



# Pets in Our City in Nature

We share our world with other people and animals.

01

A responsible pet owner should consider these before getting a pet:

A pet is for life, know the lifespan of your pet



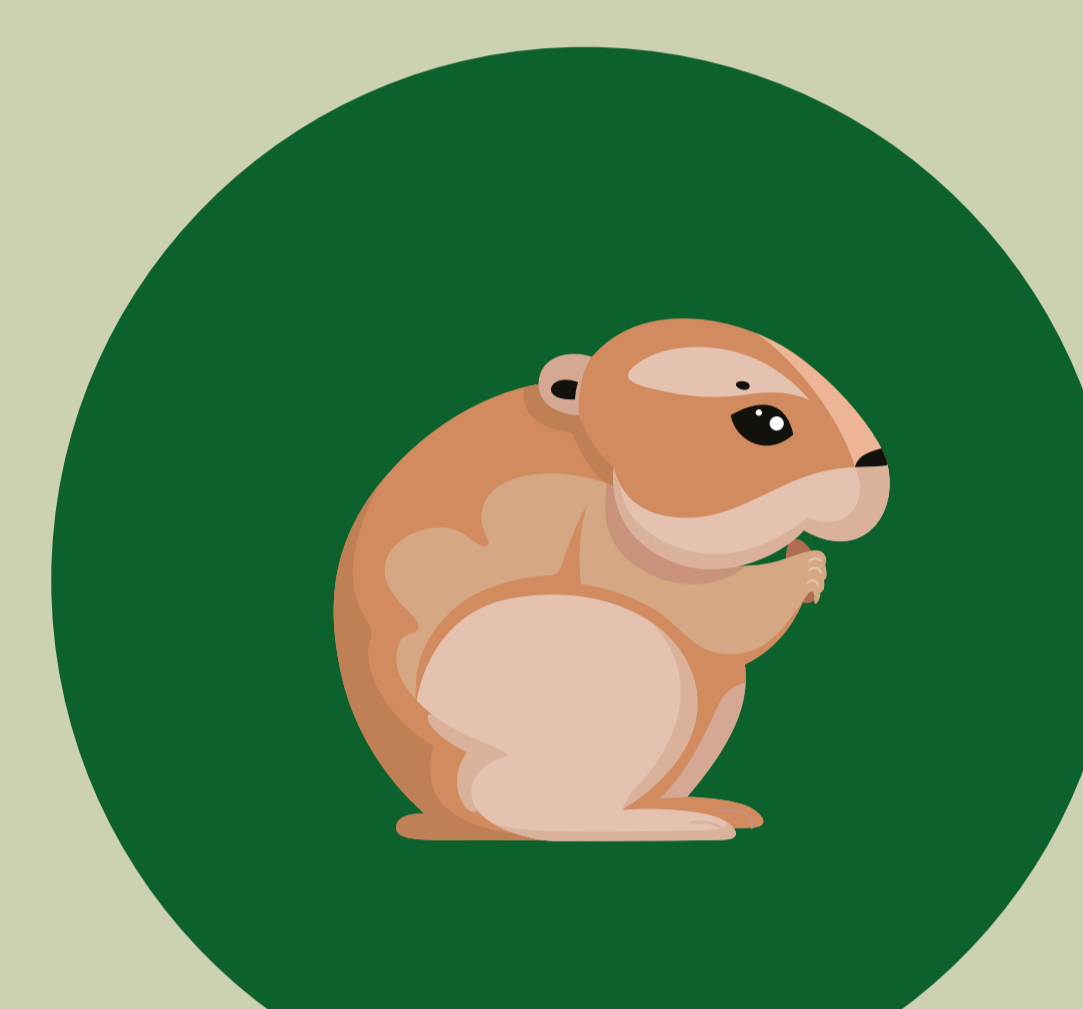
**Dog**

10 to 18 years



**Cat**

2 to 18 years



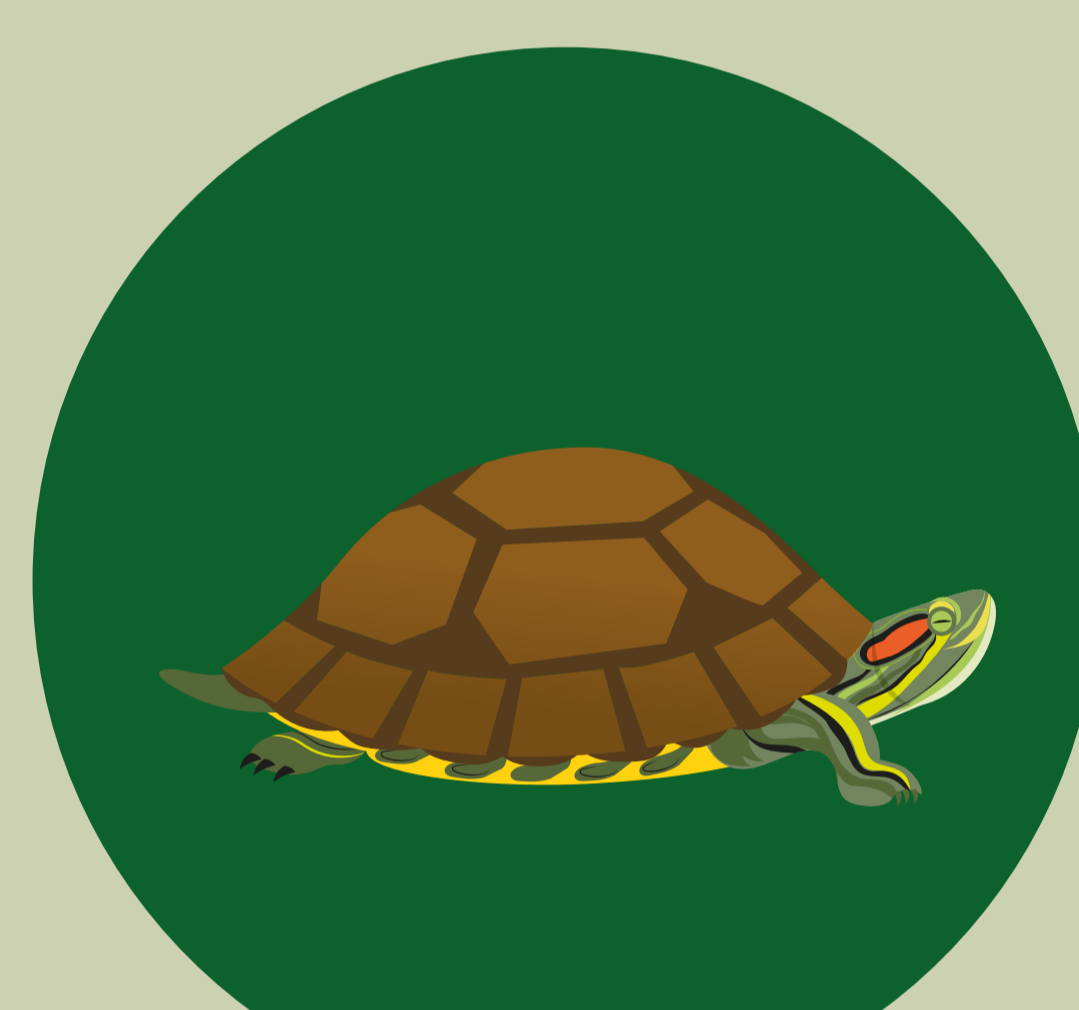
**Hamster**

2 to 3 years



**Rabbit**

8 to 10 years



**Red-eared Slider**

20 to 30 years

02

Adopt from an animal shelter



These pets have been sterilised, and information about their health and behaviour will be shared with potential adopters to ensure a good match.



