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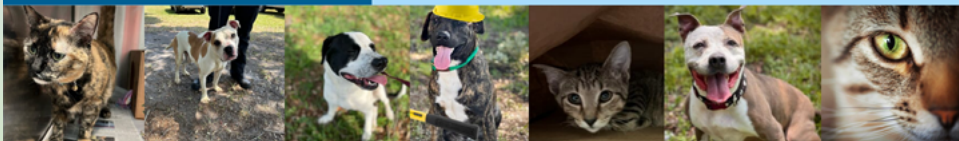
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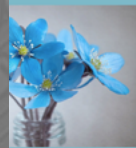


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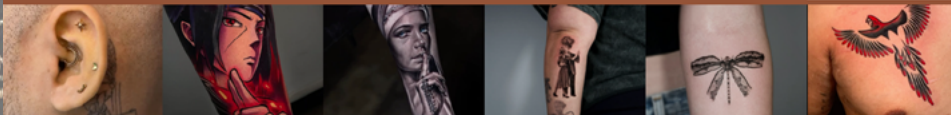
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Local Area Events

JANUARY

- Celebration Farmers Market (Sundays, Year Round)

FEBRUARY

- Community Day of Love - St. Cloud
- Father Daughter Dance - St. Cloud
- Osceola County Fair - St. Cloud
- Silver Spurs Rodeo - St. Cloud
- Rodeo Day - St. Cloud

MARCH

- Paint the Town Green St Patricks Night Parade - St. Cloud
- Spring Festival - St. Cloud

APRIL

- Spring Fest & Easter Egg Hunt - Poinciana
- Spring Fling - St. Cloud

MAY

- Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony - St. Cloud

JUNE

- Juneteenth Celebrations - St. Cloud & Kissimmee
- Tour de Food - Kissimmee (June-Aug)

JULY

- 4th of July Celebrations & Fireworks - Kissimmee & St. Cloud
- 4th of July Spectacular - Celebration & Poinciana

AUGUST

- Circus visits Kissimmee
- Endless Summer Classic - Kissimmee
- Exotic Bird Fair - Kissimmee
- Labor Day Celebrations - Kissimmee (end of Aug- beginning of Sept)
- Latino Market Festival - Kissimmee
- Le Salon Event- Kissimmee
- Old Town Jeep Show - Kissimmee

SEPTEMBER

- Fandom Event - Kissimmee
- Florida National Barrow Show - Kissimmee

OCTOBER

- Boo On Broadway - Kissimmee
- Country Thunder Florida - Kissimmee
- Fall Festival - St. Cloud
- Pinktoberfest - St. Cloud
- MADD Monster Mash & Dash 5K- Kissimmee
- Oktoberfest - Celebration & Kissimmee
- Trail of Terror - St. Cloud
- Trunk or Treat - Poinciana

NOVEMBER

- Alfa Romero Car Show - Celebration
- Community Thanksgiving Day - St. Cloud
- Great Outdoors Day - St. Cloud
- Shop Small Saturday - Area Wide
- Solvitas Fall Festival - Kissimmee

DECEMBER

- Annual Christmas Parade - St. Cloud
- Annual Holiday Craft Festival - St. Cloud & Celebration
- Annual Tree Lighting - St. Cloud & Kissimmee
- Around the World at Christmas - Kissimmee.
- APV Christmas Parade & Celebration - Poinciana
- Rockin' The Cloud NYE Celebration - St. Cloud

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Osceola County is situated in central Florida, within the United States. Established in 1887, it was formed from portions of Orange and Brevard Counties. On July 21, 1821, Florida was initially split into two counties: Escambia County to the west and St. John's County to the east. In 1824, the southern section of St. John's County was designated as Mosquito County, with its county seat located in Enterprise. Later, in 1844, Brevard County emerged from Mosquito County. After Florida attained statehood in 1845, Mosquito County was renamed Orange County. The boundaries of Osceola County extended down to Lake Okeechobee until the establishment of Okeechobee County in 1917. According to the 2020 census, the county's population was recorded at 388,656.

Cities
Kissimmee - County Seat - 79,226
St. Cloud - 58,964

Census Designated Places
Buena Ventura Lakes - 30,251
Campbell - 2,610
Celebration - 11,178

Four Corners - 56,381
Poinciana - 69,309
Yeehaw Junction - 240

**Populations are approximate.*

BUENAVENTURA LAKES

Buena Ventura Lakes, often referred to as BVL, is a census-designated area located in the northern part of Osceola County, Florida. This community is particularly recognized for its Puerto Rican and New Yorican heritage, earning it the nicknames Little Puerto Rico or Little New York. According to the 2010 census, the population of Buena Ventura Lakes was 26,079.

FOUR CORNERS

In the state of Florida, there is a region known as Four Corners, which is an unincorporated suburban area and census-designated place (CDP). It is situated at the convergence of Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Polk counties. The area derives its name from the fact that it is located at the crossroads of the Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Polk County boundaries at the heart of the CDP. The population of Four Corners was recorded at 56,381 during the 2020 census.

