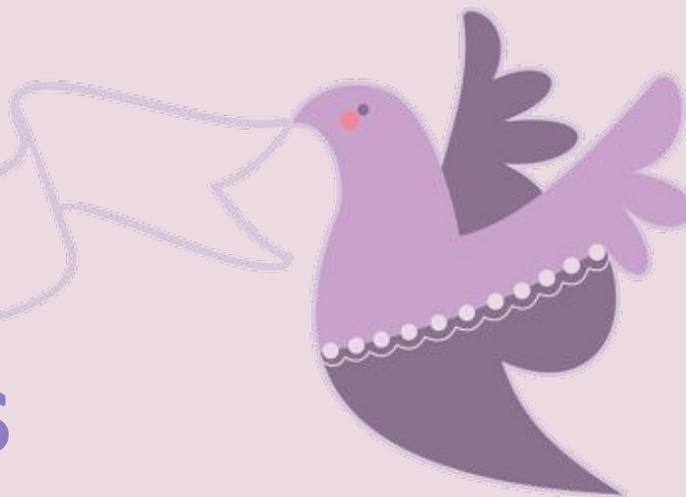




Our pets
Our stories
Our lives



The Pet Project

Presented by The Children's Clinic



Our pets are always loyal companions throughout our lives. We share everything with them. Our joys and sorrows, ups and downs...

Over the past few years, we were so glad to meet so many cute pets via Zoom. By presenting this Pet Project, we'd like to share your stories. How you and your family pets spend good times together, make memories, and learn from one another.



Jack

I was 5 years old when I met my dog, Jack. He is black and white and looks like a cow. He likes to tackle me sometimes. During story time, Jack likes to lay down and listen. Jack is happy when we ask him if he wants to go for a walk and then he comes running! We can also tell that he is happy because his ears crink forward.

When Jack is mad, Jack barks. If Jack's barks were words, they would say, "knock it off!" When there is a thunderstorm, Jack feels afraid and comes close to us or hides under the table. I come near him to help him feel safe.

—DP (continued)



Jack



His favorite treat is cheese and his favorite vegetables are carrots and green beans. He loves them! He carries his carrots or his green beans to another room to hide them so no one can steal them. Sometimes I feel sad when I leave Jack. It helps knowing that someone is taking good care of him.

—DP

Percy & Cody

We have 6 pets in our house.

Percy is our dog, he is a golden retriever puppy, he isn't even one year old but he's pretty big. Percy is such a troublemaker, he eats everything, he can even get up to the counter. He's very energetic. Cody is our other Golden Retriever, he's 6 or 7. He is tired a lot now, he's getting really old. He likes bones and going on walks.