# Pets in Our City in Nature

A responsible pet owner should consider these before getting a pet:

Getting a pet is a family decision

03

Do we have enough time to care for it?



Do we have enough space at home for a pet?



Do we know how to care for our pet properly?



04

Owning a pet comes with a cost. Make sure you can afford to pay for veterinary bills, food, and grooming.



The average cost of owning a dog or cat will be at least **\$3,000** for the first year!

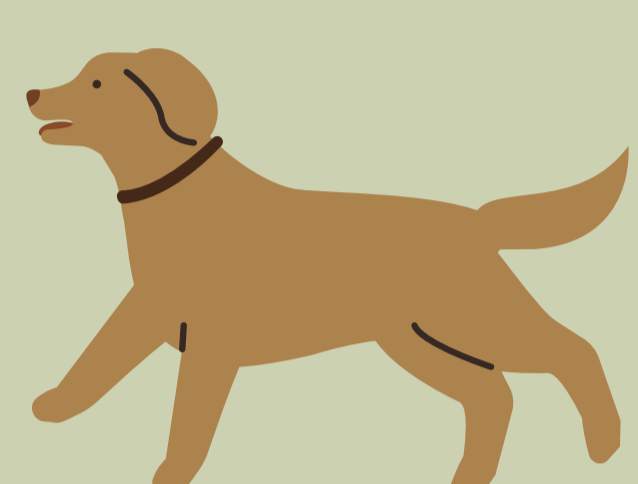
# Pets in Our City in Nature

Are you a responsible pet owner? You should:

