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Title:	Puppy or Baby?		
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Picture:			
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Caption:	A woman was holding her pet dog while having her meal in a restaurant. She also let the dog		
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	ate from her own bowl.		

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S.1 – 3:

100 – 200 words

This photo was taken during lunch in a Chinese restaurant. I was stunned at the sight of the pet dog eating from its master's bowl. In my opinion, the woman did not consider her relationship with the dog as "master-and-pet" anymore. Instead, she was treating her dog in a way like a mother pampering her child.

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Dogs have long been considered as human's best friend. Indeed, it is amazing to see how close a relationship can be established between the two. People often find their dogs able to understand human emotions on top of obeying their commands. Consequently, they consider their dogs as intimate friends to share their thoughts and feelings.

However, when we look at the connection between human and canines from another point of view, it has actually violated the natural law in some ways.

On one hand, canines were originally predators in nature. To hunt for preys and run freely are their basic instincts. Their primary role in a human-canine relationship was to help human capture small animals and guard territories. Yet, after years of domestication, dogs have been interbred into species that possess appealing appearances. They have also been tamed to please humans with obedience for food and other rewards.

On the other hand, modern people have been spending increasing amount of time, money and effort onto their pet dogs. Nowadays, couples who do not wish to raise children because of the great budget and responsibility, tend to keep dogs as substitutes. These pet dogs are not only well fed with expensive organic food, but also given the chances to enjoy luxurious hair cuts, spa, fashion and even "dog yoga".

Dogs' intelligence is not to be questioned, but is it right for us to make use of it according to our preferences?

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