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Cats and dogs are so cute and adorable to someone who likes them for pets. Cats are so independent but warm and fuzzy when the cat decides it will settle in your lap while in your favorite chair. Dogs love to follow you around and still chase a tennis ball on a sunny day. Cats and dogs require time and work from human care givers. Cats and dogs have become such a toy to some people that there is a possibility of overpopulation. Overpopulation can become a serious problem for our local ecosystem.

An ecosystem is an area where a community of living plants and animals interact with the nonliving environment. In this ecosystem there would be an acceptable number of cats and dogs that can be safely cared for. These animals need food and water, shelter, and a safe place to stay or a yard or home. Cats and dogs do not eat the same type of food as humans. Cats are usually mouse-catchers and other small animals like birds, snakes, and squirrels. If the overpopulation of cats becomes too large, then the cats might run out of food and they will be left fighting for their lives.

And for dogs, it becomes an issue that strays will create packs and run together as a group. A pack of dogs can be very dangerous to humans and other animals, a pack of dogs will join together and attack, and that can be more dangerous than one wolf that attacks. Cats and dogs need safe protective shelter. Cats like places to hide in and to climb. Cats will stay in a few different places and this will be their habit areas. Dogs like to stay close to humans.

However, dogs do need a space to get away from noise. Overpopulations would lead to animals hiding in garages, under car ports and porches. Animals would be roaming around homes, yards, and parks looking for shelter. Overpopulation brings problems with space, trash, feces, and diseases. Cats and dogs can travel to find food and shelter. They can dig into yards where healthy animals live, which become a homeowner problem.

Overpopulation can cause breeders to over produce and have bad quality breeds. Rescue home and city animals shelters can become overcrowded and put healthy animals to sleep. Homeless animals means humans are not being responsible citizens.

Cute kittens and puppies become needy cats and dogs. Our ecosystem is limited to care for a certain number of them so that all responsible pet owners can have healthy, safe friends to come home to. Just as in all things that are good must come in moderation, so should responsible pet ownership. We must follow city laws for pet care, keep pets vaccinated and keep respectable birth rates manageable to professional breeders.