

Famous People and their Pet Animals

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ABSTRACT

Human-Animal relation is prehistoric. From the dawn of human civilization lots of animals were always attached with their daily activities. Struggle with the animals and by seeing animals' activities like running, hunting, capturing, flying, patrolling, and escaping from their predators all were our natural knowledge from them. We have huge connecting links of previous animals. In most cases dog and pigeon are seen in history. Dog was first domestic animal and people used them for their protection. For nice colour, message sending, and availability pigeon were very common and its flying was a great amusement in most countries. We should know the animal rights for their living well in this world.

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INTRODUCTION

For human safety and domestication some animals came to human. Dog (13000 BCE) is the first domesticated animal for its faithfulness and patrolling tendency. This observation suggests that out of 30 renowned persons most of them reared dog and pigeon and very rare was tiger. Most of the renowned poets expressed their views depending on nature and natural resources where flowers and birds were common. 'A Dog's Life' and 'Where Pigeons Go to Die' got famous produced by Charlie Chaplin and Michael Landon. Melvin Koontz was a great animal trainer as well as lion (Jackie) keeper which was found in most movies. For explaining theories and in pharmaceutical companies' scientists rear various animals. The experience on empathy is associated with caring attitude towards animals for their well-being. It has been suggested on the basis of genuine morality (Darwin 1877/1989; Hume 1739-40/1972; Callicott 1986: Hoffman 1987: Naess 1984). Singer (1975) has suggested that one does not have to be an animal-lover in order to support animal rights. People may subscribe to the general idea that it is possible to treat animals with care and respect as humans. But, they do not appear to go on to address the inconsistency that arises between the notion of equality and consumptive uses of animals.

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It is very difficult to find out all pets of renowned persons of the world in a simple way. Mainly this section covers in their personal life. Pigeon rearing was very common in most renowned people. Human and non-human animal relation is very ancient. John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), Bruce Lee (1940-1973), Sylvester Stallone, Jackie Chan, Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) had dog. Lord Byron (1788-1824) had dog, horse, fox, parrot, crocodile, honey badger, geese, heron, goat, monkey, cat, eagle, crow, falcon, peacock, guinea hen, and Egyptian crane. During his studies at Trinity College, Cambridge, Byron was forbade him to keep dogs. He kept a tame bear, as there was no mention of bears in the rules and the authorities. American president George Washington (1732-1799) had some animals. He had parrot, dog, and sheep. Michael Jackson made a mini zoo in his house.

Emperor Akbar (1542-1605) was a great collector of fancy pigeon. He trained100 cheetahs and he used them for hunting deer. At present American heavy weight boxer Mike Tyson has racing pigeon and a pet tiger. His tiger is used in the movie 'Hangover'. Charles Darwin (1809-1882) collected huge pigeons for explaining his Natural Selection Theory and he had a dog also. Great comedian Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977) had a pet dog and he produced a movie named 'A Dog's Life'. American president Bill Clinton came in Bangladesh with his favorite dog named 'Buddy'; basically it was a Labrador retriever. Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) was a famous biologist. He reared rabbit for inventing the rabies vaccine. Wendell Mitchell Levi (1891-1976) was an army officer but he

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established a pigeon farm (Palmetto Pigeon Plant) in USA. Indian Birdman Salim Ali (1896-1987) was fond of bird watching and he reared a dog. Only for love on birds he went to Germany for gaining knowledge on birds and finally he wrote some good books on Indian birds.

American movie maker Michael Landon (1936-1991) had racing pigeon and he made a movie 'Where Pigeons Go to Die' was an excellent nostalgic work by him. Charles Otis Whitman (1842-1910) reared doves and pigeons and he described the evolution in his book 'Orthogenetic Evolution of Pigeons and Doves'. Melvin Koontz (1910-1992) trained a lion (Jackie) and it was renowned all over the world. When he was eighteen, worked in zoo as cage cleaner. From that humble start, he began to work more and more with wild animals until he became known as one of the premier animal trainers of 'Hollywood's Golden Age'. Koontz was known as the trainer of 'Jackie' (lion), he had worked in six hundred movies, and appeared in more than three hundred of them.

After he returned to California as a Chief Animal Trainer he handled big cats and birds until 1946. Rare pet anteater was found in Salvador Dali (1904-1989). American president Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) had a nice African Gray Parrot. Former American president Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) had rooster, zebra, parrot, blue macaw, pig, horse, lizard, garter snake, lion, bear, hyaena, dog, cat, and guinea pig. Physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955) had cat, dog and parrot and Marie Curie (1867-1934) had a pet tiger. Elizabeth II, Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), Queen Victoria (1819-1901), Walt Disney (1901-1966), Johnny Otis (1921-2012), Willard Hollander (1913-2004), and Alexander III (1845-1894) reared pigeons.

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