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The Responsibility of Pet at College

Students have been inspired by the Cat Café adoption fundraiser to adopt an animal after their first year of college. However, residence halls do not accept pets, like Busey-Evans residence hall, and only allow service animals on the premises. This is causing students like freshman Maria Bryzna, a residence of Busey-Evans Hall, to search for an apartment, so she can soon adopt an animal in the next year. The responsibility of taking care of an animal while taking classes hasn't worried Bryzna as she states, "I am pretty knowledgeable about animals and dogs as my major is animal sciences and I am hoping to work with animals in the future." Bryzna, among many other students, think of animals as their family members that provide company that fulfills a sense of isolation that comes with college. Most students, however, do not only want to adopt a dog, a common pet seen around campus. Instead of a dog, Freshman Brynn Maxwell, another resident of Busey-Evans is looking to adopt cats, preferably from the non-profit rescue organization, CATSNAP. Maxwell says, "I've had cats all of my life and took good care of them at home. I value pets and think of them as members of my family." Maxwell also attended the CATSNAP cat cafe fundraiser, stating that it was "a good opportunity to see cats that need our help and local companies we can all support for all the cats that need good homes." There are students who do not want to bring in a pet because of school is a top priority. Freshman Nikita Sharma believes that she is not responsible enough for a pet. Sharma says, "I would want a pet but in college I want to focus on school work because it's obviously what I am here for." All in all, the responsibility of owning a pet differs between students and their current situation.