

# Pets

Do you have a dog or cat? Or maybe you love watching funny animal videos online? Pets are a great topic for small-talk. They are often regarded as additional family members, and people can talk about them for hours!

In this article, we'll introduce you to phrases that are useful for talking about our furry or scaly friends. Take a look at the tables below so that you'll be ready to join in on conversations about these important companions!

## Essential Phrases

- › Asking about pets
- › Talking about pets

## Answers to the Most Common Questions

## Asking about pets

Want to know what kind of pets a coworker has? Or when your friend got their family dog? The phrases we've gathered for you here are perfect for asking questions like these!

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?
Do you have any pet allergies?
Do you get your pets from a shelter or a breeder?

**Do you have any pets?**

If you want to find out if someone has pets or a specific pet, then use the sentence pattern **Do you have + PET?**. Somebody could answer by saying something like **Yes, I have two birds and some fish.**

**How old is your parrot?**

You can find out the age of someone's pet by using the sentence pattern **How old is your + PET?**. They would then respond to your question by telling their pet's age. Here is an example **Only about two years old.**

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

In the United States there are many animal shelters where lost or abandoned animals are kept. It's very common to visit animal shelters in order to adopt a pet from one. Other than at animal shelters, it's also common to adopt pets from specific animal breeders.

**Talking about pets**

Do you love talking about your own pets and animals? Then these phrases are perfect for you and will enable you to do this in 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 kinds of pets.
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.

**I have a cat and a dog**

The easiest way to tell someone what pets you own is the sentence pattern **I have + PET**. There are lots of ways someone could respond. For example they might ask a question like **Can I see pictures of them?**

## I'd really like to get a bearded dragon

If you want to tell someone what kind of pet you want, then use the sentence pattern **I'd really like to get + PET**. Someone could react to this by asking further questions or saying something like **Bearded dragons are so cool!**.

## Lizards are my favorite kinds of pets

If you want to tell someone what your favorite pets are, then use the sentence pattern **ANIMALS + are my favorite kinds of pets**. Somebody would probably respond to this by asking a question like **Why is that?**.

## Answers to the Most Common Questions

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

Do you have any pets?

What kind of pets do you have?

I have a cat and a dog.

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

Do you like cats or dogs better?

How long have you had your pet?

I have had my bird since I was a teenager.

I'd really like to get a bearded dragon.

What are the most common kinds of pets in the English-speaking world?

By far the most common pets are cats and dogs, and it's not uncommon for families to have both. In the United States, smaller animals like hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, and mice are also rather common. More exotic pets include different types of lizards and birds.

Where do people usually get their pets from in the English-speaking world?

Two of the most common places to get pets from are shelters and breeders. Pet shelters are places where individuals can adopt pets that were either left by their previous owners or found somewhere. If somebody really wants a specific breed of pet like a husky for example, then they can look for breeders in their area who specifically raise different breeds of animals. It's usually pretty expensive to adopt pets from breeders. More exotic pets like birds, reptiles, or snakes can also often be found in certified pet stores.



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