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ANNA'S FAMILY HISTORY

ANNA'S COMMENTS ON NAN'S "PETS" POST

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Anna's comments, written in 2012, about Nan's post, including "pet" memories of her own.



Anna and her "Bunny," about 1945

I had a lot of pets growing up, including cats, dogs, a parakeet, a hamster, and turtles. As I think back about the menagerie, I can see that my mother was probably trying to re-create for me the pet-filled life of her own childhood, although I have also always loved animals. Some worked in our more urban or suburban environment, but some didn't. My "Bunny" lived in a cage rather than lippity-lipping around the house, and as he grew he got too big for me to handle and I got some nasty scratches. Two cats and a dog came to bad ends in the river or on the road. But almost all the dogs we had after we moved to California were beloved pets and lived to a ripe old age.

Dick's and my children have had many pets of their own since they grew up and left home.

Currently (2012) we live in a condo right next to a seasonal creek bed, where many wild animals pass by every day, including deer, bobcats, wild turkeys, ducks, lizards, and snakes. We consider them more "friends" than "pets," and we especially like the fact that we don't need to feed them!

A few of our furry and feathered friends (both domestic and wild) are pictured above and below.



Anna and "Terry," 1943. He had just been treated for fleas with DDT!



Anna, neighbor Dan, nephew Dick, and pet kitten, about 1947



Frosty, Anna's first California pet, in 1954



Heidi, trying to climb into Nan's lap, 1970



Gillian with our Golden Retriever, Maggie, 1984



Pauline, one of our "unpets," in 2012

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