

Editing Tips for Paragraphs & The Peer Feedback Process

Cats

There are many **reasons** why **pets** are **good for elderly people**.

The first **reason** **pets** are **good for older people** is **because** they are interesting.

- **Elderly people** often describe their lives as **boring**.
 - They no longer can go on adventures, and sometimes even leaving home is difficult for them.
 - If they break a hip, their lifespan is severely shortened, for example.
- However, the work of taking care of a **pet** is usually manageable for them, and many kinds of **pets** are very **entertaining** to be around.
 - **Example?**
- Certain **pets** also increase the **social interaction** that **elderly people** experience.
 - **For example, isolated older people can meet** strangers when they **take their dogs out for a walk**.

Next, **pets** can **help elderly people** to **continue to grow and develop as human beings**.

- When a person takes on the job of caring for a pet, they need to learn about that specific type of animal's needs, but also need to get to know the individual animal: some cats love cuddling, while others hate it, for example. This stimulation is good for elderly people's physical and emotional health, as well as in maintaining their mental health and functioning. It can also make them less selfish and stupid.

The biggest **reason** that **pets** can be **good for older people** is **because** of the **emotional bond** that owners form with pets.

- This is important because loneliness is very common among the elderly. Most older people have fewer social connections, less ability to go out of their homes, and less social interaction with others. This is why being old is such a terrible fate that awaits us all. However, pets offer companionship and an emotional connection that can help them to feel less lonely.

For all of these **reasons**, **pets** can be **wonderful for elderly people**.