Top 10 tips: your essential new pet checklist

If you've never had a pet before, you'll want to know how to keep your new companion healthy and happy. Here's some helpful pointers for those budding pet owners out there.

1. Do your research		
2. Make a shortlist		
3. Work out your monthly pet budget		
4. Choose your breed		
5. Assess how much 'pet time' you have		
6. Source your new pet with care		
7. Get set up in advance		
8. Understand your pet's healthcare needs		
9. Choose the right food		
10. Get your pet microchipped		

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