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iPet Companion Connects you to Live Pets in Real Time

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People love pets almost instinctively. Research studies have also established the fact that petting an animal can lower a person's blood pressure. A new trend, or we should call it an experiment at the moment, shows that even if you are not in physical proximity with the pet, an emotional bonding can be created with the animal. Circumstances in the modern urban living has lot of constrains on owning a pet. Space is a big constraint and having a sitter mind the pet is another.

Keeping the people who would love to have a pet but are unable to keep one because of their circumstances, a new system called [iPet Companion](#) has been developed that allows the users to play with real cats through the internet. It is a robotic device featuring three cat toys that can be moved by the user. The device is installed in the "cat room" of an animal shelter. A high-resolution web camera is pointed at the device, and feeds a live signal to the internet. Users can get access to the device through their website and watch and respond to the live reactions of the kittens.

Apriori Control is the company who has developed this device and the system has been installed at the Oregon and Idaho Humane Societies on an experimental basis. The societies are extremely happy with the response. The shelter confirmed that the kitten adoption has gone up 16% since the iPet device was installed. The traffic on their website has increased by 52% and the flow of donations and sponsorship has gone up by 295%. AprioriControl plans to take the system to other shelters against an installation fee and a monthly service charge.

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