



## WHEN BABY COMES HOME

As babies grow, pets must learn to adjust, just like mom and dad!

When baby comes home:

- Trim pets' nails regularly.
- Include pets by letting them be around when caring for baby.
- Keep dirty diapers in a pet-proof container.
- Take your dog when taking baby for a walk.

As baby grows:

- Many pets become startled when babies learn to crawl or walk and when they move quickly. Watch them closely!
- Feed pets in a quiet area where baby can't get the food. Feed pets when baby is fed.
- Keep litter boxes out of baby's reach.
- Some dogs "guard" their food and toys  
Talk to a veterinarian for more information.

Not all pets are good for young children. Ferrets are aggressive and can hurt kids. Reptiles carry bacteria that can make young children sick. If you want an exotic pet, check with your doctor or veterinarian.

Remember, supervision is key!



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