

BECOMING A FUR PARENT

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Are you deciding to adopt a four-legged fur companion as you traverse through the path of adulthood? Are you a mother choosing a furry companion for your child? Do you need an emotional support furball that will help you battle your mental struggles? This article can help you decide which furry companion suits you the best. Are you a cat or a dog person? Let's both find it out.

When it comes to companionship, dogs are great at living through forming packs. They are very social animals and some breeds are more protective than the others. It is better to choose a breed depending on the needs of the owners, be it being a guard of the house, a companion for young children, or they can even help manage your farm. When it comes to choosing a dog breed, it is highly suggested to choose based on what you need and it should match the breed's capability. As for cats, they usually are lone hunters. Cats are often deemed as independent creatures that can fend for themselves most of the time. Regardless of breeds, cats can be social and anti-social and have their own personality traits, it's a matter of chance on which personality and traits the owner will get upon adopting a cat.

If you have a small living space, getting a cat is more convenient as they only require a small space to acquire their exercise. You can also take this opportunity to bond with them as they only require a short amount of time to play and spend the majority of their time napping. Having a cat in a large house can cause you to lose them often as they are great at playing hide and seek and will likely just appear whenever they are hungry or require your attention. Dogs on the other hand require a lot of space to play and

live. Depending on how large the breed will be, you are required to have a lot of space for them to run and play. They are an absolute ball of pure energy when they are in a playful mood and having them live in a small apartment will definitely affect their mental state if they will not be able to get all that energy out. If you are a person that likes to go out and in need of a workout buddy, having a dog is definitely best for you.

Training pets is the most important thing to consider if you are planning to adopt one. If you want to live harmoniously with your pets, you need to work together to set the house rules and understand each other's personal requirements. Training a dog is easier than training a cat. Dogs tend to please their owners by following their commands and get satisfaction through fulfilling their humans request in exchange for treats. They are also smart companions that can easily follow instructions and be taught basic tricks that can either entertain or help the owner around the household. Cats on the other hand have a world of their own. As independent creatures, more often than not they are the one deciding whether they want to do a certain task or not, but they can entertain you in the most adorable way of their own. Mostly for cats, the only thing you are required to train them is where and how to use a potty and you can both live your best life once it is done.

Grooming and maintenance is also a factor to consider when adopting a furry companion. Cats are usually low maintenance as they have their own way of cleaning themselves and can often go weeks without needing a bath as they are naturally clean creatures. They have their own way of trimming their nails, cleaning their teeth, and washing their furs. As a human, the only job you are required for maintenance is to help them eat healthy foods and keep a clean environment so they can happily fend for themselves as you watch them stretch their legs in funny ways to reach the areas that needed to be cleaned, and as a human that can be easily entertained, that is very much how you are gonna live with them for the rest of their lives. Watching them clean themselves and be naturally funny with their antics, feed them, scoop their litter, and go

on about your day without bothering each other so much. With dogs, it can be quite expensive. Some breeds require regular grooming and vet visits as they do not clean themselves regularly. That can easily smell funky just one trip outside the house. It can also be a way for you to bond with them if you are fine with bathing them regularly and grooming them to be in pristine condition and prevent your house from smelling like a dog. But regular grooming and vet appointments require money and time, so you might want to consider checking your financial capabilities if you want to adopt a high maintenance breed.

So which one suits you the best? Every furry companion may vary from the general descriptions stated above and it will still depend on how you will take care of them. What's important is you know what you and your fur baby needs and you will get along just as fine. They are not just additional decorations for the house, they become family members as time passes by so it is important for us to know how we will take care of them best. No matter the breed, size, or species, these creatures can be our forever friend and family as long as we love and care for them deeply.

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