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for detailed information go to <u>www.petsincondos.org</u>



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Provide exercise opportunities for your animal. This helps keep your animal happier and reduces the potential of nuisance issues. **Dogs Need Socialization AND they need to be WALKED!** 

Provide safe play objects for your animal.

Brush or groom them as appropriate.

Teach your dog basic obedience commands, including **come, heel, sit, down and stay**.

Promptly eliminate any nuisance issues (eg., additional training or bark collars for excessive barking)

Animals should always be under control in common areas. Dogs should always be on a leash when outside (except in a free-run dog park). Telescoping leashes are only appropriate where close control isn't needed. Short leashes should be used in elevators, hallways, catwalks, and similar closed areas. Cats and other small animals should be in appropriate carriers when taken outside.

Do not leave animals tied up outside. Never leave them alone in a car with windows closed.

In case of a hurricane or other emergency, take your animals with you. (Do NOT lock them inside.)

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