

3. Cats and dogs throughout the centuries

Cats may have been loved in Ancient Egypt, but, over 700 years ago in England, cats were not popular.

People thought cats were linked with witches and the supernatural. Some people even thought the devil could take the form of a black cat.

However, dogs were still seen as obedient and loyal pets. Rich people began to hunt for sport, and breeds such as greyhounds became very popular.



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Dogs have been helping blind people since at least the 16th century. A poem from that time mentions a blind man being led by a dog.

Things got better for cats as time went on. People stopped seeing them as evil and began to think of them as helpful friends. In the fairy tale *Puss in Boots*, a cat uses its cunning to help its master become rich and marry a princess.