KISSIMMEE

Kissimmee serves as both the largest city and the county seat of Osceola County in Florida. Initially, the location was referred to as Allendale, named after Confederate Major J. H. Allen, who navigated the first cargo steamboat, the Mary Belle, along the Kissimmee River. The city was officially renamed Kissimmee upon its incorporation in 1883. Founded before the Civil War by the families of Bass, Johnson, and Overstreet, the present-day town remains the county seat of Osceola County. The origins of the name Kissimmee are still a topic of discussion, although there is a consensus that it derives from Native American language. The town's development can be attributed to Hamilton Disston from Philadelphia, who established a massive four-million acre drainage project in the area. Disston had made an agreement with the financially unstable state of Florida to drain its southern territories, through which he would acquire half of the land he successfully drained. This arrangement positioned Disston as the biggest individual landowner in the United States. According to the 2020 census, the population stood at 79,226.

POINCIANA

Located in Polk County, Poinciana is a designated settlement and census-designated place (CDP) that first took shape in the 1960s. Initially envisioned as a haven for retirees by its original developer, the community saw its initial homes constructed in 1973. Despite modest growth that saw the population reach around 8,000 by 1994, Poinciana has since experienced a significant surge in residents. According to the 2020 census data, the CDP's population stood at 69,309.

ST. CLOUD

St. Cloud, often referred to as Saint Cloud, is a city located in northern Osceola County, Florida. Originally established as a retirement haven for Civil War union veterans, it earned the moniker "The Friendly Soldier City." In the 1870s, Hamilton Disston from Philadelphia became interested in the area's development during his fishing excursions with Henry Shelton Sanford, the founder of Sanford. Disston entered into a contract with the Florida Internal Improvement Fund, which was in receivership, agreeing to pay \$1 million to alleviate its Civil War and Reconstruction debts. In return, he received half of the land that he drained from the swamps of the state. He constructed canals and, between 1886 and 1887, launched a sugarcane plantation named St. Cloud, inspired by St. Cloud, Minnesota, although many long-time residents assert that the name originates from Saint-Cloud in France. According to the 2020 census, the population stood at 58,964.

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Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.





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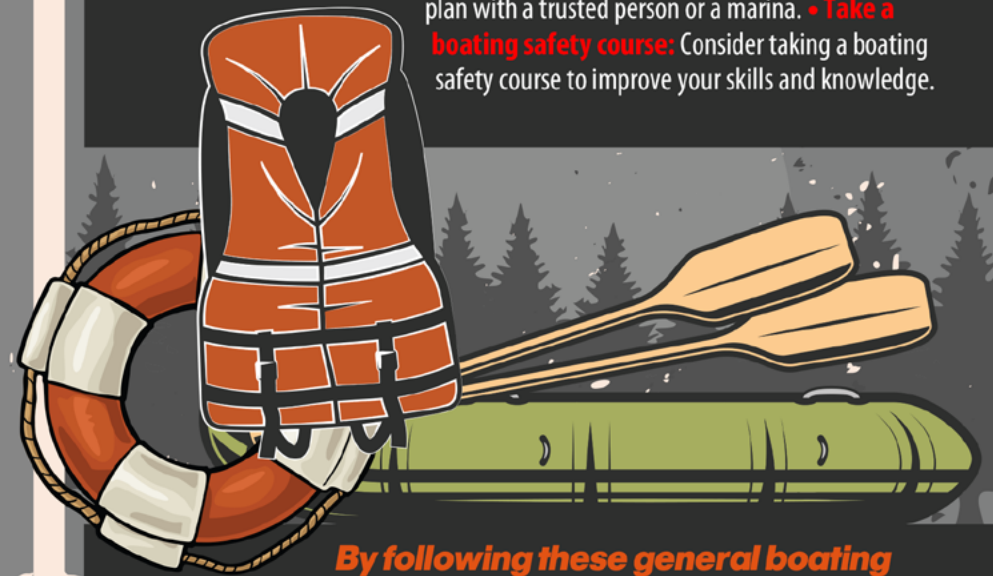
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- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

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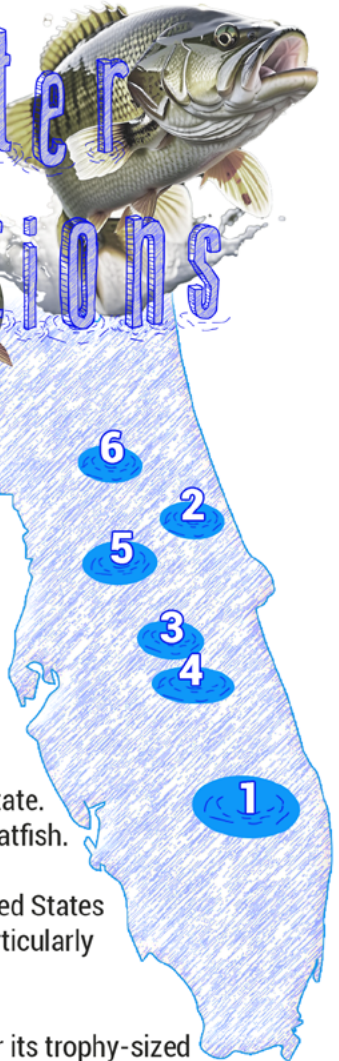
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Top Freshwater Fishing Locations

