

# I Love Pets

## Ali Ates

I love pets because my cat, Tompelino is adorable and he chose me to be his friend. One day my mom said we can go to a Humane Society. We checked the website and we saw a cat we liked and wanted to get it. But when we were there one black and white cat took my attention. He asked me to play with him by touching my hand with his paw and he even meowed at me. I asked my mom, “Can we get him? He is begging to be adopted! Please, please.” When she said yes my sister and I were so happy we said, “Yay!”

At home he always wants attention. He wants to join everything we do. Sometimes we take him on a walk with a leash. Once he tried to run away and climbed a tree. He got stuck there and I had to go to my dad’s shoulder to get him. It was a crazy day. He is a really playful cat. He tried to catch my pencil when I was doing my homework. He distracted me, but I liked it. He also likes to join me playing Legos. It was funny, but sometimes I got annoyed because he wrecked my creation. I love him so much I don’t want to be apart from him. He makes me happy.



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Fiona McMillen

I love pets because they're cute, cuddly and calm us down. When I have a hard day at school, I come home and hug my cat Tinksy. She always makes me feel better. I can tell her everything and she listens to me. Then I pet her and read her a story. She makes me feel happy! I think pets are really good for people to have. I just love everything about having a pet!



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**Katie Puskas**

I love pets because they are good companions. They are cuddly. They are playful. They are calming. They are cute. I have a dog and I love him so much. He is the cutest, cuddliest, most loyal dog I have ever had. I have a cat. She is a great companion, too. She calms me down when I am sad or mad. I love pets so much. They are my favorite thing in the whole world.

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**Arianna Keller**

I love pets because they are cuddly, cute, loyal, loving, kind and they always have your back. When they are trying to protect you, they will love you with all their hearts. You love with all your heart too. They are smart, cool and happy to see you at home. My dog is all of those things.



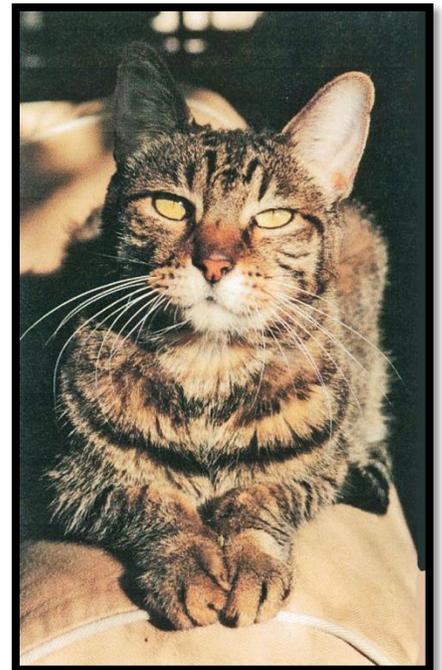
# Pets are Part of My Family

Rachel Clay

I know that my cat, George, is a part of my family because we treat him like any other family member. Although George has a slight limp, dental problems, a flea allergy, and he's skinny, we don't treat him any differently. We've given him the love and care that he deserves, and he has become much healthier since he joined our family. When we first adopted George, we could see through his appearance and we knew that he would be a wonderful family member. We knew that George was the perfect cat to adopt because he sat in my lap and stared lovingly up at me. We accepted him for who he is.

When my family comes home, George greets us at the door like it's a family reunion every single day. George can also recognize us in what we call the "meow game." What happens is that one of us will stick our head out from around the corner, and George will meow when he sees us. He knows that it's us and he wants us to know that he cares about us. We care about him, too. When I have a hard research assignment for school, George will help me by curling up at my feet, making it easier for me to think. When he does this he acts like a helping parent.

Overall, George is a part of my family because he loves us. We always look past his appearance and we love him for his personality.



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Dilara Ates

I know pets are part of the family because Jones made me feel welcome in American and made me part of his family.



Last year my family moved to America because of my dad's job. When we arrived in Corvallis we stayed in an Air BnB that belongs to Aunty Avis and Uncle Ken. They have a dog names Jones. At first my brother was scared of him, even my mom! But he was very kind and lovable; he didn't bite or even bark, so soon enough they weren't scared of him. We laughed a lot whenever he came to our door to beg for cheese. Our early days in America were full with happy moments with Jones, and we didn't feel lonely in a new place because of him.

Even though we don't live in the same house anymore we visit him and Aunty Mavis and Uncle Ken regularly. They are our family in America. Jones is the best dog I've ever met. It didn't take him long to trust us. He loves us just like we love him. He would jump like crazy whenever he sees us. He would know which toy was from us and would bring it to us, asking us to play fetch with him. He is very funny and acts like a small kid who is excited over a new toy.

