

I love animals, but...

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If you think the world can be divided into only animal lovers, haters, and sad indifferent people, then you are very wrong. Animal lovers can be separated into many sub-categories, all of which have quite extreme behaviour but still exist.

CAN I MEET YOUR PUPPY?

These are the kind of people that have figured out the cheat code for happiness: communicate more with animals than with humans. They'll call you up and act like they want to spend time with you, when in reality all they're interested in is playing with your pet. There's no point trying to socialise with them because they don't care about you, and will only be nice to you so you invite them back to your house (and your pet).

DON'T TOUCH ME

Every once in a while, you'll come across someone who seems to be absolutely crazy about animals on their social media profiles since all they share are cute pictures and memes of animals that they have never met or played with. Try to make them play with an actual animal and they'll run screaming. They'll only be okay with watching from a distance and taking pictures, careful not to grab the attention of the animal for it might decide to interact with them. They are either

afraid the animals could bite, or they have hygiene issues which are okay with strays but ridiculous when it comes to pets.

PICTURE PERFECT PUPPY

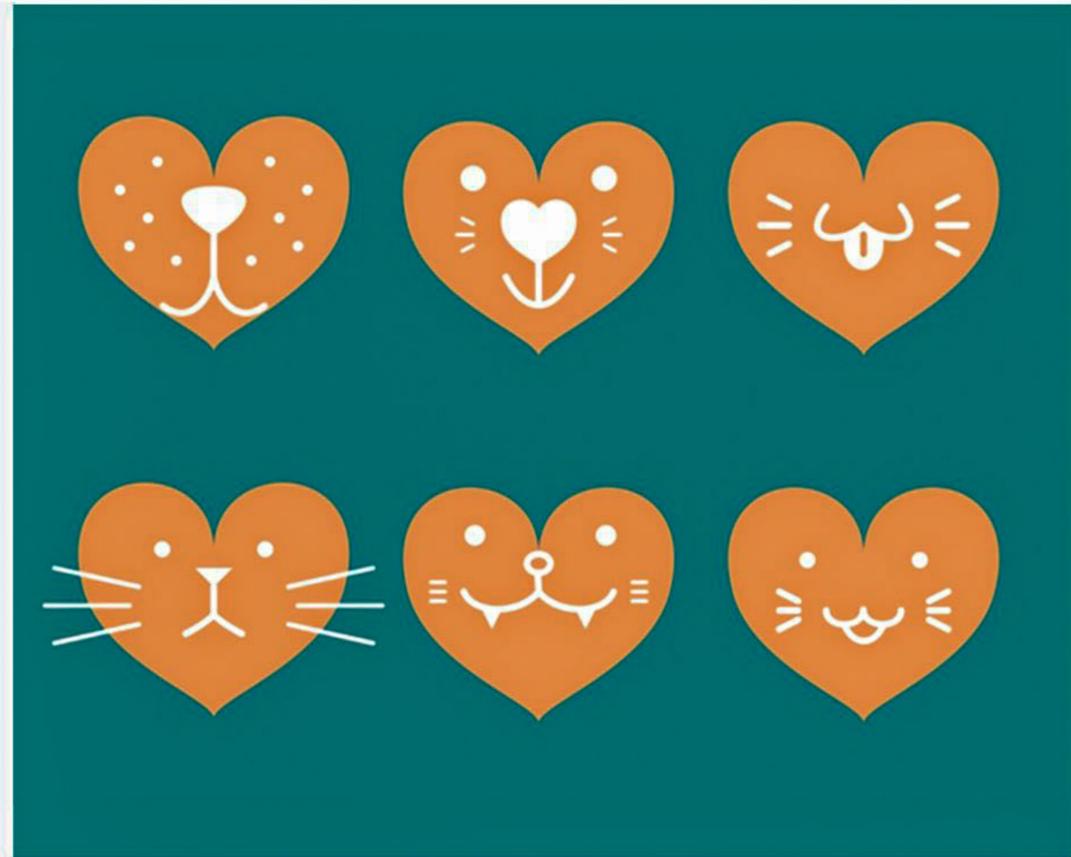
Some animal lovers will only love animals for Instagram popularity. Need likes? Just post a selfie with your kitty, you'll get hundreds! These people will either beg you to take photos with your pet, or go to the extent of adopting one just for the pictures. There are theories going around that some vloggers and other social media personalities get pets only to gain followers, which means this is turning into a sick trend.

LOVE FOR ALL

You might meet some people that stop to pet every single dog or cat they can find, whether they're strays or someone's pets. This might seem like a cute thing to do, until one of the stray animals turn out to be rabid and try to scratch or bite you. They end up having to get tons of injections but they'll still never stop playing with whichever animal they meet, because not expressing their love for each one seems like the cruelest thing one can do.

KNOW-NOTHING-AT-ALL

I once walked past a person with a chocolate bar in hand telling me she was going to feed it to the stray dog outside since she couldn't finish it. She already had a pet dog at home and still had no



clue that dogs can't eat chocolate. If they do, they fall ill. Ignorant pet owners like these are why some pets never get a good home even though it seems like they do. If you claim to love your pets so much, you need to at least have basic knowledge about them, but sadly, that rarely happens. Hopefully, the pet adoption

system will improve, and animals will find the best owners possible so they can live happy, healthy lives and not be in risk.

