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## Paws and Whiskers: Why Cats Rule as Pets!

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. A cat's independent nature contributes to it being a low-maintenance pet because they can entertain themselves, find their own food if needed, and don't require constant attention like some other pets.
2. A cat's purring can have a calming effect on their human companions because the sound is soothing and rhythmic, which can reduce stress and create a sense of relaxation.
3. The author mentions that cats are suitable for apartment living because they don't need a large yard to run around in and they are generally quiet, making them more compatible with close neighbors. This is different from dogs, which may need more space and can be noisy.
4. The unique bond between cats and their owners is described as deep and genuine, and it's mentioned that moments when a cat chooses to snuggle or purr in their owner's lap are special. This bond may be different from other pets because of its depth and the way cats express affection.