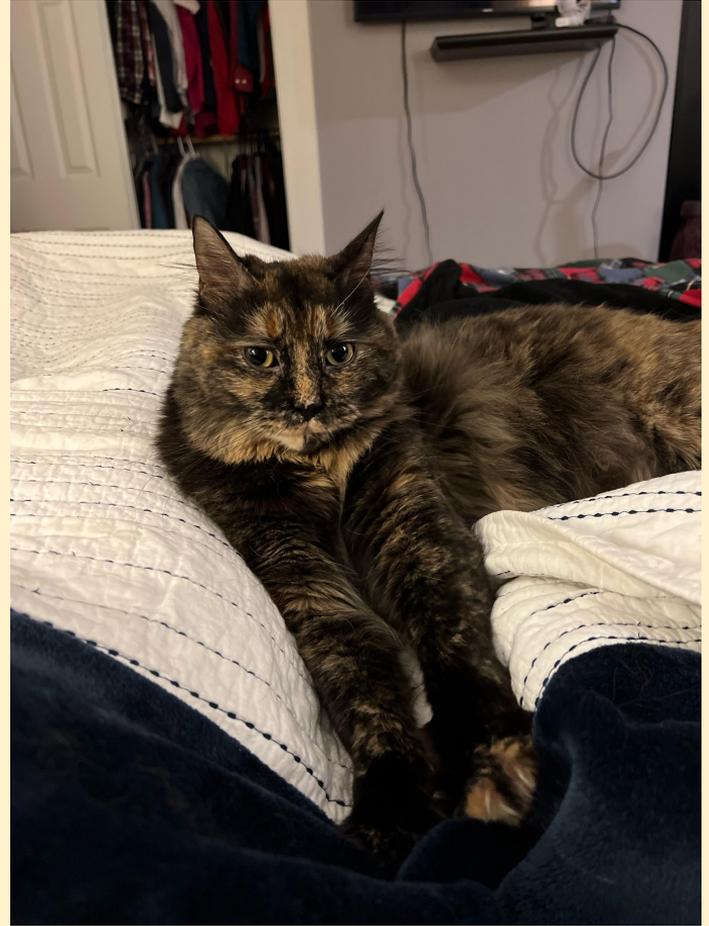
—AE



Pepper

Pepper is our cat, he is about 2-3 years old. He's always around and like sot scare the other cats. He just escaped a few weeks ago and now ever since he's liked to be outside so we have to be careful. Sassy, another cat, she is a lot like Pepper but is always in Grandma's room.

Cleo and Lulu are two other cats, but I don't know much about them because they are just there a lot of the time.



We had other pets who passed away and so we got more pets. I'm not sure why we have so many pets. This many pets makes it feel chaotic sometimes, but my favorite thing about having them is playing with them. I love chasing around with the toys, I can even keep up with Percy.



—AE

Black Bean



I was 7 years old when I got my cat, Black Bean. He is 4 years old and has lots of energy! He brings back a lot of dead things to give us as gifts and we love them....we definitely don't just throw them out ha ha ha. Black bean probably thinks that we eat these gifts, twice he brought living creatures inside and that was total chaos.

Black bean only cuddles with you if he's cold and your warm. I wish Black Bean knew that he is not allowed in my room and definitely cannot eat my hamsters.



COCO

She is a 16 year old Cairn terrier. She has very coarse messy hair because she is scared of the hair dresser. I'm pretty sure she had a bad experience.

Coco is tiny and pretty old. She is blind, deaf and she has arthritis. She barks at shadows outside. I feel bad for her given that she doesn't know what's real or not but I do know that she is loved and is living her best life. I wish Coco knew that I care about her and that I don't mean to scare her when I step in front of her.

—AKB

Cloud & Nutmeg

Speaking of the hamsters. I have 2. Their names are Cloud and Nutmeg.

Nutmeg is white and brown. Cloud is grey and white with a brown spot.

When I first got them I think I may have handled them too much and they got kind of nervous. I only handle them in their comfort zone now.

—AKB



Tiny

My pets are Tiny and Albert.

Tiny is tuxedo cat who we think is close to ten. My great grandmother died and we “abducted” her cat. He hid in the basement for about 3 months and then he showed himself.

Tiny is smug, happy and aloof. He would rather snuggle you than play. He flops down on top of you, he is a blanket cat. I get snuggles, happiness and lots of cat hair from our relationship. He helps me fall asleep and he helps me when I am sad. He would be lonely if I didn't snuggle him all the time. When he sees me he makes a happy noise.



—BGP

Albert

Albert is a puppy, he's four now. He is a small, scruffy, stinky baby.

Albert joined our family when our friend brought him home from Phoenix. He's just a mop. Albert is either hyper or asleep like a donut. If you go up to him while he's sleeping he will lick you. Sometime he falls asleep while upside down, and will expect a tummy scratch while he's sleeping.



—BGP

Albert

I am usually the one who refills his water and I'm also the only one really willing to go crazy with him. I will also be the one to comfort him when he is afraid of thunder, and pick him up when he is afraid of cleaning implements like the vacuum or the broom because he is a creature of dirtiness. He can dance. He's a cream colored Toto.

Tiny and Albert will also snuggle each other on occasion.



—BGP

Rexy & Squishy

Hello, I have two dinosaur toys. The big one is named Rexy she's is my favorite, the other is named Squishy Dino or Squishy for short.

Rexy is a dark brown Tyrannosaurus Rex that is about 32 million years old. She is a female and she is very strong. She can actually lift up a 2 foot plant by herself.

On the other hand Squishy is a small light brown tiger patterned T Rex that is very brave and will help anyone with anything. Like, if you have a problem or are sad he will be right there with you and for you. He is only 19 million years old. He is a boy and can lift up a fifteen inch car toy. They both lived in late cretaceous period about 75 million years ago.



Rexy & Squishy

What do you admire about them?

Well for one thing Rexy can open her mouth very wide like when she is chomping on a dinosaur. They are both very powerful creatures that lived way before us. Squishy helps people every time you need him and he does helpful things.

When did you first discover Rexy and Squishy?

