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We keep animals at home because sometimes loneliness overwhelms us and the pet may turn out to be the only one with whom we can share our misery. Besides, parents often think the best way to show their children what responsibility is by giving them the obligation to look after an animal.

On one hand, when we are lonely, we need support and understanding. Recently, I was busy with studying lessons and a great number of problems tormented me but I knew that my friends have their own concerns and I couldn't burden them with what was happening in my soul. But it was my black – furred dog Ricky that helped me to go through this period of turmoil and insecurity. Moreover, it didn't only listen to my confession but he was wagging its tail to express sympathy and understanding. Our pet can't really give us a piece of verbal advice but we sometimes need just to be given a hearing. A dog will always give and forgive, while many a man will only get and forget.

On the other hand, pets are not only a vent for accumulated tension, they are also used as teachers. Some parents consider that if they take an animal home, their children will become more responsible. When I was ten years old, my father brought me a cat which I named Dolly, and he told me I had to take care of it. Initially, I was really enthusiastic but I found it hard to spare time and energy. But the more effort I put into cleaning and feeding Dolly, the more I became a dependable person. It taught me vital moral lessons – to care for the weaker, to be helpful and understanding.

In conclusion, having a pet makes people more kind – hearted, level – minded, less pent – up and angry, and more mature.

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