

The unglamorous parts of being a pet parent

For the most part, being a pet parent is not a glamorous job. When you look past the warm cuddles; big, soft eyes; floppy ears, wiggly butts; and playful belly rubs, being a pet parent has a lot to do with poop...picking their poop up, cleaning poop off their butts, stopping them from eating poop...heck, I have even pulled



poopie things out of my dog's butt on occasion. To be a good pet parent, you HAVE to be comfortable with poop...comfortable enough to pick up your beloved pooch's poop with nothing but a thin, plastic bag separating that smelly, warm butt goo from your hand. I don't care how much you love you're dog...that sucks. Is it just me or do you think dogs wait to poop until they get walked? I mean, I let my dogs out to potty in the yard numerous times a day and they don't need to poop until we start walking around town. Then it's a poop party, and I have to pick it all up

and carry the stinky bags of poo around town until I find a trash can. You're not a real dog mom until you've carried your dogs poo around town like an accessory, haha. Also, has anyone else had experience with their pets eating things they aren't supposed to and then having to pull them out of their butts later? When my big dog, Payton, was little she ate a rope toy and I was pulling string out of her butt for a week because she couldn't pass it on her own. I mean I had to sit down next to my pooping dog in full crouch mode and gently help her poop out a toy.

I also just had to do the same thing recently with a kitten we're fostering. On a Monday morning to boot!

Picking up poop sucks, but what also sucks is ALL THAT HAIR. If you're a pet parent you know that pet hair is everywhere...on your clothes, in your eyes, in your coffee, EVERYWHERE.

So that means we are stuck sweeping and vacuuming everyday while our babies cutely sit on their thrones and watch...or they bark at and / or try to kill the vacuum. All I can say is...God bless whoever invented lint rollers!

However, despite the very unglamorous parts of pet parenting, I think we can all agree our angels are well worth it.