



Carly Carillo '22 with an Alaskan Malamute has a love hate relationship. He often runs away but he always ends up back at her house as he is the light of her life.



Grace Kirk '22 with her golden retriever, Marshall. Grace is often led by Marshall not just through walks but he helps her with life. They always go on adventures together and keep each other in check.



Maddison Ballard '23 got her dog Roxy from a shelter when she was a puppy. Roxy gets all of the attention and never wants to leave her side. Roxy is now two and is still a handful.

# THE Dog Days

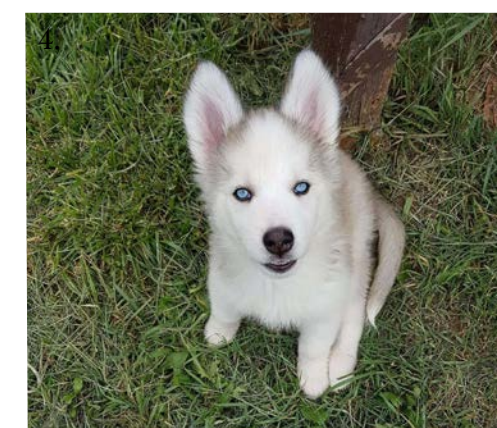
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When divided from their peers in classrooms, Woodland Park Panthers have found companionship in their fluffy friends at home. While it might seem counterintuitive to a student's focus, it is a necessity for a student's mental health as they help to reduce stress and ease the loneliness felt being away from others. Lauren Greiner '21 had this to say "My pets have helped me get through the year by offering a sense of comic relief around my house. They both have way too much energy and it really keeps my dad and me on our toes. Nothing is ever boring when they are around... especially when they're together. My dog Boudraux and my cat Natasha help us to keep a stress free household as we navigate this very unpredictable time." Cats, dogs,

birds, and a variety of other pets have made appearances across a multitude of different classes, helping not only their owners but other students as well. Pets have been a way to spark conversations between students whose interactions with one another have diminished in this past year. Further, they help demonstrate to one another the diversity in woodland park's demographic as students display animals from goats, lizards, and even mice. For some students their pets have been like siblings whilst they grow up. These bonds have helped motivate students both in and out of the classroom. Daily walks and feeding times have helped remote students get out and be active, promoting healthy habits amongst the local communities. Though for some, just their presence at home works. Homework buddies help push students to finish assignments for online classes. Brenna Bonnelycke '21, when prompted about her pet's impact, explained, "My favorite part of the day is coming home and seeing Archie so excited to see me. He's the best dog I could ever ask for." Pets have emotionally guided students through tough learning situations with their ability to cheer student's up despite the circumstances.



1. Brenna Bonnelycke '21 holds the newest addition to her family, Archie. He puts a smile on her face everyday after she comes home from school and has helped Brenna stay motivated (p.c. b. bonnelycke) 2. Ezmeralda Langenfeld '21 holding her pet rat (p.c. e. langfeld) 3. Samara Olin '22 poses with her rabbit (Cinnamon) and dog Harper. Both of which have helped her emotionally through new learning transitions (p.c. s. olin) 4. Eevee joined Dominic Jacobson's '21 life pre covid and was a large help for Dom and his sister Kayla Jacobson's '24 mental health during the start of the outbreak (p.c. d. jacobson) 5. Ezmerelda Langfeld's '21 cats posing for a sleepy photo (p.c. e. langfeld)



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