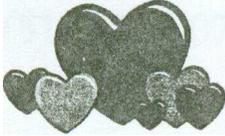


## How Do You Know When You Are Ready For A Pet?

I knew that I was ready for a pet when I asked my Mother if I could have a puppy. I had a cat named Figaro already. I have had Figaro since I was three. I call him Figs for short. Because of Figs I learned how to take good care of a pet. And my mom let me have a puppy and her name is Penny. I learned that you have to feed your pet and give it lots of water every day. You have to give your pet a nice bed to sleep in and toys to play with. We have to take our pets to the veterinarian to get a check up to make sure they don't get worms or get sick. Penny is my new pet and I LOVE her.



When my Mom said that I could have a puppy I hugged her a thousand times. The next day WE went to the animal shelter to look for a puppy. We saw three puppies right away and one of them was the one I picked. On Monday my Daddy brought Penny home. He went to make sure that no one else got Penny before we did. She was really scared a little at first but then I think she recognized me from the shelter. Then she trampled me and then licked me. We gave Penny a bath because she didn't smell real good and we didn't want her to have fleas. We don't have to give Figs baths because he's a cat and licks himself clean. And of course he doesn't like water at all.

I don't think you can really be sure if your ready for a pet so just get one and try your best. If you really love your pet and pay lots of attention to it everything will be just fine.