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TOP TIPS AND TRICKS FOR KEEPING PETS HAPPY AND HEALTHY DURING LOCKDOWN

Messy mealtimes and furry-friendly puzzles are some of the new and exciting ways to keep pets entertained during the latest COVID-19 restrictions in Greater Sydney and Shellharbour.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said the NSW Government and RSPCA NSW were committed to reinforcing responsible pet ownership while still abiding by the stay-at-home rules.

“There are some new and exciting ways for families to come together and continue to look after their animal friends during lockdown, which can be a challenging transition and difficult time for both pets and owners,” Mrs Hancock said.

“From using food dispensing toys for fun during mealtime to investing in doggy puzzles or hiding treats, use this time to take advantage of this opportunity to unwind at home with your pet.

“Getting outdoors with your pet might not always be an option but, when it is, look for local safe spots where they can wander and run freely.”

RSPCA NSW CEO Steve Coleman said it was important to incorporate challenges into their daily activities, use interactive toys and keep active.

“Keeping pets physically and mentally stimulated at home is an essential part of pet ownership, more so during lockdown,” Mr Coleman said.

“It is easy to involve the whole family and provide a fun environment for your furry friends, an active pet is a happy pet.”

For more handy tips and resources on how to keep pets entertained during lockdown, visit www.rspcansw.org.au.

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