To us he is part of our family, so we always go there and take pictures with him on special occasions like our first day of school and our first Christmas.

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Athena Hulbert

I know pets are a part of my family because once you take something into your home they become a part of your family. They become a commitment. Here's a true story and an example of how pets are a part of your family or become a part of your family. One day while my dad was truck driving, he stopped at a rest area and he saw something walking around. It was a dog. He took her to the vet and they scanned her. They found that she was chipped. They called the owner and the owner came and said that they didn't want her. So they must have not looked at her as part of the family because you don't leave family behind. So my dad brought her home. We named her Lucy. We love her, feed her, and give her baths. She is one of the best things that ever happened to our family.

Another great thing that really happened to our family is our dog, Cash. We got him from a rescue group. They said that he was found at a car lot in L.A. and a girl that worked there found him but couldn't keep him. She also said that when she found him all you could see was black. But when she took him to the vet, you could see some white. It took three baths to get him clean. So whoever had him must not have thought of him as part of the family because they would have cared for him by cleaning and feeding him. Now that dog is part of our family, and we love him feed, him and give him baths.



Here are some reasons of how pets are part of the family or become a part of the family. Pets are part of the family because you have welcomed them into your home by caring for them, like feeding, cleaning and taking them on trips. Pets are a big part of your family and they need to be taken care of. We are their forever home.

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Evelyn Rose Chan

I know Duke is part of our family because he instantly recognizes and includes everyone our family, even our extended family. My Grandma recently moved to Portland because she has dementia. When she comes over, Duke welcomes her with kisses and wags and starts to play with her. My grandma is forgetful and Duke makes her feel better. The transition has been rough on my grandma and whenever she comes over and plays with Duke she calms down and forgets that she was upset or angry. Duke and grandma are very close friends, and I think grandma adores Duke. After playing with my grandma,

Duke is always panting with joy and smiling a big doggy smile. My grandma has dementia, and that's a medical problem. Duke also has a medical problem and can't eat regular dog food. Instead he has to eat kangaroo meat. When we are at the dinner table Duke jumps up on his hind legs



and does a little begging dance. Even though we don't feed him at the table, he acts like he's a human and thinks he should get some food, too. Another reason I know Duke is part of our family is that he acts like our pack leader. When we take a walk he tries to keep us all together, even preventing my grandma from wandering off. As the pack leader he receives lots of attention and soaks every little bit up. I hope grandma gets to know Duke even better before her memory fades away.

# I Can Help Shelter Pets

Hadley Miller

To help current shelter animals, I can donate and volunteer. To help prevent future animals from going to the shelter, I can spay and neuter my animals and I can train my pets.

I can donate money, toys, blankets, food and other supplies. To donate supplies, I know to go to the front desk and they will get the thing(s) to the right place. To donate money, I can go online, call or go in person. I can also donate some of my time. I can volunteer to walk dogs, spend time with cats, clean, and occasionally build play areas or a dog walking path.

Behavioral training can help animals currently in the shelter. Training helps because people want to adopt a good pet and not have to bring a pet back to the shelter. Training also keeps animals out of shelter. I can keep my animals out of the shelter by training them, so that I won't get annoyed or discouraged and then surrender my pets to a shelter.

A good way to help pets in the future would be for me to spay or neuter my pets. To



spay or neuter animals means to do surgery so that they can't have babies. This helps shelter animals because it will lessen the population, which is a main reason that pets wind up in shelters.

I know many ways to help current and future shelter animals. I can volunteer and donate to help current shelter animals; I can spay or neuter my pet, and help

spread the news on spaying or neutering, to help future animals; and I can train my pet(s) to help both current and future shelter animals. I want to tell everyone to go to a shelter to learn more.

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## Jaytee Franko

1) Adopting a pet and giving it shelter, food, drink and most importantly, love. Adopting also means the shelter has more room for more pets! Our family has adopted 4 pets from shelters, and the next one will be adopted, too.

2) Donating money or food to the shelter and giving them more funds to care for more pets. You can also donate blankets, treats, or a bit of your time to do some volunteering.

3) Volunteering at the shelter by walking the pets, playing, caring or cleaning, or reading to them.

4) Educating people about spaying & neutering. After some research, I found out that there are 70,000 cats and dogs born in the US each day. That's a lot of pets. So educate others to spay & neuter pets so we can end the problem of homeless pets.

5) Supporting businesses that donate to shelters. By supporting them, help will go to homeless pets. When we bought our family car, a donation was made to a local animal shelter.