Microchip and register your pet

05

## Pets that can be microchipped:



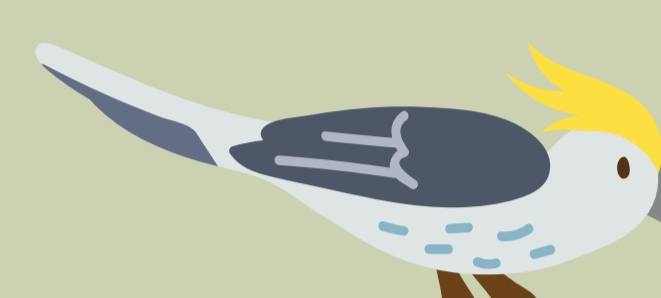
Dog



Cat



Rabbit



Bird



Chinchilla



Guinea Pig

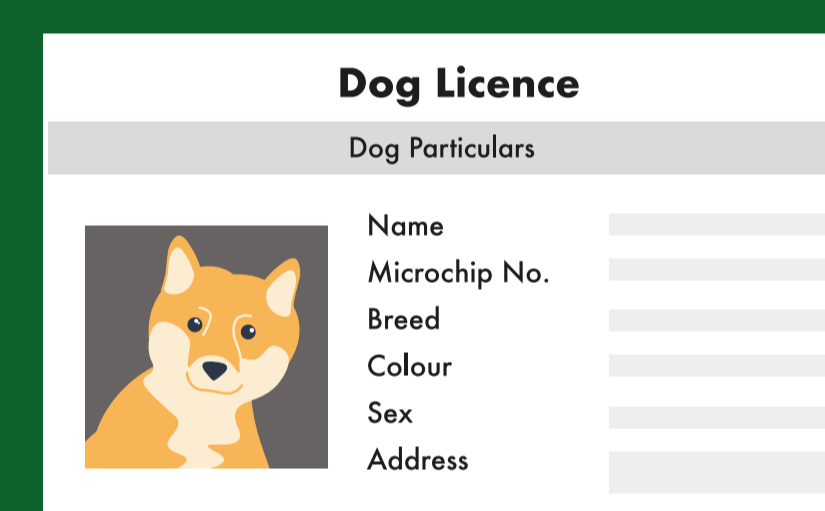
If your pet gets lost, a registered microchip will help to find it.



You will also be contacted if your pet is at risk of catching a disease from another animal.



All dogs must be licensed.



