

Forever Furry Family~

A "Family" is said by some to be
Those whom you share this life with since you were born
Our sisters and brothers, Mommies and Daddies
"Family" is Love in its so many forms

But there is one member of our happy home
Who chose us as much as we chose them
Our Furry companion who's the star of this poem
Wagging tail, wet nose, Lifelong Friend!

Yes the Definition could be, of a True Family
Souls who Live together sharing their Love
Even those souls who come in ...a "furry" body
Into our Family "Meant to Be" from above.

It's amazing how an animal so cute and so small
Can just steal our hearts all away
As they chew on a bone or run after a ball
Bring a smile to our faces each day!

They teach us how to live, teach us how to love
In the guise that "they" are in "our" care
Yet True Angels they are sent from Heaven above
To show Heaven's Bright Love to us here

And no matter how tough school or workday has been
When we all come back home to our "pet"
All our cares slip away with a laugh and a grin
As bad memories they make us forget

See our pet is an image of God's Love for us too
They're our family, our counselor, our friend
In their very existence they embody Love True
Our companion 'til life's very end.

They teach us about life and yes even death too
Of holding on and of letting go
Of friendships forever, being loyal and true
And of Love, but then that we all know

Growing with us together as we walk through our years
Sharing our hearts our homes and our lives
Here with us through our joys and through all of our tears
"Til one day,... one of us sadly dies

Then the grief and the pain fall like harsh autumn rain
Washing cold reality on our Hearts
And we wish we could just start all over again
And never ever again have to part

But this is their last lesson of Love for us here
Our "Pets" training "Us" humans so well
To treasure each moment that together we share
For indeed we all can never tell

If THIS day that we share will be "the final day"
That we'll last hold our dear little pet
Still they'll stay in our Hearts alive in every way
For in Memories we will never forget

Like looking out of the window whenever we would leave
Our pets gazed wondering where we were all day long
But soon we returned to hugs and kisses you can't believe!
And we heard their Heart's "Welcome Home!" song!

Though we were gone only for a moment, to them 'twas forever
Seemed the longest time in the whole world!
It's the same when THEY leave US and to Heaven endeavor
Then it's WE howling as OUR heartache's unfurled

Now our Hearts gaze to Heaven as they've wandered away
Our dear furry friends and family forever
WE await breathlessly for our reunion one day
When again we'll all be back together!

It's then that we see that most wonderful Role
That we have all played here in life for each other
A Family we were, and still are true and whole
With our furry loved sisters and brothers

Heaven's Angels we think look alike and all must
Have harps and halos and wings, sure of course

But our True Guardian Angels we know and we trust
Come with whiskers and tails and have paws!

I can still hear your bark Angel, Yes I still can hear
I can "feel" you right here next to me
And the memories of your days in my Heart are right here
Where your paw prints forever will be!

You are there where I'm going when My life here is through
Just awaiting me as in years gone before
And will run out to meet me, with your Love so true
As you greet me home at Heaven's Door!

So this is not goodbye, it is simply farewell
With my prayer and a loved filled "Amen!"
As I hear you bark back to me just to tell
"I'll See you again! ...My Loved Family.... My Best Friend!"