6) Encouraging people to adopt pets from shelters. If they can't adopt a pet now, they can encourage their friends or neighbors to adopt one! Have them spread the word.



7) Starting a foster home. It's not really adoption, but they get more care, love, and attention that way. Enjoy the pets while you find them a forever home.

I do everything I can to help shelter pets. I hope you do too! Let's end pet-lessness and the problem of homeless pets together!

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Isaac Leib

Everyday over two million animals wait to find their forever homes, and about every thirteen seconds a new animal is found and taken to a Humane Society in the U.S., and here is what you can do to help! The Oregon Humane Society currently has thirty-two dogs up for adoption, forty-two cats, eighteen small animals and two horses. The Humane Society is doing its best to take care of them, but they need your help! You can help in many ways, and I am here to tell them to you.

The first way you can help is by adopting. Before we adopt an animal there is a questionnaire you must fill out. It asks for your name, the date, your street address, city, state, county and zip code, the ages of your children that will have regular contact with the pet, your primary phone number, and your date of birth. (You must be 18 years old or older to adopt.) You must also enter your current pet's breed, gender, age, if it's been spayed or neutered, and how long you've had it. You can also get training classes for your pet. You could find an emotional support animal! Of course if you can't adopt, you can always foster. Fostering a pet is when you provide a home for a pet temporarily until it's ready for adoption.



You can also volunteer, support a pet, support anti-animal cruelty laws, spread the word, host a fundraiser and donate. These actions may seem very small, but they can make a big difference. Now that you know how you can help, go out there and do it! It won't just help the animals; it'll make you feel good, too!

# I Can Help Shelter Pets

Mila Rymcza

Everyone can help homeless pets! You can help by donating to the Humane Society or volunteering. All pets deserve a forever home where they will be loved. But many pets don't have one or someone to love them. They live on the streets or they might be lucky and are at the Humane Society or another shelter, waiting for their forever home. One way you can reduce the amount of homeless pets is to adopt one from a shelter. If you need a best friend, then adopting a pet from a shelter is a good thing to do. You can give the Humane Society animals a treat by making treats for the cats and dogs! (The cats especially like tuna fish in their treats.) You can also bring in old blankets that can be used for beds for the dogs and cats. Stuffed animals are good toys to play with and also make good cuddle buddies for comfort and long nights. Making cat toys is also a good idea. Anything with feathers is a big hit!



Dogs and cats aren't the only animals the Human Society takes in. There are also mice, rats, hamsters, rabbits and sometimes birds waiting for their forever home. There are lots of things you can do to help these animals, like saving toilet paper rolls for the mice, rats and hamsters. Anything they can squeeze into and chew on is great. The birds enjoy toys that can hang from their cages. Toilet paper rolls are also good chew toys for the rabbits, anything that's soft and chewable they will love. And of course, all these pets are just waiting to win you over, (They told me so!) Donating your time is always good, too. The Humane Society and other shelters can always use volunteers to walk the dogs and give all of the animals attention. Also, you can raise awareness about how many pets are at the

Humane Society. Everyone needs the perfect pet for them even if they don't know it, and that purrfect pet is probably waiting for you right now. So whatever you do, either donating or volunteering, it will make a difference to the animals at the Humane Society while they wait for their forever home!

# I Can Be a Good Friend to Pets by...

Lola Hatakeyama

I can be a good friend to pets by not only treating them humanely, but by giving them the love and affection pets need to be happy. Pets need to be loved and cared for, so you can *really* earn their trust and become their friend.

You need to show pets your soft side so they know you are always there for them. Make sure you pet them all the time. Let them sleep on you! Let them lick your face! But, if your pet looks like they need some space, respect that. You and your pet also may develop a daily routine like 'sit on my lap' time or 'playtime with toys' before bed. Make sure you always stick to your routine. Training can also be an opportunity to bond with your pet. Did you know science has proven that even just looking into your pet's eyes makes both of you happier? So always be kind to pets so they know they can rely on you for love and to keep them happy.



Trust is also crucial when showing pets you are a good friend. Caring for them will show pets you're trustworthy. Since pets are unable to understand what we are saying we need to best understand *them*. We need to think, "What do they need?" We need to observe their body language. For example, if they sit by the door, take them for a walk. You should always keep an eye on them. Make sure they don't wind up lost or hurt. They rely on us to keep them safe. Also, don't forget to give your pet regular check-ups at the vet. Always remember to feed them, provide clean, fresh water, preventative

medication, and grooming. You need to be responsible when caring for a pet.

Showing affection and trust is important for your friendship with pets. The importance of safety and wellness should never be forgotten. Pets make us happy and show us love through licks and cuddles. They are a perfect friend to us. We need to always be a perfect friend to them.

