

Every child should have a pet

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The hand reaches for the golden door nob on a deep brown door. As the hand turns the golden nob the door starts to moan, "CRREEAAK." The two legs look as if they've been running while holding two elephants on their back from sunrise to sunset. The twin arms are slumped looking like they were held in the air from dawn to dusk. The whole body looks stressed and exhausted. The body trudges to the closest seat and plummets into it. The person starts to doze off into a "long winters nap". Behind them they hear something, their head spins around to spot their pet. Immediately all spirits are lifted and stress is gone. Has this ever been you? Coming home from a dreadful day, and as soon as you see your pet, you're fine? With some people (in this case children) they don't have a pet to enjoy after a long day. Every child should have a pet for three reasons. First, children go through a lot of stress, second, children should practice responsibility early, third, if the child does have a sibling, they'll agree on something, but if the child has none, the pet will be like a sibling.

To start off with, children should have a pet because pets relieve stress. This stress is usually school related, and sometimes related to activities. If a child is playing with their pet their minds are focused on playing with that pet. While playing with the pet, although the child doesn't notice, they're calming down. If you have a pet that's a snuggle buddy, OF COURSE THAT CALMS YOU DOWN. Doing things like simply playing a small game with your pet. (of course this varies on what type of pet you have.) Have a gold fish or any other fish? Play a game of watch the pet! (seems boring but calming..) A hamster, a cat, a dog, a bird, a snake, a lizard, a turtle, and way more pets have calming/soothing things to do. Playing or bonding with your pet has a good effect for your pet too. The pet is happy because you're giving them attention/love.

In the light of relieving stress, kids should have a pet because pets are a big responsibility which means children can practice responsibility early. Dogs are a huge responsibility because dogs need so much care. (they need to be healthy, need food, need to be clean, need exercise, and much more..) Responsibility comes from school. School is a place where, if you're not responsible, you'll go down hill. You have to turn in things on time such as, essays, book reports, projects, homework, and so much more. School is meant to make children responsible and be committed to things as a human. If a child has a pet and takes care of their pet, they would practice responsibility at an early age. Being able to manage responsibility helps with two things out of many that are important in life. The first thing is getting good grades. The second is gaining self confidence. If you manage responsibility for your pet you will have great outcomes.

Hence, children should have a pet because a pet is something that will bring siblings together, and (for an only child) a pet is like a sibling to a child. Taking care of their pet and playing with it, creates a bond. This bond of, trust, love, friendship, and being dependent on

each other. Having a bond with a pet gives you unlimited joy/ happiness! The child having a bond with a pet, could possibly improve their mood (if not usually happy.) This will make the child happy knowing, the pet is like a brother or a sister. With anyone, child or adult, companionship improves their life.

Now you know why every child should have a pet. This is because, first, children go through a lot of stress, Second a child should practice responsibility at an early age, and Third, if a child has siblings they'll agree on something, but if the child has no siblings, they'll have the companionship of one. If you're a parent (that has many children or just one) Its best for your child, to practice that responsibility, and become calm with a pet. It doesn't have to be a fancy dog or a expensive cat, you can get a hamster, a fish, (hopefully) even a rescue animal at the shelter! If you're a kid, ask your mom or dad if you can get a inexpensive pet. I hope you walk away with a better understanding why every child should have a pet.