I first fell in love with dinosaurs when I was younger and have always been a great fan of them. I know everything about them , how old they are and when they lived. I saw both of these 75 million years ago in a jungle biome, they were with other dinosaurs by a watering hole.

Rexy & Squishy

Are they helpful to you and how?

Rexy can get newspapers like a dog and she can actually scare off anything even a cat will run in terror so fast that it would not even look where it is going.

Squishy and Rexy help me stay calm when I am feeling nervous or sad. They help me feel better in a matter of minutes.

Do you bring them places with you?

Well, I mostly bring Squishy and Rexy everywhere I go there is never one time I leave them home. I wish I could bring them to school.

How do Rexy and Squishy feel?

Squishy is a calm and respectful and happy dinosaur and Rexy is the same except the only other thing is that she gets hungry every hour or so and when that happens she can be very mean or complain about it. Sometimes she might even bite you if you don't feed her quick enough!

Sheila



Sheila is my dog. She listens to me when I ask her to 'come.' I like to play with her a lot. Sheila makes me feel playful and full of joy. Sheila can help me calm down when I am feeling sad.

—MB

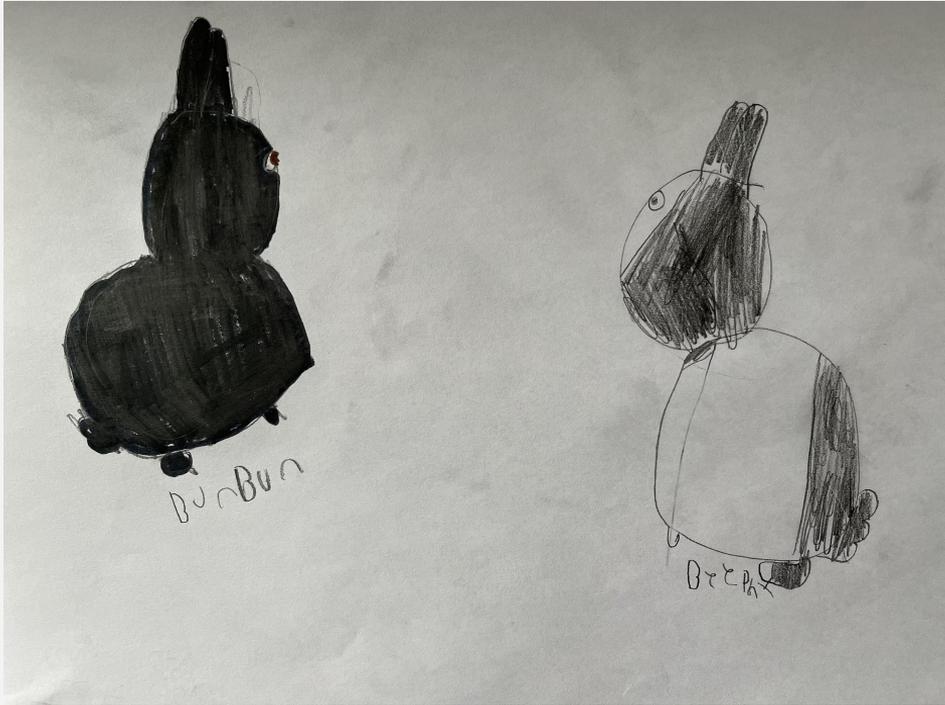
Sheila



Shelia is our dog she's a chihuahua. She is either 5 or 4, we got her from an owner's house that couldn't keep her because she had another dog. We were the right family for her because 1) other people wanted her and we had to have a lot of visits to get her 2) we wanted her because of how cute she looked.

Shelia gets the Zoomies a lot. She gets wild a lot of times. Sometimes she needs to use a toy. Sometimes you can get her to do the Zoomies by tapping on her feet. Sometimes you come upstairs and she's just doing it by herself, and looks at you and goes "huff huff". Shelia makes me feel very happy because 1) she's really cute 2) if you think about it for a long time we'd been wanting a dog. And now we have one!

