

Fur Babies and Human Babies

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I've always had pets, however my husband has not (and wasn't a huge fan of cats) so I had some concerns when I got pregnant. Thankfully, my husband grew to love our furry girls, Amelia and Madeline (who were adopted from King Street Cats), and had no problem cleaning the litter box while I was pregnant (and for a few months after giving birth!). He kept the box very clean to prevent tracking throughout our house and on me while pregnant. My furry girls kept me company throughout my pregnancy and seemed to find a way around my big belly to sit on my lap.

When my daughter Madison was born (in May 2010), Amelia and Madeline had some trouble getting used to this new little human. Amelia seemed especially affected by Madison's crying and stayed in the garage for most of 3 days (the same happened the first time I moved to a new home). It took the girls a few months to understand mommy's new priority, but again, thankfully daddy paid extra attention to his furry girls. Other than a change in attitude, our girls continued to eat, drink water, and had no "potty" issues with our new baby.

For the last several months (my human daughter is 10 months), the girls rub against Madison and let her grab their ears and pull their hair without making a sound other than purring loudly. They love each other and I couldn't imagine my house without our entire family. Allen may want a few more boys in the house...but I think he actually treasures his girls' doting on him.

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