Maybe you have heard the old saying, a dog is man's best friend. Maybe it’s true, but dogs are not the only animal friend. For many people, a cat is their best friend. Cats make excellent house pets because they are friendly, easy to get along with, and independent.

First, people enjoy the friendship of cats. Most cats are affectionate and like to snuggle up and be petted, or scratched under the chin. Cats are also playful. They love to chase balls, feathers and string. Many people don’t know this, but cats can be trained to do tricks, just like a dog.

Second, cats are very easy to get along with. Unlike dogs, cats do not bark or make loud noises. Most cats don't even meow very often. That makes cats a great roommate. Cats are also clean and almost never have a toilet accident in the house. Mother cats train their kittens to use a litter box.

Lastly, people like cats as house pets because they are easy to take care of. Cats do not have to be walked. They get plenty of exercise in the house as they play. Cats also take care of their own grooming so bathing a cat is almost never necessary. In addition, cats can be left home alone for a few hours without a problem. Unlike some pets, most cats will not ruin the furniture when they are alone. They are happy to be by themselves until their owner returns.

Cats are friendly animals that are easy to take care of. That’s why people who live in a small apartment or don’t spend much time at home like cats. However, many people who have lots of space and time also like cats because of the animal’s playful and independent personality. In many ways, cats are the ideal house pet.