



## My Pet Human

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Oliver is an independent kitty. He has the run of his neighborhood and looks at his animal friends with their fussing humans with pity. But when a freckle-faced girl moves to town, Oliver sees the opportunity to train a human to provide him with a few creature comforts.

Lexile: 470 AR Level: 3.4

**Author Website:** <http://www.catversushuman.com/>

**Food:** macaroni and cheese topped with tuna

**Eraser:** Paw print eraser, <http://www.orientaltrading.com/paw-print-erasers-a2-13678927.fttr>



### Nonfiction Title:

Vicki Myron, *Dewey: there's a cat in our library!*

Lisa Ryan, *Children's Book about Cats: an introduction to cat care and information about cats for kids.*

**Introduction:** Ask students if they have ever adopted a pet and if so, how did they find their pet (such as finding a stray, or going to the Humane Society)? How do you go about deciding which pet to pick, or does the cat or dog pick the human?

### Story time Activities:

See lesson at:

[http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/parents\\_educators/pets\\_as\\_good\\_neighbors.pdf](http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/parents_educators/pets_as_good_neighbors.pdf)

Pets as good neighbors: Students will be able to compile a list of ways in which pets can be good or bad neighbors.

Create a poster for a found pet, or item at school. What would you include on the poster?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are the few rules that the lucky cat has to follow to stay on easy street?

Answer: know the good places in town to eat, always have a good hiding spot, have a few trusty friends.

2. According to the cat, what makes a perfect pet human? Gives lots of treats, give back rubs, have plenty of boxes to play with, be lots of fun, not smooch the cats face, not squeeze too tightly, or pull whiskers and tail, let the cat sleep on his or her lap, feed cat a lot, and be a good and faithful companion.

3. On page 34, they make a “cat found” poster, what do you think needs to be included on a poster for an animal that has been found?

4. Who does the cat see when feeling down?

Pg. 66 Ben, Farrah, and George

5. What is the plan for George and the cat’s pet humans?

Answer: Operation Find-a-Friend pg. 70