

In western countries, people spend a lot of money on their pets. They buy special foods for their cats and dogs, buy them toys, and pay high fees for their medical treatments. Some think it is a waste of time and they are dangerous and dirty.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having pets? Do people spend too much money on pets?

One of the main aspects of humankind is the ability to change, and lifestyle change is one of the prominent ones. Maybe if one asked about merits and demerits of bringing an animal at home about a hundred years ago, many get bewildered and thought you are joking, but this is so common in many cultures nowadays. This essay is going to discuss the issue in more detail.

On the one hand, it should be related that based on psychological researches, many of the pets' owners may suffer from some mental problems even though they may not be too much detrimental or without any external symptoms. For instance, if many of these people had children beside themselves, they would not reveal too much inclinations toward pets. Moreover, having pets may even resonate their illusion of mental health as they enjoy a lot and interpret it as a real satisfaction while this lifestyle remotes them more from the real psychic health.

On the other hand, the owners of these pets may lack sufficient social relations, as a result they do not have a real perception about neither poor people of society nor their capabilities to support them. They spend too much money on pets' health while many should tolerate shortage of drugs. They heed their pets too much while there are many orphans looking for a warm hand on their heads in orphanage. By considering issues like these, isn't it rational to find a better trade-off to maximize the total welfare of society including humans and animals all together?

Over all, I do emphasize that having a normal life with pets with logical way of spending money for them, and allowing the kids to grow up with them should be excluded from what mentioned in the previous paragraphs. The focus of the essay was mainly on those individuals substituting family with pets and consequently resonate their mental problem, despite the joyful days of playing with their pets.