## Pups are for Pals tool

"The companionship of a pet can ease loneliness, and most dogs are a great stimulus for healthy exercise, which can substantially boost your mood and ease depression." -www.helpguide.org, October 2016



Playing with a pet can elevate levels of serotonin and dopamine, which can calm and relax someone.



Pet owners over the age of 65 have 30% fewer doctor's visits than those without pets.



The "Home for the Holidays" adoption event is a partnership between the Licking County Dog Shelter and the YLC.



Dog owners are less likely to suffer from depression.







People with dogs have lower blood pressure in stressful situations.

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