## Suffield Veterinary Hospital June 2011 Pet & Owner of the Month

Suffield Veterinary Hospital again sponsored a "Why My Pet Is Special" essay contest for 3rd - 5th graders at McAlister School. The winner receives an owner/pet portrait from Motophoto in Enfield (see the wonderful photo below), and the honor of seeing the essay and portrait published in the Suffield Observer. Below, we are proud to present the winning essay from Ashley Drake about her ferret named Trixie.

## Why My Pet is Special... by Ashley Drake (Mrs. Tosone's Class)

have the best pet in the world, Trixie. Trixie is the most special pet in the world because she can snuggle and be cuddly but if you want her to play she'll play and run around the house. Trixie is

a ferret; she is three months old and has one older brother Rocky who is five months old. They get along well. Trixie is also special because she's got a special heart-ish marking on her face. Another reason why she's special is because I picked her out and I got her when my parents were getting divorced which was a lot of stress that she took away. When I hold her she curls around my wrist and licks me. When she does this I call it her love touch. She's also special because ever since I got her a hammock she sleeps in it every night even though she already has a bed. Another reason Trixie is special is because she loves to dance with me especially the Macarena like this paw, paw, paw, paw and so on. There is no other pet like Trixie. She thinks she can guard her cage when she's only about 1 inch off the ground. And she will only eat brown star shaped, crunchy food and will go to the bathroom only with Petco's training pearls. If I did not have Trixie my life would not go on and I would be very depressed. If I could have one

wish it would be for Trixie to talk because then she could tell me why she is a special pet to her and if she loves me. Now, she's winding around and around merrily. She slowly lies down and shuts her eyes; "good night best pet in the world" I say.

Honorable Mentions – Mrs. Franz's class: "Tristan," Labrador owned by Caroline Welsh; Mrs. Cronin's class: "Santino," Maltese owned Gabriella Santaniello; Mrs. Tosone's class: "Hammy," hamster owned by Mason Auchy; "Scruffy," Havanese (dog) owned by Sydney Sullivan; Mrs. Fortin's class: "Murphy," Labrador owned by Jenna Salters; "Reggie," kitty owned by David Danek; "Skipper," Coton DeTulear (dog) owned by Christian Laursen. All of the essays can be viewed on our website.

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