

Many Japanese people comes home from work and are greeted by robot pets. Major electronic companies claim that they can produce robot pets, like AIBO, that have all of the characteristics of real pets. However, I believe these electronic monstrosities will never replace real pets because pets play two important ~~parts~~ roles in our lives.

Pets are good friends. Human beings and animals can ~~make~~ establish deep emotional bonds. We respond to each other's happiness, sadness, joy and anger. The relationship between pets and human beings goes beyond words. I have a friend who is quite old and lives by himself alone. His wife died three years ago and his children live in Hokkaido. ~~His~~ My friend's life was incredibly lonely until he bought a small dog. This small dog has completely changed his life. Now, every day they go for long walks with each other. He is not ashamed to admit that the dog has become his best friend.

In addition, pets teach us about the value of life. Pets usually live for a much shorter time than their owners. When our pets die, we feel anguish and pain. We are reminded of our own mortality. We are reminded that life is short and that we should make the best of it. For children especially, this is a valuable lesson. Although pets live for a short time, they leave us with good memories which last forever. These memories help us through difficult times and give us hope that it is possible to be happy in life.

In the end, I do not believe that a machine, no matter how high-tech sophisticated it is, can fulfill the two roles I have mentioned above. It is impossible to replace a good friend with a machine.

**Good points:** The introduction has a good hook and attracts the reader. Many examples are given and they all support the arguments. This essay uses a wide variety of vocabularies and expressions.

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