

Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2014 Pet and 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 Lori Lee Photography 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 Lily Smith about her dog Bootsie.

My Beloved Bootsie... by Lily Smith

My puppy Bootsie is special because first of all we rescued her from Arkansas. If we didn't she might have been killed or she might have gone to someone bad who doesn't actually care about her. Also, whenever I come home from anywhere — dance, school, a friend's house — she is always waiting for me at the door, so happy to see me. No matter what I can always talk to her about anything. She is one of my best, best friends.

Whenever my mom isn't home at night she will sleep at the foot of my bed, near my stuffed animals! She always keeps me company. Adding to Bootsie sleeping with me, she will sleep under the covers with me. (She is my snuggle bug.) She never leaves my side so I am never alone. We take Bootsie everywhere we go so she is never alone.

Bootsie loves us and that is very important because if you don't have a good relationship with your pet that is a problem because it might end up being you love your pet, but your pet doesn't love you. Then it would end up being awkward, and that isn't good!!

She is a very good listener. She is a fast learner, she already knows how to sit, lay down, come back to sitting, paw, (both hands), and she knows how to stay. Believe it or not, she is only five months old!!!

If you pick her up she won't squirm in your hands. And finally, when we lost our other dog Emma, for a long time there was an empty spot in our family. It was so quiet, so lonely, so sad. But when we got Bootsie, it wasn't quiet, lonely or sad. It was perfect. She filled the empty spot in my house, my family, and especially my heart. That is why Bootsie is special.

Runners up: Cassie Hyrniewicz, Aiden Lim, Alli Davis, Lucy Flynn, Jenna Woods and Megan Cashman.

Honorable mention: Connor Boudreau, Lauren Carey and Katie Beynor.



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