

24 ♦ Pets



In my opinion, having a pet is _____ because _____

Dogs make good/bad pets because _____

Cats make good/bad pets because _____

Pets are good/bad for children because _____

Pets are good/bad for senior citizens because _____

A good pet for someone who lives in an apartment is _____

because _____

Some problems pets can cause are _____

When I was younger, I had a pet _____

Its name was _____

In my native country, many people have pet _____

I'm annoyed when a pet owner _____

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Lexical Challenges

- an opinion
- a senior citizen
- to cause
- to annoy/annoyed
- an owner

Extension Activities

1. Have the pet owners share photos of their pets.
2. Visit an animal shelter or a pet shop.
3. Invite a veterinarian or shelter worker to come to class and talk about pet ownership in this country.
4. Watch an animal movie, like *The Black Stallion*, *The Incredible Journey*, *My Dog Skip*, or *Lassie*.
5. Record and watch a segment of a program on the Animal Planet channel.
6. Collect a number of animal idioms, such as “raining cats and dogs,” “eats like a bird,” “fish out of water,” etc.
7. Match adjectives with animals: wise owl, sly fox, proud peacock, etc.

More Conversation and Discussion

- ♦ Are you surprised at how Americans treat their pets?
- ♦ Are dogs in your native country generally kept outside or inside the house?

Writing

- ♦ Read or watch *Old Yeller* and write reviews of the book or the film.

Helpful Websites

- ♦ humanesociety.org
- ♦ petfinder.com
- ♦ pets.com (information on pet care)