

Animals in our Lives

Animals can do more than just be companions! If you're having trouble understanding that statement, let's take a look into real life, on a dull summer day...

You wake up at 7:30 to the screeching of your alarm clock. At least, that's what you think it is at first, but then you realize it's your mother yelling at your sister to get up and get ready for a trip to a speech on why paper use should be cut down on. Then you remember that you have to go to this speech instead of playing video games. This day is looking like another summer day wasted...until you remember your dog lying on his soft, plushy pillow downstairs. You get up and run downstairs, almost into your mom, who is going upstairs to tell you to get up. You bolt past her into the living room, where your dog instantly runs to you, obviously anticipating your arrival. You can't help but laugh as the once cloudy day turns sunny and bright, thanks to your dog.

Pets can be all kinds of things to people. They can be spirit lifters, friends, loyal members of the family, and even more! If you need company, they're there. If you need a friend, they're there for that, too. You can be sure that your pet will be a help to you for years to come. Pets also teach us how to be responsible – when to take them for walks, when to feed them, and when to clean up after them.

Of course, there are more animals than just pets. There are many wild animals that can also benefit us through law-abiding research. Scientists can safely study animals in the wild to see how their actions and behavior is similar and different from humans. We can study their food chains and adaptations and have new light shed on how animals can survive in harsh conditions, and how every animal, predator or prey, helps keep all nature in balance. Animals also make for a nice safari attraction, where they are studied even more.

It's amazing how different humans and animals are in size and shape, yet they can help each other through many different ways. You can be sure that the next time you're having a bad day, your pet will be there for you to help you through it.