# **Pet Parent Tips From** Life's Abundance **Employees**

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#### **Using the Right Words**

Rather than teach the word "no" to Jingi when we were out for a walk and had to stop for the light to change, I taught her the word "wait." That way when we were at a crosswalk she actually would listen to the crosswalk sign audio so I didn't have to command her to stop walking.

- Shaila



### The Importance of **Vertical Space**

Do not underestimate the importance of vertical space to your cat's happiness. Relief from the strain between our 5 cats was palpable when we finally graduated to a extra tall, multi-tiered cat tree. As a bonus, they stopped hopping on top of the fridge. - Arin



#### For their Walks

Keep them close to you and always walk them on the left side of you with the leash hanging loosely creating a letter J from your hand to the collar. Give them commands on the walk and frequently say heal with a light tug when they try to pull you. This will take time in the beginning but it is well worth it in the end.

- Rocky



#### **Stay in Sync**

Understanding of your pet being in sync. Knowing their moods and needs. I sneak medication to her with a piece of bologna. She is house trained BUT I also leave a pee pad down for her in case I am late she knows to go.



#### **Find your Pet Sitter**

If you are going out of town, find a local pet sitter instead of a kennel. Someone whose house you have visited and who has pets of their own. Watch how they interact with your dog after the visit, once you find a trusted person, treat them like gold. There are sites that connect pet parents with trusted locals.



#### The Power of the Treat

Never underestimate the power of a treat. You don't need your dog to fear you, the treat will work better! - Angel

- Sasha



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