



Gregg Cripps
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Companions

Pets Considered Family Members

"My dog eats Twinkies," said Adam Bast. "My cat eats cheeseballs," said Deb Kebler.

Pets add amusement and affection to the lives of many seniors. From domestic cats to uncommon lizards, they become friends, hobbies and sometimes nuisances.

Some pets are so well-loved by their owners that they become part of the family. They swim in the family pool, sleep in the owner's bed, or ride beside their owner in the car. "My pet parakeet will hang upside down whenever it's hungry and won't come back up until I feed it," said Troy Wierman.

Being a pet owner can require certain duties such as regular

exercise, immunizations and lots of love. "Whenever my cat wants attention he'll come up to me and start licking my ear," said Deb Kebler. Adam Bast's dog will drop his nerf ball at his feet hoping he'll play with him.

Rick Sadler said, "My cat creates chaos when it does a number in the bathtub."

To animal lovers, pets are priceless. They are there when needed as a friend, and never talk too much.

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