

Ancient Egyptian Pets

Ancient Egyptians were brilliant artists. They carved and painted pictures everywhere they went. We are going to investigate how they showed themselves... and what it meant.

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Have you got a pet? Maybe a dog, a cat or goldfish.... I bet you don't have a monkey!



This is my dad's pet monkey that he brought back from Africa. He's called Dibba and is playing in the garden of the house where I was born in London.

Some ancient Egyptians had pet dogs but others had monkeys. We can tell this because ancient Egyptian artists drew pictures of pets sitting under the chairs of their owners.



Here is a stele (a special carved stone from a tomb) which has a monkey hiding... can you spot it?

If you look really closely, the monkey is standing up underneath the chair of the lady.



The lady is called Hathor-Meyret and the man sitting next to her is called Huy. You can see the monkey more clearly in the drawing here..



Your Challenge:

Pose like an Ancient Egyptian – find your favourite teddy. Make it sit under your chair and then pose like Huy and Hathor-Meyret in the picture above.... Maybe you could get your grown up to take a picture!