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HOW TO GET A LIFE

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Warning: Getting a life may involve stepping outside your house for a change. With all the countless hours spent in the dark playing video games or watching Star Wars, the sudden gust of light as you step out into the sun may damage your delicate retina.

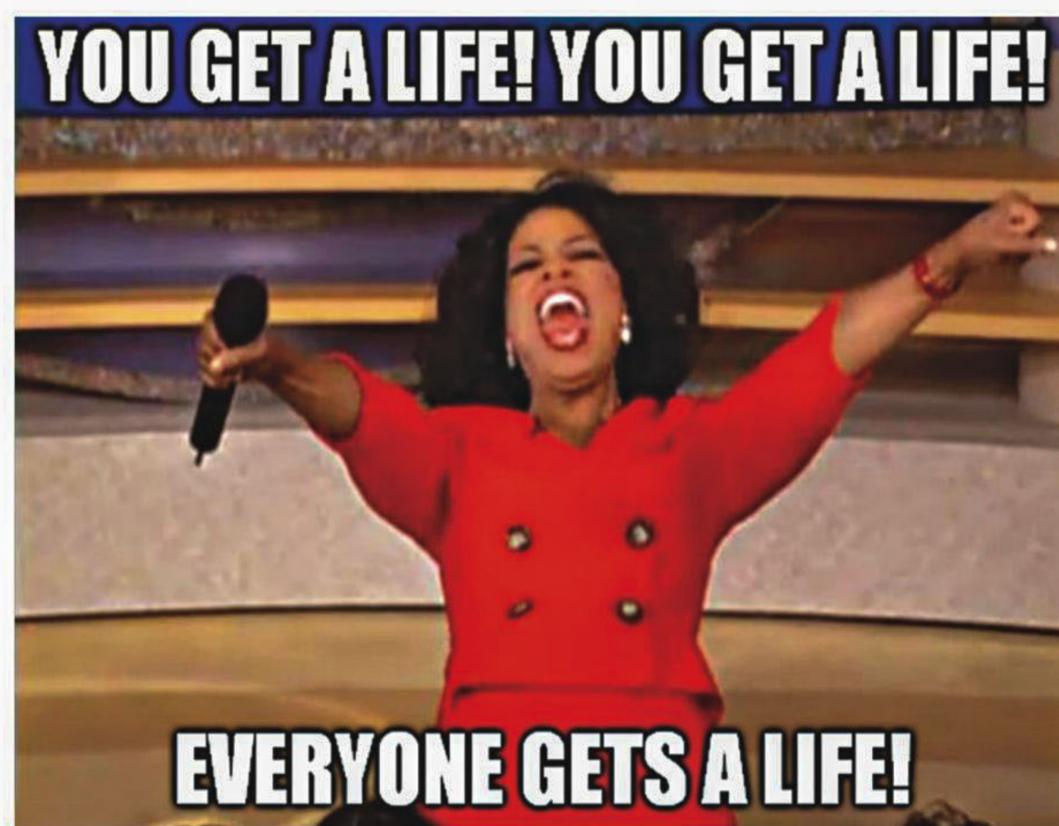
You might ask yourself, "Do I need to get a life? Is this article for me? Did I forget to save my game?" If you rush back to your computer to find out all your progress has been lost keep reading.

GETTING YOURSELF READY

To account for the lack of human contact since forever, you need to prepare yourself both physically and mentally before you can interact with another fellow human being in person. Yes, in person. No more hiding behind screens and talking to people in your underwear. It is vital that you put on some pants. Maybe in the perfect world you could roam around the streets wearing whatever you please. But as Augustus Waters told us again and again, "The world is not a wish granting factory". In this dystopian reality you need to put on those pants.

HYGIENE AND DIET

Now that you look like a normal functioning adult, it's time to start



behaving as one. Yes, it is exactly as tough as it sounds. Your diet may no longer consist of carbonated beverages, coffee, and potato chips. They have to be replaced with other food groups such as fruits and vegetables. These two words may sound alien to you so ask your mom

what they are. Also the lack of caffeine in your diet may result in poor gaming performance, but that's okay. It just means you're ready to face the real world.

Another important thing to bear in mind is that you cannot go out of the

house smelling like your parent's basement. Regular showers and some cologne should do the trick.

STEPPING OUT

Now it's time to face the Sun. Ahh, the Sun - the sphere of hot plasma supplying energy for life on Earth. Draw out the curtains in your room and let your eyes adjust to the Sun's rays. You're still not ready for actual human interaction, so start getting the feel of the outside first. Embrace the warmth.

SOCIALISATION

The most dreaded step. How do you interact with another human being? Your first aim should be to have a conversation that lasts more than 10 seconds (too much? Okay, fine 2 seconds). You can practice by messaging random girls on your friend list "Hlw". You most certainly will not get any reply but the purpose of doing this is so that you can get used to rejection which you will inevitably face. Don't get paranoid thinking nobody likes you, because they don't. When you're comfortable getting rejected virtually it's time to get shunned IRL.

If you have completed the above steps it means you are now a fully functioning adult and no longer the reclusive nerd that you used to be. Congratulations on almost having a life!