

# 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!

## Essential Phrases

- › Asking about pets
- › Talking about pets

## Answers to the Most Common Questions

## 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!

Hast du irgendwelche Haustiere?	Do you have any pets?
Welche Haustiere hast du?	What kind of pets do you have?
Kommen deine Haustiere miteinander aus?	Do your pets get along with each other?
Welche Art von Haustier möchtest du haben?	What kind of pet would you like?
Hast du schonmal darüber nachgedacht, dir ein Pony zuzulegen?	Have you ever thought about getting a pony?
Magst du Katzen oder Hunde lieber?	Do you like cats or dogs better?
Was ist dein Lieblingshaustier?	What is your favorite kind of pet?
Wie lange hast du dein Haustier schon?	How long have you had your pet?
Wie alt ist dein Papagei?	How old is your parrot?
Hast du irgendwelche Allergien gegen Haustiere?	Do you have any pet allergies?
Bekommst du deine Haustiere aus einem Tierheim oder von einem Züchter?	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!

Ich habe eine Katze und einen Hund.	I have a cat and a dog.
Meine Katze ist langhaarig.	My cat is a longhair.
Ich habe meinen Vogel, seit ich ein Teenager war.	I have had my bird since I was a teenager.
Mein Frettchen ist ungefähr vier Jahre alt.	My ferret is about four years old.
Mein Hund und mein Kaninchen kommen nicht wirklich miteinander aus.	My dog and rabbit don't really get along with each other.
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.
Eidechsen sind meine Lieblingshaustiere.	Lizards are my favorite kinds of pets.
Ich habe keine Allergien, aber meine Schwester ist allergisch gegen Hundehaare.	I don't have any allergies, but my sister is allergic to dog hair.
Ich habe alle meine Haustiere aus Tierheimen adoptiert.	I've adopted all of my pets from shelters.
Mein Hund geht gerne mit mir wandern.	My dog likes to go on hikes with me.

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

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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?

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## 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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