General
Dogs come in all shapes and sizes, and as a result some of their needs will differ. However, all dogs will need a healthy diet, exercise (physical and mental), training and routine care such as grooming, flea treatments and vet checks.

Common Cancers:
- Mammary tumours
- Mast cell tumours
- Lymphoma
- Haemangiosarcoma
- Histiocytic tumours
- Melanoma
- Osteosarcoma

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Diet
There are ongoing debates about whether raw, home cooked or manufactured food is best. The important thing is to have a balanced diet with plenty of animal protein, calcium and phosphorus. Good quality brands are recommended, and it is very important not to overfeed your dog as obesity causes many health problems. Water should be available at all times.

Remember: Dogs die in hot cars... don't risk it!

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Socialising
Dogs are pack animals and usually mix well with other dogs providing they have been socialised as puppies. It is important to assert yourself as pack leader by providing clear boundaries and rewarding good behaviour.

Reduce Risks by:
- Neuter/spay at about 6 months of age.
- Check the breed profile; some breeds have a higher disposition towards certain cancers.
- Limit exposure to sunlight (particularly pale coloured dogs). Restrict exposure to environmental toxins such as herbicides and cigarette smoke.
- Don't allow your dog to become obese.
- Take your dog for an annual check up at the vet, more often for older dogs as they are at increased risk.

Regularly check eyes and teeth are healthy. Regular grooming will keep your dog's coat in good condition and allow you to check for lumps and bumps. Dogs may also need their claws trimming. Daily exercise is a must!