# I Can Be a Good Friend to Pets by...

## Hayden Seawright

As the feelings of love, massages, treats and aloneness cycle through the day, I am once again sitting in my favorite spot on the couch looking out into the smelly world of cars, people and squirrels. I always know my people are coming home for the day and there will be love then. Just as I hear the satisfying click of the lock on the front door turning, I will leap off the sofa and be at the door to greet them when they walk in. Nothing compares to the warm feeling of knowing you can share the rest of the day with your pack. If you might have already guessed, I am a dog.

I go on long walks with my pack and the smells of grass, trees, and rodents flow through my nostrils, revealing a map with hundreds of directions waiting to be explored. All of my senses get heightened and stimulated. The smells unravel a story that only I can read.

Sometimes I go outside to bark at the neighbor's dog. Every once in a while, when I am barking, I hear a single word and I am already rolling over and wagging my tail inside. Whatever I was doing becomes as distant as a dream that you can't remember in the morning. This magical work is called "treat". From Cheerios to apples, every treat is a gold medal of success and delight. Once a month I get a bitter tasting object in the center of a treat. It must be important because no matter how many times I spit it out they just put it in another treat.

My pack does almost everything right; I get walked and fed twice a day. I love my owners and they love me back, but I still feel deprived of a friend to help me wait through the time when my people aren't home. Somedays I feel like a dog born in a litter of one, forced to watch the world go on without me. When my people get back, though, I am the center of attention.

They'll scratch, rub and cuddle with me until all the feelings of loneliness get washed away, like the dirt on my muddy paws in the bathtub. By the time they feed me treats and throw me tennis ball, I am already halfway to heaven. My people feed, walk and love me, and in return I bark at the people walking down our

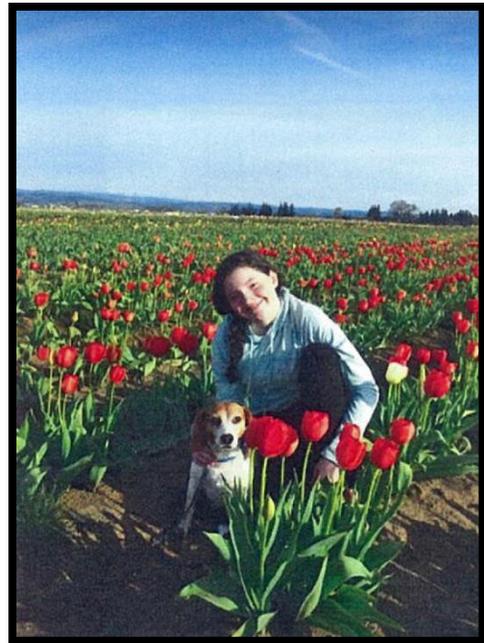
street, and any squirrels who get dangerously close to our pack and home. As the day wraps up, I curl into a ball next to my people and consider the day a job well done. For the most part, everyone wants to love and be loved, and to be part of a family. That's what makes a good life.



# I Can Be a Good Friend to Pets by...

Erin Kelly

To me, friendship means that you are kind to each other, you are there for each other, you care about each other and you have fun together. When most people think of friendship they think of people, but I don't see any reason why we can't apply this to our pets. For a friendship to be a friendship it needs to be mutual, and at least for me, my pets are my friends. My pets can tell when I'm feeling down and they will lick my face. There was one time when I was very stressed out about school and my pets could tell. My cat came and sat next to me and my dog sat in between me and my backpack. Whenever I reached for my backpack my dog would get in the way and she would lick my hand. My pets may not have understood everything, but they saw that I wasn't happy and did what they could to keep me away from what was making me unhappy. So for me to be friends to them I must be kind, be there for them, care for them, and make their lives fun. To our pets, we are their best friends. We are almost their whole lives, so it is up to us to make it a good life. We can do that by being their friends, and that means we should take them on walks, play with them, and make sure they are happy. We need to be their friends all throughout their lives. When they are a puppy it means playing with them and taking them on walks. And when they are older it might mean carrying them when they get tired or taking them to the vet to make sure they are ok. My dog is older and can't jump anymore, so for us it means helping her up the stairs and onto chairs. Our pets will always be there for us, so we always need to be there for them.



