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Companions

A companion by definition is a person who accompanies or associates with another.

Whether it is a spouse, a best friend, or a pet a person has grown very fond of, *companion* means something different to us all. My mother would say, even though she and my father have been married to each other for almost twenty-six years, that her companions are her three Chihuahuas: Cocoa, Susu, and Dinkie. No matter what a person's definition of a companion is, it is universally known that having a companion brings great joy into a person's life and makes some of those hard-to-deal-with situations much easier to face.

A person's spouse is the obvious choice for a companion. Waking up in the morning and rolling over to see the face of a spouse who is lying in bed with you is the best feeling in the world. Knowing that the person lying there loves you unconditionally without any hesitation is a remarkable feeling.

Man's best friends are often considered a person's companion. Sometimes best friends are closer to a person than a spouse. At times, a best friend may understand a person better than a spouse. Just this year I had two of my closest friends pass away, but the memories that we shared together will last a lifetime. A bond like what I had with my two friends is something special that cannot be replaced with a spouse, a pet, or anything else for that matter. Even though a person passes on, he or she is still considered a companion. I also have some friends that moved to the New York area that I rarely get to see, but I still consider those friends to be

my companions. If not for some of my friends, I would not be as happy as I am now.

As strange as it may seem, a person may view a pet as a companion. I know that my mother feels deep love for her Chihuahuas and would be devastated if anything ever happened to her dogs. She obviously does not feel the same love for her pets as she does for her family, but the joy my mother gets from having her Chihuahuas as her companions is overwhelming. A lot of other people who live alone or in a nursing home sometimes have only the love and companionship of a pet to ease the loneliness. The great thing about a pet being a companion is that all it has to do is be there for a person to love and take care of. When I am sitting at home bored with nothing to do, I always love when the Chihuahuas come in my room and let me love on them. It makes me happy, and that is what a companion does, make a person happy.

Companions are very important to have in one's life. Of course, people can choose to live alone, with no friends or family to visit them and with no pets around, but what kind of life would that be? I truly do believe that people need to be happy in life and that everyone needs some form of a companion, whether it is a spouse, a best friend, or a chocolate-colored Chihuahua named Susu.