

Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2012 Pet & Owner of the Month

Suffield Veterinary Hospital again sponsored a "Why My Pet Is Special" essay contest for 3rd & 4th graders at McAlister School. The winner receives an owner/pet portrait taken by photographer Lori Radke of Enfield (see the adorable photo below), and the honor of seeing the essay and portrait published in the Suffield Observer. Below, we are proud to present the winning essay from Stephen Sattan about his bearded dragon named Abe.

Why My Pet is Special... by Stephen Sattan (Mrs. Tosone's Class – 4th Grade)

My pet's name is Abe. He is a bearded dragon. He lives in a cage with plants and logs. I definitely love Abe. He moves fast and eats crickets and vegetables.

Abe is more than a pet to me. Abe is family and he could NEVER EVER be replaced. Whenever I take him out I feel his soft body on my hands, with a dazzling spiky tail and gleaming orange spikes on his sides. Whenever I see him I do a little dance in my head glad that I have him. When my dad came home I screamed yes, that this was too good to be true. Then we named him Abe because he had a beard like Abe Lincoln's. I wanted to call him Claws because we got him around Christmas and he has sharp claws. But Abe won so we call him Abe.

He loves it when I drop a piece of crispy lettuce right by him. He snatches it up like it will walk away if he doesn't get it then. Whenever Abe sees a cricket it becomes dinner. He eats about 10 every day! Man, Abe could eat for hours and eat about 50 in a day if he was really hungry.

When I take Abe out he snuggles in my hands and relaxes peacefully. I watch him too, the orange spikes and rough bumps that I think of as smooth. His eyes are a sparkling gray with a juicy bright red tongue. Abe likes to crawl onto my neck and I feel the warm comfortable pet on my shoulder. He scurried away from a friend but never ran away from me.

Abe is 6 months old and he will live 2-5 years although I hope he lives to be 102. When I feel sad, Abe is always loyal and cheers me up. When I go on vacation, I mourn for him. My life is complete with him.

Honorable Mentions – Mr. Oliver's 3rd grade class: Olivia Taylor with her dog "Mick"; Miss Dolnack's 3rd grade class: Aiden Dultz with his hamster "Puffles"; Mr. Fontaine's 3rd grade class: Hailee Mailloux with her cat "Jewel," Isabella Nutini with her fish "Goldilocks"; Miss Persano's 4th grade class: Megan Tesko with her cat "Sox"; Mrs. Tosone's 4th grade class: Paige Anderson with her dog "Max," Nicholas Sinofsky with his cat "Uzi," and Gabrielle Stevens with her cat "Fuzzy." All of the essays can be viewed on our website.



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