# I Can Be a Good Friend to Pets by...

Jaimie Choi

Note: Please read the **whole** thing

Yell at the stray dog across the street

Never

Be Kind

Always

Hit animals

Don't ever

Adore them

Annoying

Not

Lovable

They are

To be treated badly

Homeless pets are not

A man's best friend

They are

Smelly

Those pets aren't

Nice

But

Be ignorant

You shouldn't

Cuddle, hug, kiss them

Instead

Hit them

Don't

Love them

And

Beat pets

Never

Be humane

(Now read in reverse by line)

# If Pets Ruled the World

Lizzie Gunther

If pets ruled the world, things would be *really* different. I think the cats would be in charge, since cats are naturally prone to doing so. Just think: a president cat! A cat for a president would make things very interesting. Think of the laws!

- Cats must be served milk at least thrice daily,
- Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times,
- Owners of cats and dogs must scratch bellies and chins at least five times daily,
- Cuddles must be give whenever pet desires

and probably many other needs and musts. The White House would be covered in pet beds, squeaky mice, catnip and lots and lots of hair.

Birds would be the Air Force. Bombs of messy, yucky bird waste would drop on unsuspecting victims and their food...mostly their food.

Rabbits would be in charge of the Olympics. Long Jumps and Running would probably remain the same, but Discus and Javelin throwing would no longer be available, since rabbits (and other pets) don't have opposable thumbs. Swimming would probably be different, as well. Since goldfish and other fin-laden pets probably couldn't swim 100 meters and back in one go, the lap lengths would be reduced to large-goldfish bowl size, maybe 10 feet maximum.

Dogs would be in charge of construction sites. No longer would we need excavators and other massive diggers. Huge packs of dogs, and maybe rabbits, would take care of the digging. Large birds could take the part of cranes. Horses could transport heavy loads to other places. Small mice and other rodents could take care of wiring and other small details.

Transportation could be quite different. Instead of cars, taxis and busses, horses would revert back to the horse-drawn carriage. Trains and planes might be slightly different. The pilots and engineers would be trained dogs, with buttons and levers that were dog accessible. The windshields would be lower down, so dogs could see. I feel that dogs would be more likely candidates for such things than other pets, as cats really don't like to be trained and other pets might be too small.

Farms would stay the same. Disturbing the agricultural balance we have now would most likely result in disaster. No milk, eggs and other food grown on farms would drastically change the way lives are now.

Stores could be different. Half a supermarket could be filled with pet supplies, while the other half would have meager supplies for the humans. There would be treat stores on

every corner of a big city, and fancy collars, leashes and other trinkets galore. There would be boutiques full of fancy pet clothes, fitting rooms for pets to try on piles of clothes, and pet fashion shows every other week.

Entertainment could be different. All TV shows would have at least one pet on them. Pets could pick which show they wanted to be on, and pick whether they be the star or not. Games would be semi pet-related, while gaming consoles would be accessible to pets so they could play as well.

Holiday might change. On Christmas, owners would be required to buy at least four presents for their pets, and buffets would be set up just for them. At Thanksgiving, pets must be given one fourth of the goodies. On Halloween, candy givers must also give treats to the pets. And on Easter, treat hunts will be set up for the pets, as well as the egg hunts for the children.

Life in general would be different. If pets ruled the world, we humans might get left behind, if not for the cuddles and food the pets require us to give. I would like to see how it would turn out, though. Maybe we can let pets rule for a week and see how things go. What do you think?



# If Pets Ruled the World

## How to Take Care of Your Human, Brought to you by the Society of Dogs

### Jenine Dalusong

So, you just got a human! Congratulations. The first step is giving your human a name. Make sure that you have a place in your home and the supplies needed to raise a human. It's also important to know him or her! Humans are actually very similar to us; they are complex creatures that need proper attention. Each one is different.

Taking excellent care of your human is essential. First of all, you must make sure your human gets plenty of exercise. Take your human out on a walk daily. This is enough to make sure that he or she maintains a healthy lifestyle. When your human fastens you on a leash, that is a sign that they want to go on a walk. Another great exercise is fetch! Humans love to throw things, so it is important that you help them by retrieving the ball. Sometimes they may forget how to, but patience is key.

Like us, humans need food. Make sure they are eating healthy amounts. It is helpful to stare at them while they are eating to ensure that they are doing it right, or requesting a piece of food to validate that they are. Your human should also have plenty of fresh water, as they are very picky.

He or she should have proper supplies. Beds are a must. Often humans will want to sleep in your bed. Again, patience is the key. Don't be alarmed, for this is common among many humans. Lick their toes to remind them that it is your bed.

Humans should have appropriate toys and things to keep them entertained. They love to fidget with toys and tap on shiny, bright devices. Each human has different tastes and preferences on what they like to do—another reason why it's meaningful to understand yours!

Most importantly, show your human the love and affection that they deserve. Imagine if it were human's world; how would you want to be treated? Spend as much time with your human as possible and make sure they know they are appreciated. After all, they love you, too!

