



### **Responsibility comes with owning a dog**

Today marks National Responsible Dog Ownership Day; an important time to remember our faithful companions and promote their safe care.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) invites dog owners across the country to put their "paw print" on the Responsible Dog Owner Pet Promise. The 10-step oath is a reminder to both novice and veteran dog owners that raising a healthy dog is about more than just playtime and pampering. Training, grooming, a healthy yard environment and exercise are equally important.

The AKC Responsible Dog Owner Pet Promise also advocates that owners ensure that their canines do not infringe on the right of others. This means adhering to local leash laws, properly disposing of pet waste and training dogs to sit, stay and come when called.

As an endorsing organization of Responsible Dog Ownership Day, we are encouraging dog owners to sign the online petition to promote proper care for dogs. Dog owners can visit the Doo Care Web site, [www.doo care.com](http://www.doo care.com), to sign the American Kennel Club Pet Promise and download the Pet Promise certificate.

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