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INVITING TOWNHOUSE INTERIORS
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THE *pet-friendly* HOME

Helen Seward, owner of Oklawa, an Upton Park boutique of home, food, bath, body and pet products, and friends at their pet-friendly home in The Woodlands (left to right): Tony, Poppy, Joe Dice, Izelle and Mary. One of the main reasons people get out of their car is that they dislike the weather and raising their kids. Smart cars that integrate available slipcovers protect furniture so pet can keep living harmoniously at home with humans. Home by Alice Dierckx

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SPECIAL ATTENTION TO YOUR ANIMAL COMPANIONS' SAFETY AND NEEDS ENSURES A HAPPY LIVING ARRANGEMENT

BY HARVEY MARKS

Americans love pets, so it's no surprise more and more of us are adapting our homes to meet the needs of our furry friends. But as you make your preparations for that new family member, remember that for a pet to thrive, it needs the same basic things people require — companionship, a clean, healthful environment and a sense of security. Everything else is just working out the details.

FROM A PET PERSPECTIVE

Literally get down on your hands and knees and view the world from your pet's perspective. Objects on low shelves, coffee tables or floor items all are eye targets for young pups and such or vigorously wagging tails. You can spare yourself some frustration if you remove the temptation until your pet has been house trained. After all, you really can't blame them for doing what comes naturally.

Electric cords pose a special risk. Keep them out of reach or consider securing them so hard-to-see their chewing. You can further protect your pet and your possessions with products like Bitter Apple, which has a taste most animals dislike. It is non-toxic and odorless to humans and can be safely sprayed on many objects you want to keep off-limits.