

# 7 Statistics Pet Owners Should Know

## 1. 90%

>90% of pets without proper identification are never returned home.

>1 in 3 pets will become lost in its lifetime.

>According to the American Humane Association only 17% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats every find their way back home. This translates into almost 4 million pets that are euthanized every year because pet owners can't find them.

**\*Source: American Humane Association**

## 2. 25 to 40%

>Of the 67 million dogs and 77 million cats in the United States it is estimated that anywhere between 25 to 40 % are overweight.

>And Just like obese people, obese pets are also prone to diabetes, heart problems, joint and hip problems.

>Pet obesity has only become more a problem recently because more and more pets are keep indoors only, which limits how much exercise they get.

>Also people view pets as members of their families and therefore tend to give them more snacks.

>Dogs actually only need about half as much fat that is contained in most premium dog foods.

**\*Source: University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences**

## 3. 56.6% and 71.1%

>According to the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy 56.5% of dogs and 71.1% of cats in shelters are destroyed. Only about 25% go to new homes.

**\*Source: National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy**

## **4.5**

### **5 Common Household Toxins of Dogs and Cats**

1. Acetaminophen-----Affects liver and red blood cells
2. Aspirin-----Affects bone marrow, liver, kidney
3. Bleach-----Affects mucous membranes
4. Mothballs-----Affects nervous system and liver
5. Rat Poison-----Affects blood clotting

## **5. 4.7 Million**

**>4.7 Million People Are Bitten By Dogs Every Year**

**>One out of every 6 of these bites is serious enough that it requires medical attention**

**>You have a 1 in 50 chance of being bitten by a dog every year**

**>Children are the most common victim, and are bitten most frequently by their family dog**

**\*Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

## **6. 1 Person Every 10 Minutes**

**>1 Person Every 10 Minutes Dies From Rabies.**

**>While having your pet vaccinated for rabies might seem unnecessary, it is vital that this continues to be done. This is not to protect the pet, but to protect us.**

**>Almost 55,000 people in the world will die from rabies this year.**

**\*Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

## **7. 5 Minutes**

**>It only take 5 minutes every Saturday to give your pet a quick physical exam. Just because you are not a veterinarian doesn't mean you can't notice subtle changes in your pet.**