



The principle of pet ownership is vegan.

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Silly human. We don't own our pets. They own us. Seriously though, the human/pet relationship is symbiotic. We need them as much as they need us.

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As long as the pet is treated right, then yes. However, I would only ever have domesticated animals as pets, as I would say that otherwise that would not be veganism to me.

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We have a **responsibility** to care for the effects of domestication of animals until they're able to go back to the wild.

If animals are **rescued** from situations where they wouldn't exist if they are not a pet, then it's less vegan to not rescue them.

Owning a pet is **caring** for them. So if one cares for an animal, it's not exploitation, but rather the other way around!

If they're **considered family**, then they aren't thought of as pets.

If an animal wants to be a **companion/pet** and is free to **leave whenever it wants to**, then it's vegan.

**Cons** +

Keeping pets forms a **mild system of inter-species oppression** (speciesism).

Pet ownership can never be vegan as the very animals that we are trying to save will never attain the **freedom** with which they are entitled to live with.

Keeping pets contributes to the financial incentive for pet trading and breeding, Which leads to many animals being put down who do not find homes.

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