

Pets Speak Love In Many Ways

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I have always had pets in my life from hamsters and fish to dogs, the most experience with dogs. Every animal that touches our lives is special in their own way but there are those very special animals that leave forever pawprints on our heart.

I believe everyone should have a pet sometime in their life. I have had two dogs in my life. The first dog was a small terrier that was older when I was born. The second dog I got when I was four. I loved watching the younger dog show her love for the older dog. Once the eye sight of the older dog began to decline, the younger dog would help the older dog out in the yard. The younger dog would make sure that the older dog could make it up the steps. Not only do animals show love to humans, but to other animals as well.

The excitement that my dog exhibit when I first get home is nothing but unconditional love. She jumps around and whines to get my attention. It is hard to explain what they must be thinking. "YAY! My human is home." No matter what kind of day I have had my animals are ready to give of themselves in the best way they know how. These same animals know when I am sick or feeling down and express their feelings accordingly. They are either at my side or on my lap and want to be closer to me more than usual.

Dogs also show they love and trust you by looking you in the eyes. Sometimes it is that special look or lick to the face that expresses their love for you. My dogs have always had their own way of making me feel like I am never alone. I have often heard it said that dogs will treat you like you are a part of their pack. They want to go everywhere with you, even to the bathroom.

Those animals that are allowed to sleep with their human, usually like to be as close to them as they can. Many times the pet has more room in the bed than the human.

Another way that I think dogs show their love to humans is by knowing the house routines. Whether it is the way they let you know when they need to go out or when it is time to go to bed.

Animals who feel love from their humans, feel secure in giving love back. Cats and dogs have been known for bringing “gifts” to their humans. It could be something dead or a toy to be played with at the time. No matter how good or disgusting the gift is, they are proud to share it with their human.

Talking to your pet also helps them be able to express their love for you. Pets communicate with their tails while you are talking to them. If their tails are tucked they are either scared or know they have disappointed you because they sense the tone of your voice. Dogs have a way of tilting their head to show that they are listening. They may not understand what you are saying, but they love being talked to.

Even when it comes to the point of letting your pet go because of injury or illness, they communicate their love for you, by the looks they give you. They have a way of telling you that it is okay to let them go.

Dogs that are treasured pets have a way of looking into their owners' very soul. Dogs have a sense about who they can trust. The longer you are privileged to have an animal the more they and their human become in sync with each other. Even by barking, dogs show that they are trying to protect their human from possible dangers.

We have all heard stories where animals have saved the lives of their owners. There are stories of dogs that have protected small children from dangers. In these situations the animals have given of themselves without knowing what danger they may encounter. All of the training that goes into having a pet is paid back to their human tenfold.

No matter what kind of animal you may have, they communicate their love in many ways. The looks, the licks, and closeness to their humans' show how they feel. The unconditional love that pets show enriches our daily lives.