06

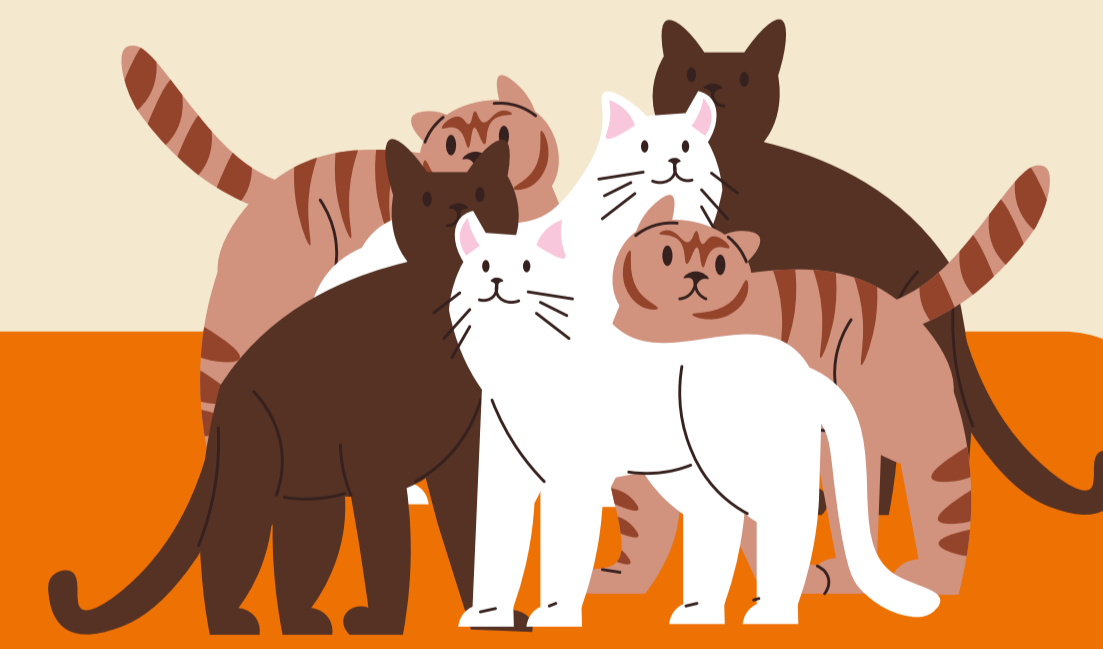
Sterilise your pet

Sterilisation prevents your pet from breeding. Although their babies may be cute, they can cause problems like:

VET CLINIC



Overcrowding



Lack of resources  
(food, medical care, etc.)



Pet abandonment





# Pets in Our City in Nature

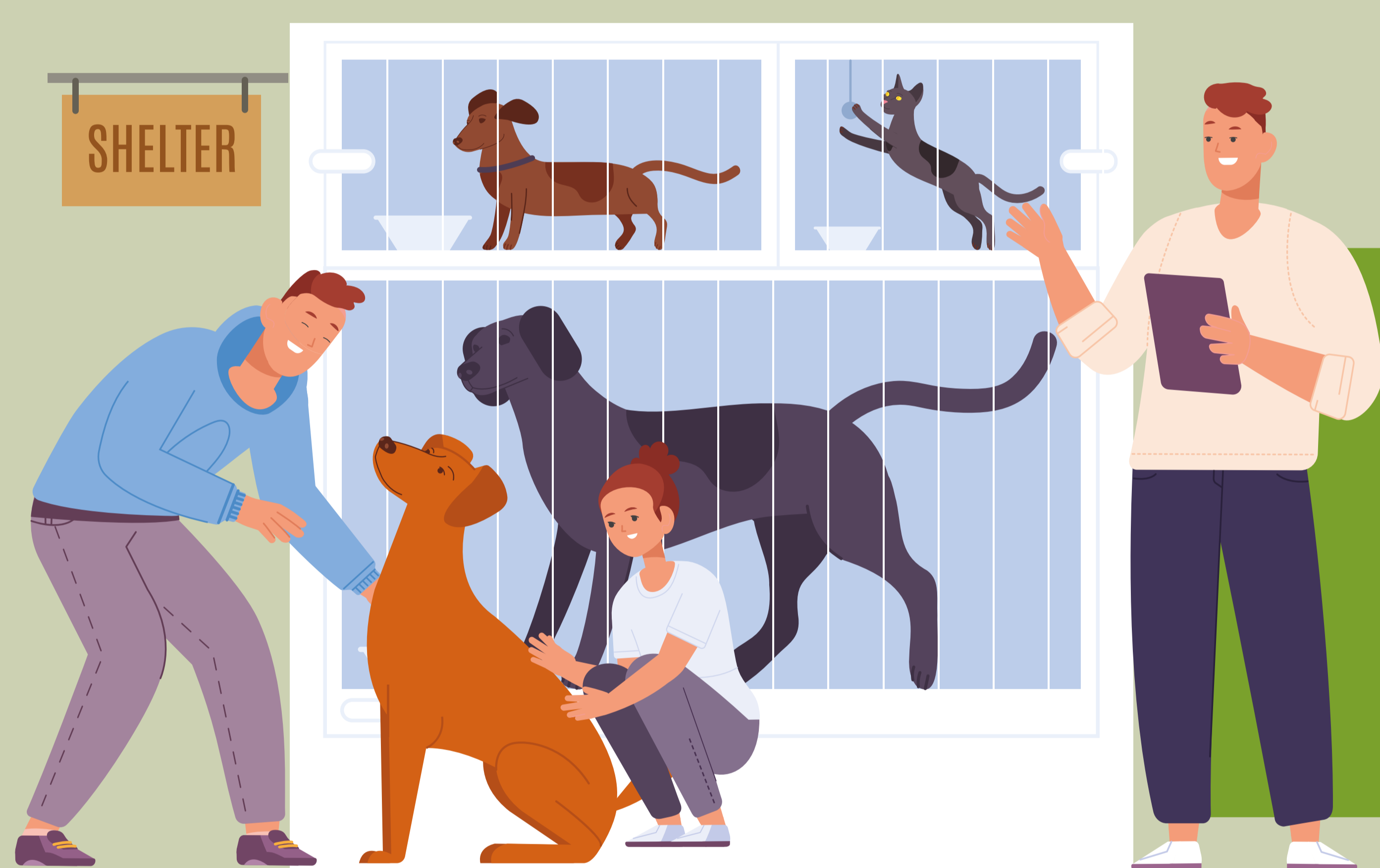
## Safeguard our biosecurity

Vaccinate your pet to protect it against specific diseases. Seek your vet's advice on what vaccines your pet needs.

