



Keeping pets



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 are considered to make good pets and are still favourite ones, because they are rather easy to look after, quite cheap to keep, and they get attached to their masters indeed.



It has become fashionable to **keep** exotic animals as **pets**.



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

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

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 neither big nor small, coal black and incredibly funny and cute. When it was a puppy it **used to be** bouncy and noisy, but now it **behaves like** an adult: it is serious and calm.



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

I believe that we are true friends.

