

Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2010 Patients and Owner of the Month

Suffield Veterinary Hospital again sponsored a "Why My Pet Is Special" essay contest for 3rd - 5th graders at McAlister School. The winner receives an owner/pet portrait from Motophoto in Enfield (see the wonderful 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 Hanna Englander about her cats, Sophie and Patches, who are SVH patients.

Why My Pets Are Special...by Hanna Englander

Cats are great animals, and some, like mine are special. My little friends play fun-filled games with me. I also have certain responsibilities that I need to do like feeding my cats. One last thing about my special friends is that they have amazing tricks that most cats can't do. Keep reading to find out why my fluffy friends are special!

Like dogs, cats play with you. If you have an indoor cat, it won't go outside. You can still play by throwing a toy mouse and seeing if they will go after it. I have two fun-filled fur balls. One's name is Sophie; she is an indoor cat, (half the time. The rest of the time she goes outside.) The other cat Patches is an outdoor cat. If you have an outdoor cat, then here are the things they might do: chase a tennis ball, dig holes, or run around. That is all dog stuff, but my cats act like a dog! Let's see what the playful feline will do next!

As a cat owner, I have many responsibilities. One of which is taking my furry friend Patches out every morning. I have to bring him out, even if it's cold. That is how much some cats like going outside, I guess...Another responsibility is feeding them, (of course.) Depending on how old your cat is, they will need different amounts of food. Both of my energetic pets eat cat food but most of all, they like ham and turkey. Every time I eat a sandwich, my cats come in the kitchen. They even jump on the table and try to eat the turkey or ham off my plate. Cats also need water. The strange thing is that the fluffy fuzz-balls never drink out of a bowl. They drink from the sink! Now my mom had to buy them a special bowl that squirts water out. Sophie still likes milk, (who doesn't?) So, she tries to drink from my cereal bowl. Ewe!



Cats, to some people seem boring. Not really. My cats are very interesting. When my brother hits a baseball in the backyard, my energetic pets chase after it. In the summer, luckily they meow if there is a bee or any other bug inside. That can be useful. Another cool trick is to see a cat dance! Every time I throw a toy mouse inside, my cats get so pumped up that they jump all around, kind of like dancing on their hind legs. Sure they aren't on "Dancing With The Stars," but how many dancing cats do you know?

Now you've read about my best friends Patches and Sophie, and why they are special. You've now learned about the special games that my friends play. They also do awesome tricks, like dancing. And, last but not least, I have responsibilities to take care of them which lead to other fascinating facts like how they love the outdoors. So, I hope you now know why my best friends, Patches and Sophie are special!

This year's Runners-Up are: Ashley Giannoccaro and Emily Fabrizi. The Finalists are: Abby Canning, Amelia Picard, Austin Rupp, Brendan Looney, Ben Godin, Caelie Flanagan, Camille Beckett, Danielle Bouchard, Danielle Walters, Emily Masi, Ian Sheldon, James Summa, Jessica Bielonko, Katie Baker, Madison D'Ostuni, Marina Carolina Fela-Castillo, Morgan Kinkoph, Stacey Urbanski, Victoria Nealon, Yasha Menta, Zachary DelVaglio. All of the essays can be viewed on our website.

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