Be responsible by keeping your pet up to date with its vaccinations.

## Keep Singapore rabies-free

Rabies is a deadly disease that can spread from infected animals to us. Protect your pet, yourself, and the community by:



Getting your pet from approved sources, like an adoption shelter or a licensed pet shop.

Bringing your pet to the vet for regular check-ups and if it shows signs of sickness.



Not touching stray and wild animals overseas.



# Community Animals in Our City in Nature

**Community animals refer to the dogs and cats living in communal areas around us.**

## Community cats



If you want to pat a community cat, squat down and offer your hand. Pat the cat only if it sniffs your hand. If not, be respectful and keep your distance.

## Free roaming dogs



Most free roaming dogs fear humans, and usually stay out of your way. However, some may approach and sniff you.

## Play your part



I will be considerate by moving slowly and being quiet around community animals

**Be considerate towards community animals by:**

- Giving them space.
- Not making loud noises or moving suddenly. This might scare them.



# Wildlife in Our City in Nature

**We share our City in Nature with wild animals. They live in the parks, and Nature Reserves and Nature Parks.**

**Be considerate to wild animals by:**



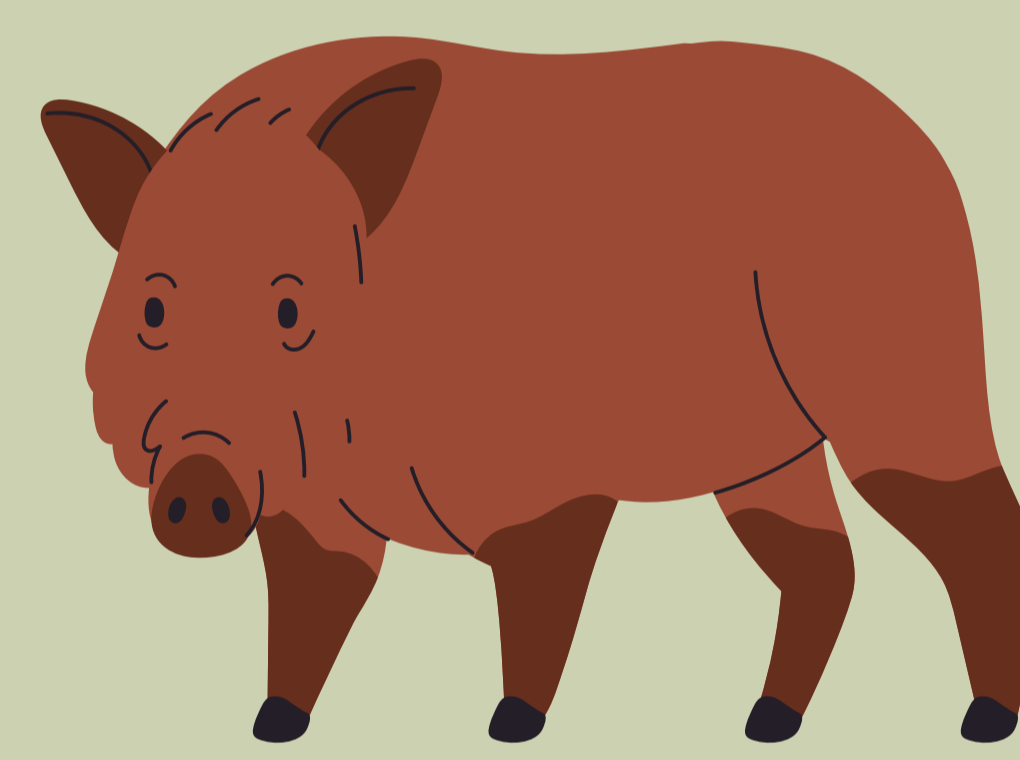
**Not feeding them.**



**Keeping the environment clean. Throw your rubbish in rubbish bins.**

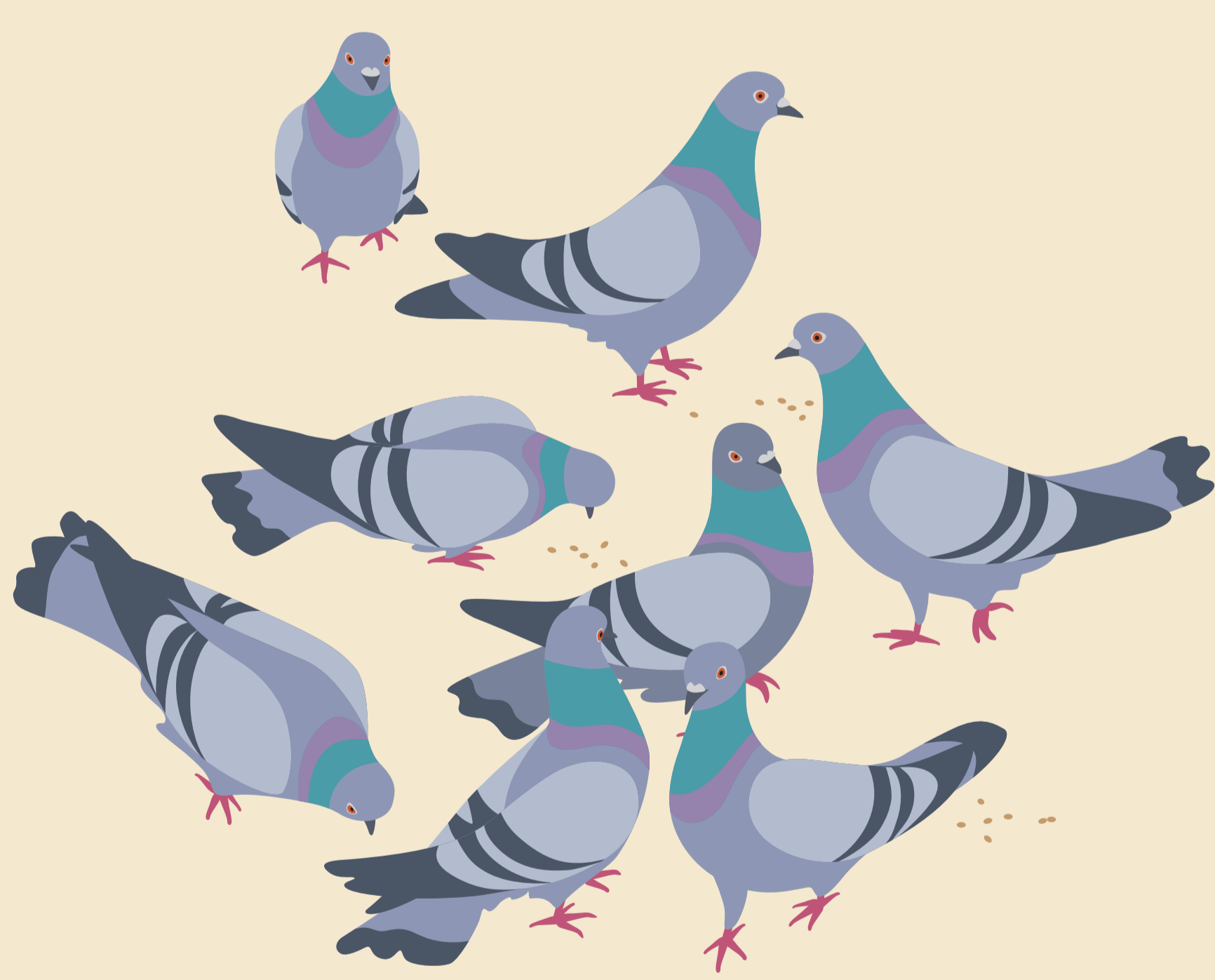


**Do not keep wildlife as pets. They may spread diseases to you.**



**Respect wildlife. Give them space.**

## Importance of population management



**Some wild animals do not have natural predators and their numbers can increase quickly if their population is not managed. Population management measures help maintain the balance in our ecosystem.**

**Scan the QR code for information on how to react if you encounter wildlife in Singapore.**





# Using Science and Technology to Safeguard Wildlife

## Roadway Animal Detection System



This system has a flashing sign that alerts drivers to go slower when there is an animal on the road ahead, so they do not accidentally hit the animal.

## Forest Fire Detection and Monitoring System



This system has special (visual and thermal) cameras that can see smoke and fire. If there is a forest fire, it will raise an alarm and show where the fire is. This helps the firefighters get to the fire faster and put it out quickly.