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CRITICAL 10

PET CARE & SUPPORT NEEDS FRAMEWORK

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1 PET FOOD

Keeps pets healthy, nourished, and strong.

- Dog food (dry & wet)
- Cat food (dry & wet)
- Puppy/kitten formulas
- Specialized diets (e.g., sensitive stomach, senior)

2 CAN OPENERS & FOOD ACCESSORIES

Helps ensure pets can eat canned food.

- Manual can openers (critical)
- Food storage containers
- Scoops & measuring cups

3 FOOD & WATER BOWLS

Provides clean, safe access to food and water.

- Sturdy, non-slip bowls
- Elevated bowls (senior pets)
- Travel bowls
- Automatic water dispensers

4 TREATS & ENRICHMENT

Supports training, positive behavior, and mental health.

- Soft and crunchy treats
- Training treats
- Chew toys
- Puzzle toys and enrichment items

5 COLLARS, LEASHES & ID TAGS

Helps keep pets safe and reunite them if lost.

- Collars (all sizes)
- Leashes (standard & retractable)
- ID tags (engraved)
- Harnesses (all sizes)
- Tracking devices (e.g., AirTag, GPS)

6 PET HYGIENE & GROOMING

Keeps pets clean, comfortable, and healthy.

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Wipes (pet-safe)
- Brushes and combs
- Nail clippers
- Dental care (toothbrushes & pet toothpaste)
- Deodorizing sprays

7 BEDDING & COMFORT ITEMS

Provides warmth, safety, and a sense of security.

- Pet beds (all sizes)
- Blankets and towels
- Crates and carriers
- Heating pads (pet-safe)

8 VETERINARY CARE SUPPORT

Helps families access needed medical care for their pets.

- Veterinary gift certificates
- Low-cost vaccination vouchers
- Spay/neuter support
- Wellness exam vouchers
- Emergency care assistance

9 FLEA, TICK & PARASITE PREVENTION

Keeps pets healthy and prevents disease.

- Flea and tick preventatives
- Heartworm prevention
- Deworming medication
- Flea/tick shampoos
- Preventative collars and topical treatments

10 ADDITIONAL PET SUPPLIES

Everyday items that support pet care and well-being.

- Litter and litter boxes (cats)
- Waste bags and disposal supplies
- Poop scoopers
- Carriers and travel crates
- Pet clothing (cold weather)
- First-aid kits (pet-safe)
- Bottles and nursing supplies (puppies/kittens)

Healthy Pets Stronger Communities

When pets are cared for, families stay together, communities thrive, and everyone is healthier and safer.

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