

# PETS & US

## Who's a good boy?



Are you a proud pet parent? Have a cute cat story to share? Maybe your guinea pig is giving you trouble? Whatever is your creature companion, we are here to listen to you. Mention your full name and your city, and send your photos, queries and stories to [timeslife@timesgroup.com](mailto:timeslife@timesgroup.com)



**What scientific studies reveal about your pets**

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### DOG DIRECTED SPEECH IS GOOD

"Good doggie", "my poochie", "who's a good boy?"... all these 'dog baby talks' or DDS (Dog Directed Speech) make the

man's best friend very happy, says a new research. Hence, you see the frenzied tail wagging. This same study also found out that while puppies attended more to a



### KEEP A DOG, LAUGH AWAY

A study published in *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, by psychologists at St Louis University and Miami University, revealed that having pets is a huge psychological benefit for their caretakers or us, humans. This research

specifically found out that pet parents had great emotional returns - being jovial, stress-free. People with pets also find it easier to get over feelings of exclusion.

script read with DDS compared to adult dogs, it doesn't mean adult dogs don't respond to it; they are just a bit less enthusiastic about DDR than puppies.