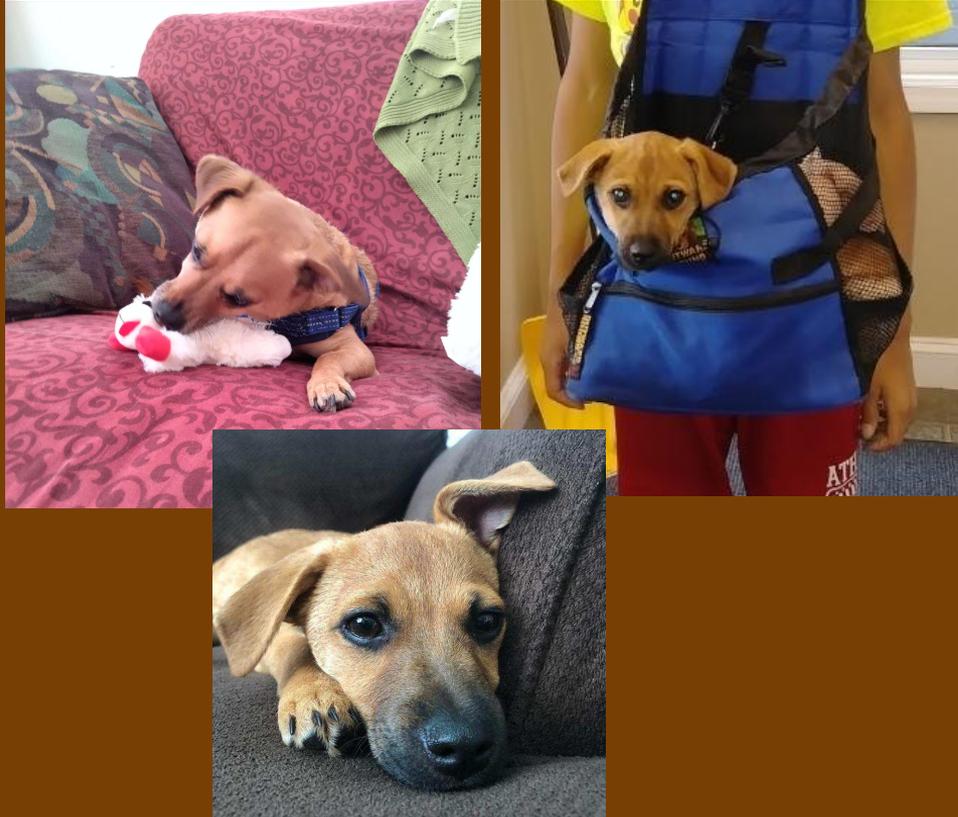
Bun Bun & Beephy



My bunnies were the first-ever pets that I've ever had (that were not fish). They sometimes lick my ear.

I love how funny they can be. They help me not feel as sad. Their names are Bun Bun and Beephy.

Jax



Jax has helped me through Covid by being there while I don't have friends, and he is always entertaining. I love him with all my heart, he comes to me when I'm sad or hurt. He protects me when I'm home. He is a great change in my life. He may be a nuisance at times, but he loves me and has grown closer. Thanks for asking about Jaxmillian, my Chihuahua-Dachshund-Rat Terrier mix.

—JB & PB

Cooper

“A good boy”

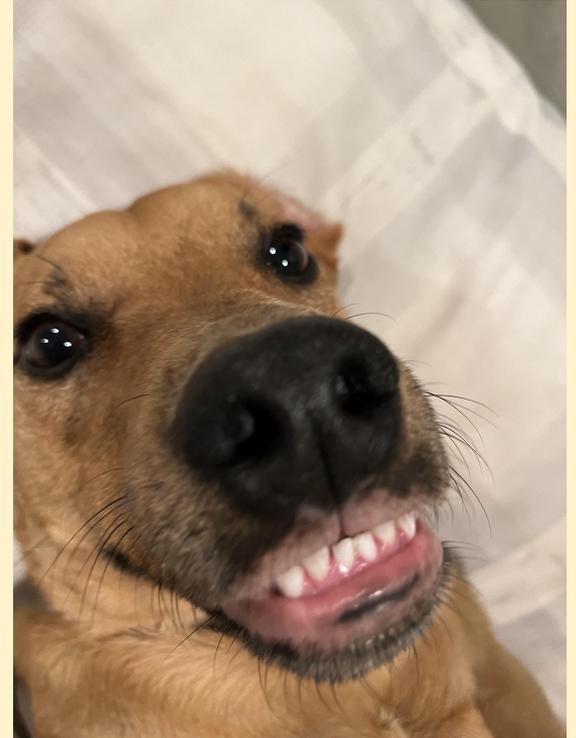
Description:

- Viscous, murderous, and very cute
- Cooper loves, food, food, family and food
- Cooper’s favorite toy is a stuffy named “spots”
- Favorite food is anything human and he dislikes Brussel Sprouts

Games I play with Cooper:

- Bite the Hand
- Chase around the kitchen

–JT (continued)



Cooper

“A good boy”

What have you learned from Cooper:

- When I am sad, he can kiss me and I feel better.
- Cooper is energetic all the time and is my best playmate
- Not to leave anything chewable in his vicinity because he will destroy it!
- When I am away from Cooper, I miss him terribly.

