

Pets

Do you love animals and talking to others about pets? Lots of people grow up together with a furry or scaly friend. Because of this, pets are usually treated just like family members, and people love talking about them.

Below, we'll introduce you to phrases that you can use whenever you're discussing your animal companions. Use them to describe your own pets and to learn more about someone else's. Let's get started!

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Asking About pets

Want to find out more about someone's pets? The phrases we've collected for you below will help you do this. Use them to ask pet-related questions and to start conversations!

German

Hast du irgendwelche Haustiere?

Welche Haustiere hast du?

Kommen deine Haustiere miteinander aus?

Welche Art von Haustier möchtest du haben?

Hast du schon mal darüber nachgedacht, dir ein Pony zuzulegen?

Magst du Katzen oder Hunde lieber?

Was ist dein Lieblingshaustier?

Wie lange hast du dein Haustier schon?

Wie alt ist dein Papagei?

English

Do you have any pets?

What kind of pets do you have?

Do your pets get along with each other?

What kind of pet would you like?

Have you ever thought about getting a pony?

Do you like cats or dogs better?

What is your favorite kind of pet?

How long have you had your pet?

How old is your parrot?

 **German**

Hast du irgendwelche Allergien gegen Haustiere?

Bekommst du deine Haustiere aus einem Tierheim oder von einem Züchter?

 **English**

Do you have any pet allergies?

Do you get your pets from a shelter or a breeder?

Talking About pets

The following phrases will help you describe your animal companions. Use them whenever you want to tell your friends and colleagues all about your pets!

 **German**

Ich habe eine Katze und einen Hund.

Meine Katze ist langhaarig.

Ich habe meinen Vogel, seit ich ein Teenager war.

Mein Frettchen ist ungefähr vier Jahre alt.

Mein Hund und mein Kaninchen kommen nicht wirklich miteinander aus.

Ich hätte wirklich gerne einen Bartagamen.

Ich bin eher ein Katzenmensch als ein Hundemensch.

Eidechsen sind meine Lieblingshaustiere.

Ich habe keine Allergien, aber meine Schwester ist allergisch gegen Hundehaare.

Ich habe alle meine Haustiere aus Tierheimen adoptiert.

Mein Hund geht gerne mit mir wandern.

 **English**

I have a cat and a dog.

My cat is a longhair.

I have had my bird since I was a teenager.

My ferret is about four years old.

My dog and rabbit don't really get along with each other.

I'd really like to get a bearded dragon.

I'm more of a cat person than a dog person.

Lizards are my favorite kind of pet.

I don't have any allergies, but my sister is allergic to dog hair.

I've adopted all of my pets from shelters.

My dog likes to go on hikes with me.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the most essential German phrases for talking about pets?

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Welche Haustiere hast du?	What kind of pets do you have?
Magst du Katzen oder Hunde lieber?	Do you like cats or dogs better?
Wie lange hast du dein Haustier schon?	How long have you had your pet?
Ich habe eine Katze und einen Hund.	I have a cat and a dog.
Ich habe meinen Vogel, seit ich ein Teenager war.	I have had my bird since I was a teenager.
Ich hätte wirklich gerne einen Bartagamen.	I'd really like to get a bearded dragon.
Ich bin eher ein Katzenmensch als ein Hundemensch.	I'm more of a cat person than a dog person.

What are some common pets in the German-speaking world?

Cats and dogs are by far the most common pets in German-speaking countries. Smaller animals like hamsters, gerbils, mice, and rabbits are also not uncommon. More exotic pets that some people have are different kinds of lizards and birds.

Where do people in the German-speaking world commonly get their pets from?

The most common places to get pets from are animal shelters and specific animal breeders. At an animal shelter you can adopt pets that were either found or left by their previous owners. But if you're looking for a specific breed of animal, then you'll have to look for a breeder in your area. Adopting a pet from a breeder can be pretty expensive though.



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