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- 1. Lake Okeechobee:** The largest freshwater lake in the state. Anglers can target largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, & catfish.
- 2. St. Johns River:** One of the few major rivers in the United States that flows north. It's a prime location for bass fishing, particularly in the upper stretches.
- 3. Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho):** The lake is famous for its trophy-sized largemouth bass. It's a popular destination for bass anglers seeking the thrill of catching big fish.
- 4. The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes:** Comprising several interconnected lakes, the Kissimmee Chain offers diverse fishing experiences. Anglers can target bass, crappie, bluegill, and more in these interconnected waters.
- 5. The Harris Chain of Lakes:** Consists of several lakes interconnected by canals. It's known for its bass fishing, with Lake Harris being one of the most popular spots for anglers.
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BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.

3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

7 Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.



BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



Enjoy your delicious
buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

Be smart...



Take good care of your skin

The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

• Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get a sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

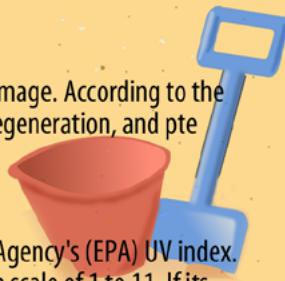
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sun screens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

• Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

• UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If its low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors.

Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



SINGLETRACK

MOUNTAIN BIKING



HAVE FUN & BE RESPECTFUL:

Singletrack mountain biking is an exciting and rewarding activity. Remember to enjoy the ride, take in the scenery, and respect nature. Stay positive, be patient with yourself as you learn and improve, and have fun exploring new trails and pushing your limits. **EXPERIENCE:** Singletrack trails are often more challenging than regular trails. It's important to have some experience and proficiency on your bike. **TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATING:** Singletrack trails are often graded on their difficulty level, usually using a color-coded system. Start with trails that match your skill level. **TRAIL ETIQUETTE:** Respect other trail users, yield to uphill riders, and follow any posted signs or guidelines. Don't litter and stay on designated trails. **PROTECTIVE GEAR:** Wear appropriate gear, most important a helmet. Other helpful choices are gloves, knee and elbow pads, and sturdy shoes. **BIKE MAINTENANCE:** Check tire pressure, brakes, gears, and suspension. Carry essential tools, such as a multi-tool, spare tube, and a pump, to handle any minor repairs or adjustments on the trail. **HYDRATION & NUTRITION:** Singletrack mountain biking can be physically demanding. Carry enough water and pack some energy-rich snacks. **RIDE WITH A BUDDY:** It can make the experience more enjoyable, but it also enhances safety in case of an any issues. **TRAIL RESEARCH:** Look for trail maps, reviews, and any relevant information about the area before heading out. **PACE YOURSELF:** Start at a comfortable pace and gradually increase your speed and difficulty level as you gain more experience and confidence.

Bicycle Pre-Ride Checklist



Health Benefits of Physical Activity

Major Research Findings

from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
- Some physical activity is better than none.
- For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
- Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
- Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
- Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
- The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
- The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.

Intensity Examples

Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
 - Jumping rope
 - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack

So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

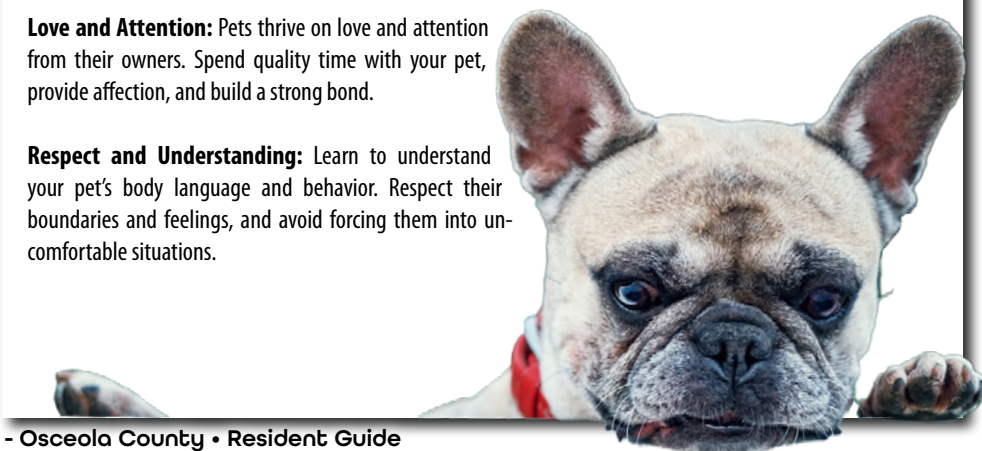
Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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DOG PARKS



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats
- Frogs
- Fish
- Turtles
- Birds
- Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella
- Geranium
- Eucalyptus
- Rosemary
- Basil
- Anise
- Mint
- Marigolds
- Catnip
- Wormwood
- Tansy
- Lavender
- Cedar
- Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue
- Encephalitis
- Malaria
- Yellow Fever

Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats)
- Encephalitis

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



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