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We know that most animals are cute and we love to look at them. It is natural to want to hold them. It seems like everyone wants a animal of some kind. We decide what type of animal we like and buy it. It may be a dog, cat or snake; everyone has their own favorite type of animal. Have you ever thought about what an animal does for you? Have you ever wondered if the animal needs you or if you need the animal?

After thinking about this topic I am not so sure if the animals need us as much as we need them. It's ashamed so many animals are in shelters because they can be used in so many ways. For example if you were blind how could you walk down the street without being tripped or ran over? Now they have Seeing Eye dogs that are trained to help the blind. Dogs are also used to help guard things, the police use them to help find people and use them to sniff out drugs or bombs. Many dogs helped in the recovery of 9/11.

Sometimes it's not always a good thing for the animal but we can use them for food. We get hamburger from cows, bacon from pigs. We also can receive milk from cows and goats and eggs from chickens. It's not always about food we also use their skin. Fur coats can come from animal skin. Wool comes from the sheep. Leather comes from a cow. And in Texas you may see a lot of people wearing snake or lizard boots. Dogs may also be used for experiments to help researchers. New medicines can be used on all types of animals to see the reactions before they use them on us.

Animals are part of nature. Anteaters can get rid of ants for us. Beaver's build damns in the water. Certain fish help keep our waters clean. There are many ways animals help us with nature.

Animals also can help us make a profit. Some people breed animals. Some use them for racing. Some use them for circus or shows. You can make money being a veterinarian.

There are so many benefits we enjoy because of animals. Some of my favorite movies and books are about animals. Have you ever seen the smile of a young child when they bring their pet home? And that child has to learn to be responsible. They have to learn how to care for this animal. When to feed , clean, or walk it. This leads to a child learning responsibility. How about the elder person? When they receive an animal they feel as if they have someone to love and who loves them. Someone who keeps them company. Someone who makes them feel a little safer.

So if you get a animal don't take it for granted, you may need it more than you know.