Animal – Teachers of True Friendship 3A Leung Tsz Hin Gordon

Before you start reading this article, think about how many real friends do you have. But you may ask, 'what is a real friend?' A real friend is someone that knows you well, always stands right next to you, and persistently backs you up. You may have more than one. But how many of them are you able to keep?

A lot of people say that humans are superior to animals. However, I believe that although animals are different from us, this doesn't make them inferior to us. Humans argue all the time, and their friendship can be fragile. It is not easy to build up a friendship that never ends. But animals are totally different – their friendship can be much stronger and longer. Take swans as an example. Once they fall in love with their lovers, they will never betray them. Elephants are a big beast with a great heart. When their friends or family members die, they will stand next to them for a few hours or a day and cry for them. Dogs, one of our best friends, may love you more than they love themselves.

Sometimes animals may have unique friendship with humans, just like the relationship between dogs and humans. Dogs are awesome, and they understand human feelings. They can tell how you feel through your eyes and behaviour. This makes them the best friends of humans at all times. That is why Andy Rooney said, "the average dog is a nicer person than the average person."

A real human friend is hard to find and keep. If you don't have one, don't worry! Most importantly, you need to make yourself worthy of having a true friend. Cherish what you have got. Eventually, you will be able to find a genuine friend as exemplified by the friendship between humans and dogs.