

## Suffield Veterinary Hospital June 2015 Pet and Owner of the Month

Suffield Veterinary Hospital again sponsored a "Why My Pet Is Special" essay contest for 3rd & 4th graders at McAlister School. Below, we are proud to present the winning essay from Lilla Bishop about her dog Colt.

### My Pet... by Lilla Bishop

**M**y pet is a dog. He is a golden retriever. His golden hair waves when he runs. He has two floppy ears and they bounce up and down when he runs in the grassy yard.

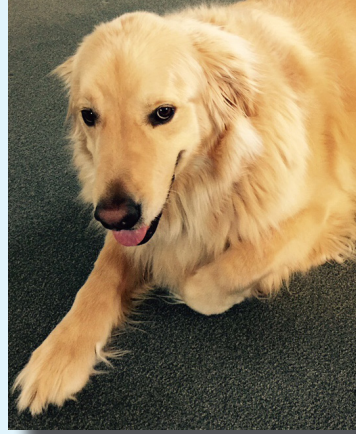
His name is Colt. We named him that because he is the size of a baby horse. Also a colt is another word for a baby horse.

Colt likes it when people pet him. When you pet him he closes his eyes, that means he is calm and happy. He also likes it when you feed him table scraps. My mom usually feeds him leftover scrambled eggs or scraps of meat.

Colt is special to me because unlike other golden retrievers he is friendly and very cuddly. He is not a hunting dog. He also jumps on my bed.

He entertains me by doing tricks when you yell commands while holding food. He can do sit, lay down and stand up. He can also do fetch and find the food.

We take care of him by feeding him, walking him, grooming him and petting him. Colt is truly the greatest dog ever.



**First Runner up:** Rosie LaRochelle for "My Pet Alice" about her Flemish Giant rabbit.

**Honorable mention:** Maya Grigely, Hanna Read, Gillien Laboda, Nathan Toolan, Amelia Rutt, Sammy Parnin, and Madalyn Richter.

*These essays can be found on our website: [www.suffieldvet.com](http://www.suffieldvet.com).*

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