Animals benefit us in many ways in our daily life, and I am going to explain them.

First off, they teach us kindness. For example, being with your pet you are always kind to it, and that may have an influence on other daily activities. Another example would be if your dog goes to the bathroom in another person's yard, you could show them kindness by using a doggy bag and picking it up. That would also demonstrate the Golden Rule: "Treat others the way you want to be treated." That would also make God happy with us.

Another thing animals teach us is friendship. They are very friendly and can bond with you forever. If you have never seen a dog, then you don't know what loyalty is. They will always be there for you and the cool thing is that you never even have to make some sort of special appointment. They are always ready for you!

Pets could also teach you exercise. They don't want to lie around and watch TV. They want you to play and walk and run!

One more thing that pets each us is responsibility. It doesn't matter which kind of animal it is. It could be a dog, from a Shih Tzu to a St. Bernard; a cat, from a Tabby to a Siamese; or even a fish, from Betas to Goldfish. Taking care of a pet is like handling a life. It is a lot of responsibility. You have got to feed it, give it water, bathe and groom it, and take good care of it. I think it is good for kids' health and trains them well on how to take care of a pet.

Animals can teach us many things. My dog, Benny, has already taught me a lot. Although animals are a big responsibility, they can teach us how to be a great friend. My dog is like my best friend. Pets teach us numerous things and I love animals and hope others do too.

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