With thousands of dogs and cats in need of forever homes and nearly 80% of the American population now living in urban areas, considering these simple guidelines will make owning a pet in the city more safe and enjoyable for both you and your lovable companion.

**Breed Matters**
Smaller dogs require less space and physical activity than larger breeds.

**Leash Your Pet**
Big cities come with big dangers! Keep your pet on a leash when outdoors for their safety.

**Poop Patrol**
Practice good public hygiene; pick up your pet’s waste. Feces spread a number of infectious diseases.

**Preventative Action**
Make sure you visit your vet regularly to vaccinate and de-worm your pet!

**Socialization is Key**
Socialized pets are more comfortable in bustling urban environments.

**Space**
A comfortable place of rest and retreat will lessen stress and anxiety.

**Love**
Make time for your pet, and provide the amount of attention and human interaction it needs.

43 million American households have pet dogs. Compare that to a mere 38 million with kids!

34% Increase in the number of city dog parks over the last 5 years.

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