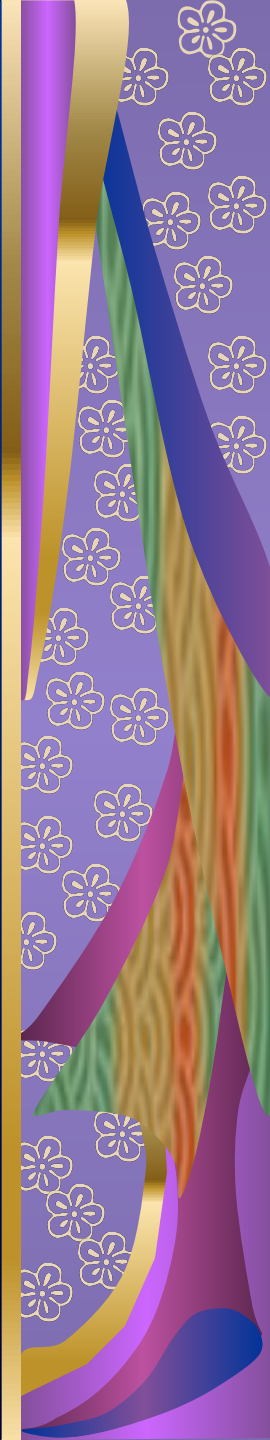


# We are fond of pets

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- People who live in flats prefer to keep cats, because there is no need to walk them every day. Cats are very compact animals, they like to lie on people's laps and even in beds. I love cats because they are warm and fluffy. Cats let us stroke them and often purr with pleasure. For me cats are the most incredible and mystic animals.





- Dogs are the man`s best friends and that is the fact. Dogs are extremely clever and understand everything you tell them. Though keeping a dog in a flat is a bit of a problem, because you need to walk it two or three times a day. And this takes some time. And do not forget that dogs have a specific smell. But these are no real problems when you really love dogs. Dogs are wonderful animals. I am absolutely sure that cats and dogs have human souls.



- I am fond of animals. I think nothing else in our life could supply us with more pleasant emotions than our pets. It is so pleasant to know that somebody needs you and loves you only for the fact that you exist. Your friends can betray you, but your pets — never.





- Now let me tell you about my pets. I have two cats.
- One cat is male. Its name is Ryzhyk. He is 5 years old. His fur is reddish-brown. He likes to play with a ball. Actually, he has a dog-like behaviour. He performs different tricks and prefers the company of the dog to the company of the cat.



- My second cat is of no breed. It's a female. Her name is Makha. She is 4 years old, long-haired, tabby. She doesn't like lively games. Her favourite pastime is lying on the windowsill and thinking about the sense of life.



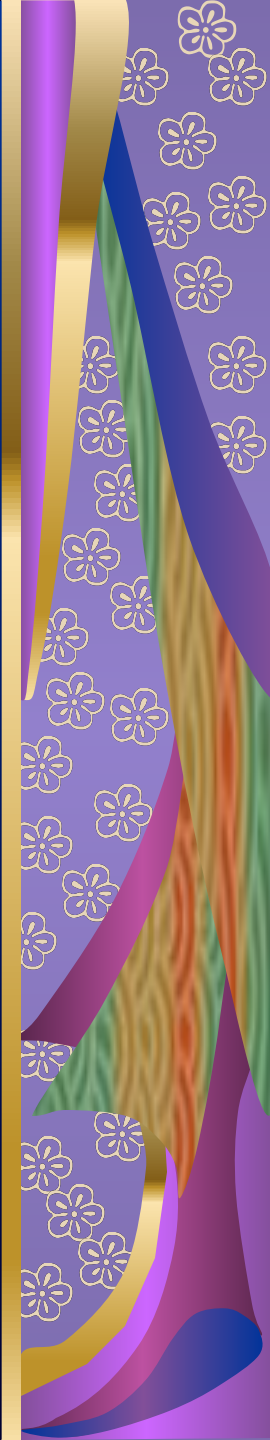
- TO MY OPINION, THE ROLE OF PETS IN OUR LIFE IS BEST DESCRIBED BY AUSTRIAN ZOOLOGIST CONRAD LORENZ. IN ONE OF HIS BOOKS HE SAID: "IN RAPID CURRENT OF OUR LIFE A PRESENT-DAY MAN FROM TIME TO TIME WANTS TO FEEL HE IS STILL HIMSELF, AND NOTHING CAN GIVE HIM SUCH A PLEASANT CONFIRMATION OF IT, BUT "FOUR LEGS" MINCING BEHIND".





**"We are fond of pets"**

**But remember... All pets need love  
and care just as you do!  
Don't hurt them!**





# Caring for Your Pets.

- Your pet must have fresh water all the time.
- Feed your pet the right food regularly
- Some pets need special homes. Keep them clean.
- Some pets need help keeping themselves clean, too
- Most pets need exercise to keep themselves healthy and happy.
- Some pets play with toys. Make sure your pet has safe toys.
- Some pets must be walked outside to go to the bathroom. Set aside time (установи) to do this. Other pets need a special place. Keep it clean.
- Many pets must go to the vet for their yearly checkup (осмотр). Make sure you do this.
- If your pet looks sick, bring it to your vet.

REMEMBER .....



WHAT IS YOUR HOBBY?



# Find Russian equivalents for these sayings and proverbs about animals

## Proverbs.

When the cat is away, the mice will play.

All cats are grey at night.

The early bird catches the worm.

Every bird likes its own nest.

To kill two birds with one stone.

It is a good horse that never stumbles.

A cat may look at a king.

Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.

If you run after two hares, you will catch neither.

First catch your hare, then cook him.

**Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow.**

**A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.**

## Sayings

To take the bull by the horns.

When pigs can fly.

Give a lark to catch a kite.

To put the cart before the horse.

To kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Barking dogs seldom bite.

Love me, love my dog.

Every dog has his day.

That is a horse of another colour.

One should not look a gift horse in the mouth.

To work like a horse.

To follow like sheep.



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