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Pets most people today see or hear about are usually abandoned or neglected. There are also many animals that are protecting people from danger. These animals are strong and have a lot of courage. Animals started benefiting people back in the old days and continue today.

Some of the most useful animals back in the old days were horses. Horses were used back then for plowing or carrying families by wagon. The horses would pull the covered wagons and have to walk for miles. People had to be kind and caring for these horses. Before tractors were invented horses were also used to plow fields of many miles. Now we have tractors that can be worked by one person. There are also many benefits of animals today.

Rescue dogs are very courageous dogs and do very important things to help people today. These dogs may jump into rivers with a strong current or others go into freezing conditions to save people. Some dogs also sniff out a missing person or help discover a crime. Rescue dogs go through many trainings to develop good skills.

Police dogs are also a benefit to people. A police dog can chase down a person that may have drugs. These dogs also may discover a crime. Police will take these dogs to a crime scene to help. These dogs have a lot of courage and we should be very respectful to police dogs.

There is another important animal that may benefit people in their daily lives. These dogs are seeing-eye dogs. A seeing-eye dog will be a persons "eyes" if they are blind. The dog will guide the person and keep them out of danger. Seeing-eye dogs not only help a blind person, but they can also be there to love on.

Guard dogs are another benefit of our daily lives. These dogs can be good dogs or can be bad. They are good because they can warn people if an intruder is approaching. Guard dogs can be bad because the dogs' owner may neglect or harm the dog.

Just like rescue dogs, police dogs or guard dogs are loved, any animal can be loved. Animals are also around for people to love on when times are tough. They are also there to have a loving family and comfortable home.

Animals are also around to help children learn responsibility. Pets of any kind can help children learn how to care for something they love. So in the world we must protect pets and animals because they are a good benefit to our daily lives.