

Pets Conversation Questions

Warm-up Questions:

Do you have a pet? If so, describe your pet to your partner(s).

If you don't have a pet, do you want one? What kind of pet would you like to get?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which animals make the best pets? Why?
2. Did you have pets as a child? What does having a pet teach children?
3. Do you wonder what animals are thinking? What thoughts do they have?
4. Which pets should sleep outside at night? Which pets should stay inside at night?
5. Would you allow your pet to sleep on your bed? Why or why not?
6. Some animals shed their fur or make other kinds of mess. How can a pet owner keep their house clean?
7. Which pets can be let free outside? Which pets need to be controlled on a leash?
8. Have you ever lost a pet? What happened?
9. Sometimes a pet leaves their home and returns days later. What do you think they do on these journeys?
10. Are you allergic to any animals? If so, how does your body react when you meet them?
11. Some pets and pet owners seem to talk to each other. Do you think people and their pets can communicate?
12. Some pet owners prefer to see themselves as parents to their 'children', the pets. What do you think about this?
13. Dogs are sometimes dressed in clothes or decorated. What do you think when you see a dog wearing a sweater or a dog with purple hair?
14. Pets need food, medical treatment, and other things that can cost money. Are you happy or reluctant to spend money on your pet?
15. How important is your pet's food? Are you concerned about the quality of food your pet eats?
16. Some people let their dog lick their face and lips. What do you think about this?
17. Some animals are social and need time with their owners or other animals. Which animals are the most social? How long can they be left alone?
18. Your neighbor has a dog that constantly barks. What will you do about it?
19. Cats and dogs are the most common types of pets. What are some unusual or exotic pets that you have heard of?
20. Some people prefer to *rescue* a pet that has been abandoned or is otherwise unwanted. What do you think about this? Would you buy a pet from a pet store?

