Keeping pets

Hello :)

by jess

People **keep pets** for various reasons.

Some of them **feel lonely** and want to **have a living being** beside them.

The others **earn money raising** popular breeds of cats and dogs.

There are also special cases like having a dog to **protect your house** or **to help the blind**; **picking up sick animals** and **taking care of** them.

But the majority **enjoy** pets just because they **are real fun**.

It is great to have such an active and always ready to play friend.

Besides it is an open secret that animals can **cure people for** many illnesses.

Dogs, cats, hamsters, rats, parrots, fish,

guinea pigs <u>are considered to</u> **make good pets** and are still favourite ones, because they are <u>rather easy</u> **to look after,** <u>quite cheap</u> **to keep**, and they **get attached to** their masters indeed.

It has become <u>fashionable</u> **to keep** <u>exotic animals</u> **as pets**.

But in my opinion it is <u>not reasonable</u> at all : they **make bad pets**. *First*, it is very <u>dangerous</u> for the <u>owners</u> themselves. *Second*, other people (their <u>neighbours</u> for instance) are not <u>safe</u> either.

Third, you should **think of** animals too: I am not sure that they **feel comfortable** in our <u>environment</u>.

I have had a dog since I was 12. I found it in the yard and brought it home. I was absolutely happy because my parents allowed me to keep it.

It is **a simple mongrel** ['mʌŋgr(ə)l] and we **call** it Jack. It is <u>neither</u> big <u>nor</u> small, <u>coal black</u> and <u>incredibly</u> funny and <u>cute</u>. When it was a puppy it **used to be** <u>bouncy</u> and <u>noisy</u>, but now it **behaves like** an <u>adult</u>: it is <u>serious</u> and <u>calm</u>.

It has always been my <u>share of household chores</u> to **walk** the dog, **feed** it, **wash** its paws, brush its fur and **clear away** its dirt. <u>What I really enjoy is</u> to **teach** it <u>different tricks</u> or just **run** and **jump** together.

I believe that we are <u>true friends</u>.