



Convincing your pet to like the vet





A gut feeling?

If your pet only visits when poorly, they may assume that trips to the vet **result** in pain or discomfort. This can develop into vet fear, **aggression**, or your pet unwilling to be examined.



**Good
Boy!**



**Well
Done!**

Start young!

Pleasant experiences at an early age will prime youngsters to be unfazed at the vets when older, on visits they feel unwell. Treat every visit as a chance to make the experience rewarding & fun!



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Safety First

If **comfortable** wearing a muzzle, your pet's vet experience is very different! **Safety risks reduced, vets & owners relax, helping your pet chill out, too. Teach muzzle training at home, first.**



Vet play-dates

Change your pet's expectation from anticipating pain, to looking forward to enjoyable vet visits! To do so, organise **touch-free**, fun 'dates' regularly. Bring **treats, toys & encourage relaxation.**



Practice makes perfect

I bet your pet doesn't get touched on the ears, mouth, or belly often. **Gently practice** this type of touch at home & **praise after**, teaching that vet-style touch isn't scary. **Stop** if they're tense!





No con artists

During confidence-building exercises, it's key to **avoid luring** your pet into the clinic happily, only to take them by surprise with something unpleasant. If they feel 'tricked', they'll be even more suspicious next time. **Go at their pace!**





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