



Pets and the planet

Do you recycle paper and cardboard? Do you turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth? Do you turn off the lights when you leave a room?

These are all things that help our environment.



Did you know there are some things you can do with your pet which are good for the environment?

You can:



- Always clean up after your dog when it does a poo. This will stop the germs that live in poo from getting into the environment.
- Keep your dog on a lead when you are walking through parks and forests so they don't chase any animals that live in the bush.
- Put a bell on your cat's collar so it can't catch native animals like possums and birds. **DID YOU KNOW:** some cats are smart enough to be able to stop the bell from ringing when they walk so you might need to put two bells on their collar.
- Make sure your animals can't get out of your house or yard at night and knock over rubbish bins or chase native animals.
- Ask mum or dad to buy your pet's food in large packages so there isn't so much plastic to go in the rubbish bin.
- Wash your pet with a shampoo that is good for the environment - you can check this on the label of the bottle of package - it will say 'biodegradable'.
- Stop your dog from barking. Barking dogs cause 'noise pollution' and can scare away native animals which are important in the environment.
- Keep your pet happy and healthy. A healthy pet is always much better for the environment.