

PET SUPPORT GROUP

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INT. COMPUTER SCREEN - DAY

A zoom meeting in grid view. There are four pets, BAILEY, a dog, BERNIE, the cat, MOMO, the rabbit, and CHARLES, a cockatoo.

BERNIE

Glad to have you all here, meow. Some introductions - Charles the cockatoo, Momo the rabbit, and Bailey the dog. As you all know, I'm Bernie, the cat.

CHARLES

Squawk! Hello!

MOMO

Yeah. Sure as hare's good to finally be able to have a moment without the humans!

BAILEY

Things really have been ruff!

BERNIE

That's putting it pawfully lightly. All of us here have had our lives drastically changed in the past few weeks. Which is why I've started this, meow, support group for us pets whose people are now home all. The. Purring. Time.

MOMO

Why are the humans at home all the hoppin' time?

BAILEY

They love us, woof!, and want to spend time with us? Woof!

BERNIE

Well, it's a cat-astrophe. My person won't stop hugging me playing with my "toe beans."

CHARLES

Mine has been- squawk!- telling me lotsa secrets.

BERNIE  
Meow? Like what?

CHARLES  
Can't tell you -squawk- he's not  
the father -squawk- it's a secret!

BAILEY  
(whimpering)  
That reminds me... My hooman told  
me that... I'm adopted.

Everyone gasps.

MOMO  
What the hutch? You are?

BAILEY  
But then my person gave peanut  
butter, woof!, and that made  
everything better. Though she was  
clumsy and got it on my nose....

MOMO  
I think she's makin' fun of ya.

BAILEY  
Woof (worth) it.

BERNIE  
My person keeps talking to meow,  
and then when I respond it's like  
he didn't even understand what I  
said! 'What do you want?' he asks,  
'for you to go somewhere else' I  
reply, 'okay, we'll play!'- Are you  
kitten me? Was I not clear enough?

MOMO  
My human was telling me how hoppin'  
bored she was being inside a  
hoppin' hutch all day. Geeze.  
Wonder what the hare that's like.

BAILEY  
Apparently, woof!, I'm a ticker  
tocker star.

MOMO  
Oh no. I'm not on TikTok, but I've  
got an Instagram. SO embarrassin'.

BERNIE

You have an Instagram too? What's your name?

MOMO

...MomotheBunBun.

BERNIE

That *is* embarrassing. Followed you.

MOMO

"BerniethThicccKitty"?

BERNIE

PAWDON ME FOR GAINING WEIGHT! If you give meow a snack I'm *going* to eat it!

CHARLES

-SQUAWK-! Mood.

BAILEY

(upset)

We go on lotsa walks.

MOMO

Isn't that a good thing?

BAILEY

Too many walks and all the same path. But I don't think she wants to go by herself, woof!, or she'll get lost. Silly hooman.

BERNIE

Mine has to be with me at all times... he won't even let me poo in peace!

BERNIE'S OWNER

Bern? Buddy? Where are you?

BERNIE

Oh crap. He's looking for me.

BAILEY'S OWNER

Bailey? Come here girl! We're gonna do another TikTok!

BAILEY

Gotta run!

BERNIE  
Well. Let's do this again, meow.  
I'll talk to you later.

MOMO  
Okay. Bye!

CHARLES  
-squawk- Smell ya later!

BERNIE'S OWNER  
Hey Bernie! You want to go take a  
picture for your Instagram?

BERNIE  
(unenthusiastically)  
Meow.

Blackout.