

# Make Sure Basic Needs Are Met. Food. Water. Shelter.



Make sure members of your pack mingle and relax.

## It's T-raining Cats & Dogs

Animals, wild or tame, have needs beyond the basics. Social interaction, play and training can improve an animal's quality of life. A stimulating environment provides plenty of options specially suited to your pet.

For example, activities that simulate stalking and pouncing on prey appeal to cats. Dogs thrive on play that encourages chasing, leaping, and running. All species of pets have special preferences.

## Use It Or Lose It.

Old dogs can learn new tricks. Pets learn through training sessions, observation or just trying to figure things out for themselves. Intelligence challenges can be a good way to keep your pet's brain and body in tip-top shape.

## Pet Pointers

Supervise your pet with novelty items. Make sure the item is safe and chew-proof. Food rewards need to be part of a balanced diet. Discover and respect individual variation and breed characteristics when it comes to behavior. Re-evaluate activities as your pet ages or its health changes. Keep a balance of play and quiet time for your pet. Supervised activities can help children and pets play together safely.

# Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is dedicated to improving the future of wildlife.

The Enrichment Committee helps fulfill the Zoo's mission by promoting specific natural behaviors for every animal at the Zoo. Enrichment aims to enhance animal activity, provide mental stimulation and even improve captive breeding of endangered species.



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### Animal Enrichment Day At The Zoo

Learn how the Zoo keeps its animals active and interested in their exhibits year-round at this annual event.



Get a behind-the-scenes look at Zoo enrichment, links to animal behavior websites and information on a variety of pet species: [clemetzoo.com](http://clemetzoo.com)

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### The Zoo's Guide to Enrichment Tips for Pets



## Pet-richment:

- 1 n. the act of creating a more rewarding environment for your pet
- 2 an action that significantly increases your pet's health





Cats of all sizes need enrichment. Learn what traits lions and domestic cats share.



Shed Light on Your Pet’s Wild Side

Wolves run in packs while tigers go it alone. So it’s no surprise if your dog’s a “groupie” or your cat’s a “loner.” Get the facts on the natural habitat and habits of your pet’s wild ancestors. Different breeds have distinct personalities, too. Read up, then write down ideas for activities inspired by your pet’s natural abilities. That’s a pet-richment plan. (Check with your vet before putting the plan into action.)

Say What?

Your pet might be telling you its hungry, bored, or ready to play. Can you tell by its posture, expression or the set of its ears? Are there other cues to your pet’s mood? A personalized pet-richment plan will help you respond to your pet’s needs.

Great Ex-Pet-Tations

Enrichment is a vital part of the Zoo’s commitment to quality care for all animals. Zookeepers study their animals and develop enrichment plans to provide the best care. You can do the same by using the pet survey.

Pet Survey

Species/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat: Terrestrial Arboreal | Aquatic

Wild or wild counterparts are found where?

Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Temperate /Tropical

Adult Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Life Span: \_\_\_\_\_

Most active: Day | Night | Dusk | Dawn

Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Behaviors:

Aggressive | Friendly Play | Dominance | Territorial

Social Structure: Lives in groups | solitary

Personal History

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperament: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Quirks: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Toys/Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Behavior Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Analysis

Enclosure size: \_\_\_\_\_

Exercise area: \_\_\_\_\_

Time spent indoors/outdoors: \_\_\_\_\_

Resting/sleeping areas: \_\_\_\_\_

Food - novelty items - treats (consult vet):

Socializing: \_\_\_\_\_

Potential Hazards (children, off-limits objects, other pets):



Canines need enrichment to remain healthy and active.

