

Should We Keep Pets?

Do you remember your first dog or cat? Perhaps even your first boa constrictor? Whatever your preference, pets can play a huge role in our lives, even becoming full-fledged family members. But is domestication really in an animal's best interest? Does pet ownership create a loving bond between human and animal, or does it only serve our own interests?

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“ Praising Pets and the Idea of Pets is a Joyful Exercise ”


“ Should We Have Pets? Of Course ”

 Gary L Francione Objects

“ Dogs and Cats Wandered Into Our Lives Long Ago ”

“ Where Do We Turn To Maintain Our Humanism? ”

“No”

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“ Clarifying the Question ”

“ “Pets:” The Problem of Treatment ”

“ “Pets:” The Inherent Problems with Domestication ”

“ Doesn't Spaying, Altering or Sterilizing Pets Violate Their Rights? ”

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