



Pets are Friends

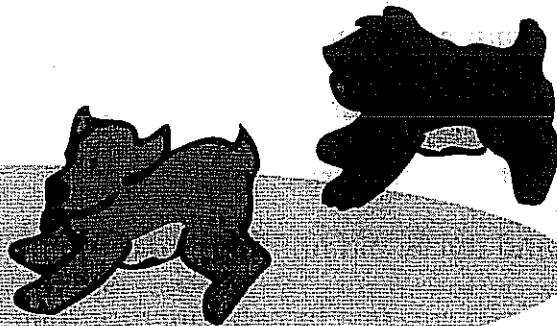
I live far away from my friends. I rarely get to see them. We do talk to each other on the phone almost every day. At times I am very lonely but most of the time I have fun with a different set of friends, here at my home.

My pony, Sandy, is one of my best animal friends. Some times we ride together to the lake. I pack a sandwich and chips for me. I always make sure that I have carrots and apples for Sandy. They are his favorite.

Last Monday, Sandy and I rode nine miles to the local store and then back nine miles. While we were there, the lady at the store gave me two little pups. I carried them in my arms as Sandy and I rode home. Sandy was very careful as we raced home. He didn't want to knock us off.



Before the summer was over, Lucky and Happy, the two little pups grew into dogs. They went everywhere that Sandy and I went. Now when we go to the lake, I pack a sandwich and chips for me, carrots and apples for Sandy and dog bones for Lucky and Happy. It's like having a party with special friends!



Name:



READING CHALLENGE

After reading "Pets Are Friends," answer the following questions.

1. Match and combine the words to make compound words. Write these new words.

- every stand _____
- some not _____
- under where _____
- can day _____

2. Do you think this person in the story lives in the country or the city? _____

3. Does this story tell you the name of the person who has the pets? _____

4. Where did the person in the story get the two puppies?

5. What are the names of the puppies? _____ and _____

6. What does this person take when they go on picnics to the lake?

7. In what season does this story take place? _____

8. Circle the words in each row that mean about the same.

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|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| pups | cats | dogs | horses |
| big | small | fat | little |
| books | home | friends | pals |
| talk | loud | soft | speak |

9. In the story rarely means what? Put an **X** next to the correct answer.

- _____ A. You see your friends a lot.
- _____ B. You play with friends every day.
- _____ C. You don't see your friends a lot.

Total Correct _____