How Cooper helped me get through the pandemic:

- Cooper came to live with us at the beginning of the pandemic. He is from Atlanta and arrived in MA in a van full of other puppies from the south. Cooper is a Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog Labrador Retriever Mix. They are “not for couch potatoes” (from a website)...Cooper is very energetic.
- Cooper’s original name was “Chopper”. I wanted to name him “Marley” but my parents wanted “Cooper”. Cooper still responds to Chopper.





Stormy

Stormy is my cat.

I like that she is cute.

She helped me in the pandemic by just being there. She really likes to go in my room.

—HB

Tobey



Tobey is probably the biggest dog I've ever had. He always keeps us on our toes reminding us when it's time to feed him, walk him or herd dad to bed. But he is also there to wake you up in the morning, poking you with his nose. If that doesn't work he jumps on top of you and that hurts, a lot.

He always wants to be the center of attention and whenever two people hug he finds a way to join in. He likes to take a nap with people, making sure he is half on top of them. Tobey was always there during the pandemic, making us laugh and smile during hard times.

Tobey



Tobey loves car rides, but he is so big he falls off the seat. He loves shedding his fur so we never forget him.

Tobey has beautiful eyes during the day but it's a little terrifying at night to see them glowing in the dark. He reminds us to put our food away or else he will eat it. Tobey will look you straight in the eye before attempting to steal your food and run off with it. He is also always there when you have food, to make sure you finish it or share a little with him. When people are having a hard time, Tobey is always there hovering around to make sure you are okay.

Buddy “Coal”



Age: 13/ 91 dog years

First met: when I was 3, he was 56 dog years

His color is: Black; used to be all black, now has some white

Type: Golden retriever/ Pit bull

How big: Almost as long as me

Like to do: Sleep, sleep, sleep, snuggle, fetch

Favorite thing to do with you: snuggle, licks everywhere. likes to bark at people, cars, dogs, doorbells, sometimes birds. He is deaf now.

Learned from him: how to throw a ball far.

Grateful for: that he snuggles with you, his licks heal my hurts

What he loves: Loves ear scratches, loves his dad
He's a dad that has a lot of puppies

Paco & Casey

My dogs are named Casey and Paco. One way me and my dogs take care of each other is walking. Me and my dogs love to snuggle!

I enjoy learning about pets of leaders from around the world. The incoming and outgoing presidents of South Korea both have dogs name Tory. The president of France has a dog named Nemo. The Bidens have a dog named Commander and a cat named Willow. Families around the world love to have pets for companionship.

PS. Sadly, Paco passed away recently. Casey is doing alright.

—RM & Mom



Marigold

Marigold is our cat, she is a Torbey. We aren't sure how old she is but we guess she is somewhere around 13. Marigold likes to wake us up at 4:00 in the morning. She is very much a people cat, she loves to be around people. Marigold loves to sit on people, she likes to show off for the camera on Zoom.

Cats are my favorite thing on Earth. If you are upset, Marigold can calm you down by coming over to you and helping you feel better.

—RW



Whiskers & Butterball



Back in 2018 or 2019, we went to a cat adoption place. It was a happy early Christmas gift and we got to pick out two kittens. We had two dogs before one passed away. The other was too crazy – I really liked her and wanted her to stay, but she’s living now with a family in N.H.

The kittens were very small when we adopted them. Their old names were “Trouble” and “Rusty.” Butterball lives up to his name: trouble. When they were kittens they stayed in the guest bedroom. We came up with their names – it wasn’t really a thought. I was behind the Whiskers name. Whiskers has big whiskers.

It took time to find their names. Sometimes we call them Loaf and Crust – they are the colors of bread.

–EM (continued)

Whiskers & Butterball



Butterball likes to steal stuff. He stole a whole package of ham! He gets into trouble.

Whiskers is scared. He doesn't usually steal stuff or get in trouble. He's soft. When there's not a lot of people around him he's fine, but if there are 3 or more people he hides and runs away.

The cats comfort me. They cuddle me and they are so soft. My cats are cute.

-EM