A Pet's Ten Commandments

Remember that pets can't do a lot of things for themselves, and they depend on you to make their life a quality life!

- 1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
- 2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
- 3. Place your trust in me...it is crucial for my well-being.
- 4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment...I only have you.
- 5. Talk to me, I may not understand your words, but I do understand your voice when you are speaking to me.
- 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will always remember.
- 7. Before you strike me, remember that I can hurt you, yet I choose not to bite you. Please choose not to strike me.
- 8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
- 9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You, too, will grow old.
- 10.On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please...don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are here, because *I love you so*!!!!!!!