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Our new pet

A strange species

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We are in our sixties and have been a couple for forty years. We have never had a pet. Well, we've always had the cat, of course. Here is a nice picture of her.





She is very calm. It is a typical indoor cat. She doesn't like to be outside at all. Being outside would eventually break her down. Inside, however, she thrives, especially in front of the stove. This particular species does not shed any hair, so the cleaning bill is cheap, and it never gets hungry, so the cost of cat food isn't an issue. It never gets sick, can't be harmed, and doesn't die, which means you can enjoy it for life. Simply a fantastic indoor cat!

This species of cast iron cats, especially this specimen which is cast in Brevens Bruk Foundry, Sweden, and cleaned (grinding off casting burrs) on-site by my father, is beautiful and we love her. The species was found(ed) by the artist Anders Jönsson, in 1915. You can still buy new specimens at Svenskt Tenn in Stockholm, Sweden. "Jönsson's Cat" is a fine work of art, and each piece is handmade. Our cat weighs 16.7 kg and is about 33 cm or 13 inches tall.

But that's not what I wanted to write about.

The news is that we have a new pet! We bought him just a few days ago.

It was an impulse purchase when we went grocery shopping. Pets are expensive these days but this one only cost about USD 350 so it was okay. Now we have to take good care of him. My wife immediately named him Hubert. A good name, I find.

Hubert will spend most of his time outdoors, in the garden where he's got his hut to rest in and recharge for new adventures. I had to fence the yard in so he doesn't escape.

Hubert had a little trouble adjusting at first. He was a bit fidgety and would not move on command. And sometimes when he did, he was disobedient and overturned a table so that a nice pot (heirloom) broke :-)



He also refused to go back to his hut to rest. Sometimes he didn't want to be out in the rain.

But everything turned out fine in the end and now we are all together again and Hubert is thriving. And so are we. We have taught him to take care of our garden, and he does it well, although the garden is a bit special with a few big islands — with berry bushes of all kinds — on the lawn.

Here is a good picture of Hubert, our new pet.



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