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Pets (primarily cats and dogs) are lovable companions. Pets are cute and happy, and it makes me happy whenever I am around my puppy. Because of this, and many other reasons, pets are actually important to our lives.

One reason pets are important is because they can take your mind off of everything. When I come home from school, I always go to my dog's bed, where I can find her. Pets are fun, so when I sit down in front of her, I forget about everything. This is important, because kids (like me) always worry about homework and school, or maybe even a problem with their family and friends. And it leaves them stressed out. Pets can relax you. Also, pets can be very important, like if you have a service dog, like I do. She is important for my dad, and my dad is very happy around her, I always like to see my dad happy. According to the people at Harvard University, dogs interacting with people with some forms of autism or heart disease can actually help them. Also taking a walk with a pet is good too, because people are always glued to their phones, so they can't enjoy a walk outside with their dog or cat. Pets are playful, which is a good quality because then you get to spend time with your pet. Ever since my dog, Opi, came to us, my life changed. I learned a lot about responsibility, because having a dog is a lot of work, but it doesn't matter because pets are important to us. They keep us smiling and laughing.

# A trip to the Vet!





Relaxation!

Playtime!



**Feisty!**



Exercise!





Goofing  
Around!



**Royalty!**



Awww!

**THE END!!!**

