This study examined the impact of older adults’ companion animals on informal caregivers’ instrumental and emotional experiences. Individuals requiring assistance meeting their own needs are likely to need assistance in meeting the needs of their companion animals. Consequently, the care recipient’s companion animal may be an important, though presently overlooked, factor in the caregiving experience. The results of this study found that care recipients’ companion animals are likely to impact both the instrumental and emotional experiences of informal caregivers for older adults.