



# A Complete Family

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# Author's Note

You probably know someone who has a dog, or if you're lucky enough, you own one yourself. Owning a dog is an incredible experience because as you spend time with your dog, you grow to love him or her like a member of your own family. You feed your dog, wash him, play with him, and pet him- how can you not end up referring to your dog as a part of your family?

# Nicky



This sweet greyhound is 14 years old and is named Nicky. He is affectionate, patient, and good-natured. Nicky's owner says that he loves his dog more than a member of his own family because "Nicky follows me around."

## Fact and Fantasy

Greyhounds can reach speeds of 40-45 miles an hour, so they were used as hunting dogs and racing dogs. They still are used as racing dogs. It is said that greyhounds are from Egypt, but they really are from Europe and Asia.

# Ace



Ace is a 10-year-old Shih Tzu. Ace's owner says that Ace is serious because he has "family responsibilities" that include protecting his family from suspicious-looking dogs and people. However, Ace can be very silly! Ace's owner says that he loves Ace like a member of his own family because Ace is always happy to greet him at the door.

# Samuel L.

Meet Samuel L., a 2-year-old lab mix. Samuel L. is mostly calm, but when he gets off his leash he can be wild. Samuel L.'s owner says that he loves his dog like a member of his own family because he has a bond with Samuel L. They are the best of friends.



# Rosie



This is Rosie, a 3-year-old rat terrier. Rosie is loving and gets excited easily. Rosie's owner says that she loves Rosie like her own daughter. Rosie's owner says that "she's my youngest daughter" because Rosie's owner reads Rosie bedtime stories.

## Fact and Fantasy

Rat terriers got their name because Theodore Roosevelt's terrier supposedly got rid of all the rats at the White House.

## President Abraham Lincoln

You can't have met a friendlier dog than President Abraham Lincoln, a 4-year-old Hound Terrier Mix. Although President Abraham Lincoln can be skittish and a bit of a scaredy-dog, he is very affectionate. President Abraham Lincoln's owner says that she loves her dog like a son. She says, "If you rescue a dog you rescue yourself."



# Hachi

Pomeranians are very sweet and Hachi is no exception. At 4 years old, Hachi is very friendly and gets along well with humans. Hachi's owner says she loves Hachi like a member of her own family because he adds joy to her life.



## Fact and Fantasy

Pomeranians are descended from sled dogs in Iceland and Lapland, Finland.

# Suki

Suki is an exceptionally friendly Japanese Chin. Suki's owner loves Suki like a member of her own family because she says that this 9½-year-old dog is her buddy.



# Rudy



This *adorable* dog is called Rudy. At 18 months, this loving Chihuahua mix has stolen hearts. Rudy's owner says she loves her dog like a member of her family because he is very affectionate.

# Conclusion

So, as you can see, everyone loves his or her dog. This is why a dog would be a great addition to my family.