## **HOW THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND**

# MAKES AN IMPACT

#### PETS ARE FAMILY

A survey from the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) revealed that 95% of pet owners from around the world consider their pet a part of their family. Pets make such a powerful impact on human wellness that many pet owners are willing to make significant lifestyle changes for their pets, such as changing jobs or housing.

In a world where so many different things divide us, the human-animal bond is universal across countries and cultures.

### PETS BOOST MENTAL HEALTH



Alleviate Stress 1 and Anxiety 2



Improve Mood and <sup>3</sup>
Fight Depression <sup>4</sup>



Reduce Social Isolation 5



Provide Long-term Help for Those with Mental Health Challenges <sup>6</sup>

#### PETS IMPROVE PHYSICAL HEALTH



Lower Blood Pressure and Cholesterol<sup>7</sup>



Increase Physical Activity<sup>8</sup>



Buffer Physical Responses to Stress 9



Increase Longevity <sup>10</sup>

## PETS ARE A FORCE FOR GOOD

Pets serve as important connectors, bringing people together, creating community, and improving neighborhoods. Research from HABRI found that 75% of pet owners agree that pets help bring people together from different walks of life and 63% of pet owners agree that having a pet makes it easier to connect with people.

As a pet industry professional, you witness how pets have the power to bring people together and share a deep love for pets. Anyone who helps pet owners feed and care for their pets is also a force for good, and together we can strengthen the human-animal bond for everyone.



Learn more about human-animal bond research and the beneficial role of companion animals in society at <a href="https://www.HABRI.org">www.HABRI.org</a>.

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