



4. [iCam](#)

If you want to see what your dog is up to in real-time, iCam is the app to get. You can watch your canine friend remotely, just to make sure everything's all right. This is especially useful if you're leaving your dog home for the first time, you recently moved or you're traveling.

Available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).
Screenshot courtesy of iCam



5. [Petoxins](#)

It's tough, if not impossible, to know everything that is harmful to your dog. The Petoxins app from the ASPCA helps you out by having a impressive list of poisonous plants, and most of them you probably didn't know. For example, did you know that tulip bulbs are hazardous? Now you can keep similar vegetation out of your dog's reach.

Available on [iOS](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Petoxins



6. [MapMyDogWalk](#)

With MapMyDogwalk, you and your dog can get fit at the same time. You can log your walks, track your calories and map your favorite routes using GPS. The app also has sharing and geotagging features for photos and data.

Available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Screenshot courtesy of MapMyDogWalk



7. [Pet First Aid](#)

Raising pets is fun, but it's also a big responsibility, which means there can be some scares. If anything should happen to your dog, Pet First Aid helps you take the right steps to make sure he'll be OK. Detailed videos and illustrations include restraint, muzzling, CPR, bandaging and more.

Available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Pet First Aid

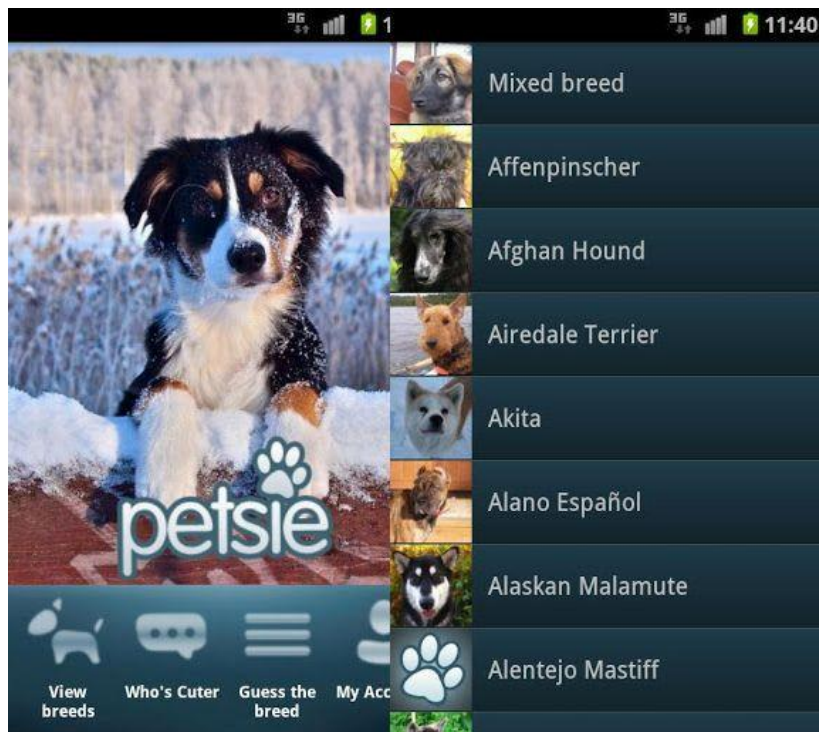


8. Pet Minder Pro

Pet Minder Pro helps you keep track of your dog's actions, and it's presented in an easy way so you can use it while interacting with your dog. By tapping custom buttons, you'll never forget when you last gave your dog medicine, fed him, took him for a walk or took him to a play date. You can also track training phases for puppies, set up reminders and share information via notifications.

Available on [Android](#). For an iOS alternative, check out [MyPetMinder](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Pet Minder Pro



9. Petsie Dog Breeds

Answering the question "What kind of dog is he?" isn't always easy, especially if your dog is a rescue or mix. As a tool, Petsie Dog Breeds can help you figure it out, but it's also full of adorable photos and information. You can even use it as a fun social network by creating a profile for your dog.

Available on [Android](#). For an iOS alternative, check out [Guide to Dog Breeds](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Petsie Dog Breeds



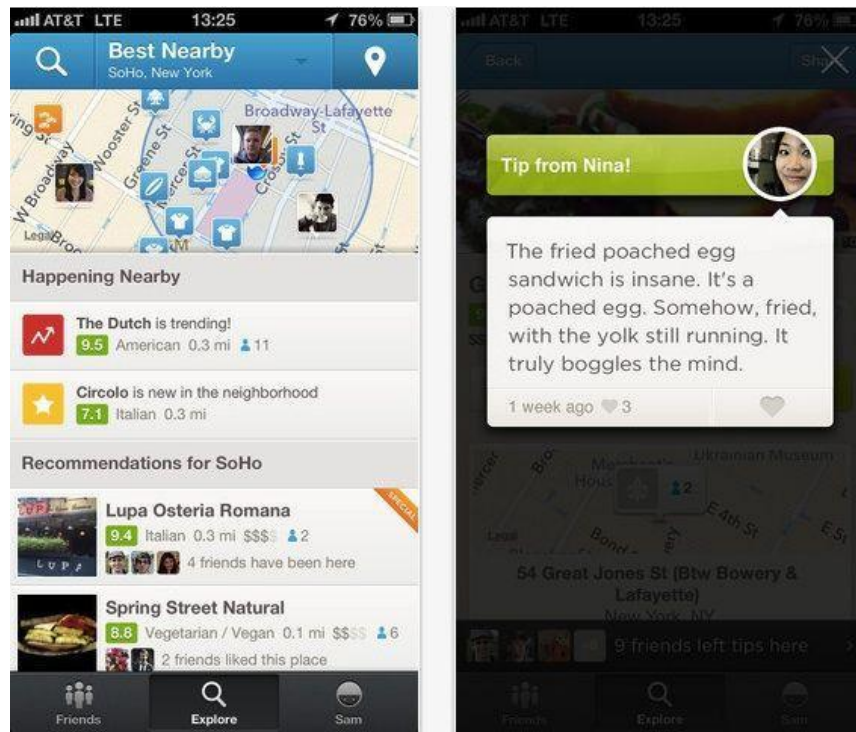
10. [Weather Puppy](#)

It's useful to check the weather before you take your dog out for a walk, but Weather Puppy takes it to a new (and very cute) level. The app shows more than 100 dogs depending on the

time and weather, and you can even add a pic of your own dog. Weather Puppy partners with non-profits and shelters across the U.S.

Available on [iOS](#) and coming soon on Android. In the meantime, a good Android alternative is [Weather Dog](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Weather Puppy



BONUS: [Foursquare](#)

This might seem like an obvious one, but it really comes in handy for dog owners. You can organize all of the dog parks in your city, find nearby pet stores and vets when you need them and see if any friends with dogs are in your area.

Available on [iOS](#), [Android](#) and [BlackBerry App World](#).

Screenshot courtesy of Foursquare