

# IELTS Speaking Topics

Topic: Pets



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Read the rules and regulations carefully before taking the test:

1. Set aside 11-14 minutes in a quiet room with no interruptions.
2. Use a recording device or ask a partner/tutor to act as the examiner.
3. Follow the test structure exactly:
  - **Part 1:** Introduction & general questions (4–5 minutes)
  - **Part 2:** Long turn – 1-minute prep, 1–2 minutes speaking
  - **Part 3:** Discussion – deeper questions related to Part 2 (4–5 minutes)
4. Time yourself strictly. Do not exceed the speaking limits.
5. Review your recording after the test to assess yourself.
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# Speaking Topic 1 - Pets

## Part 1 - Interview Section

### 1. Why do some people keep pets at home?

In my perspective, I believe that everyone would agree that pets are faithful partners for humans. For many families, especially those who adopt their dogs while they are children. Those dogs are comparable to best friends for children.

### 2. Have you ever had a pet before?

When I was younger, I had a corgi puppy. We were genuinely the closest of friends. I remember taking him to the park, giving him milk, and teaching him how to do a lot of cool things.

### 3. Do you like to visit zoos?

Indeed, I have been to the zoo and it has always been fun visiting it. The animals are really taken care of and are feeded on time. The animals seem really healthy and people love watching them in their own little homes in zoos, while hearing the chirping of birds and species. Most importantly, the animals who were on the verge of extinction are well taken care of now individuals can even learn, see and know more about the extinct species.

### 4. What is your country's most popular animal?

I think the dog is the most popular animal in my nation. Numerous youngsters grow up with pleasant experiences with their puppies. In addition, there are several dog rescue organizations in major cities whose mission is to prevent dogs from being abandoned or stolen.

### 5. What sort of animals do you want as pets?

Like the majority of people, I prefer dogs or cats. I absolutely love dogs because they are obedient and entertaining. Not to mention that they may function as home guards. In addition, I wish to keep cats because I adore hearing their purring and independence.



## Part 2 - Cue Card

**Describe a pet that you or someone you know once had.**

**You should say:**

- What kind of pet it was ?
- What kind of care is needed?
- What you liked/dislike about this pet ?
- and say whether this is a popular type of pet or not.

**Introduction**

As I am not exactly a "pet-friendly" type, I have never acquired a pet. However, I do not object to other people having pets so long as they raise their animals to behave appropriately.

**What kind of pet it was ?**

The pet I'm referring to is a breed of dog known as a poodle. It was a standard-sized white poodle, measuring over 50 centimeters in height and over 50 centimeters in breadth at the shoulder. I am unaware of its actual age, however, I observed it in my neighborhood for around five years. I'm not an expert on dogs or other animals, but I believed the poodle was a peaceful breed because I rarely heard it bark, except when it was raining or windy.

**What kind of care is needed? What you liked/dislike about this pet?**

Additionally, I appreciated that it never fought with other dogs or animals. In fact, it preferred to interact with other animals, such as cats and cattle. Even occasionally, it would play with the small birds without ever intending to hurt them. In addition to daily exercise for around 45 minutes and normal grooming, this dog did not require a great deal of care. Aside from some dry dog food and an occasional rice-chicken diet, I don't believe the poodle consumed all that much food.

**and Say whether this is a popular type of pet or not.**

In any case, poodles are a popular sort of pet because they are particularly great family dogs – amusing, active, intelligent, and easy to train. And they would never let us down if we wanted to work out outside and participate in outdoor activities. In fact, they are extremely friendly and lively dogs who even like playing with cats!

**Conclusion**

Overall, it is a good companion for humans.



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## Part 3 - Follow-up Questions

### 1. Why is having a pet a positive experience?

Well, it has been demonstrated that spending time with animals may reduce levels of cortisol, which is a hormone connected to stress, as well as lower blood pressure. According to the results of other research, having pets might make you feel less isolated, increase your sense of being supported by others, and boost your happiness.

### 2. How can pets make you happy and improve your life?

It has been shown that having a pet, particularly a dog or cat, can lower levels of stress, anxiety, and depression; help alleviate feelings of loneliness; stimulate activity and fun; and even enhance cardiovascular health. Also, children can develop a sense of responsibility and increase their level of activity by taking care of an animal. Also, aged people can get several benefits, such as emotional bond, by having a pet.

### 3. How do pets bring happiness?

Undoubtedly, stress and anxiety are both alleviated by having a pet. According to a study, having positive social interactions with your dog can boost your levels of oxytocin, a hormone that makes you feel good and improves your mood. Additionally, having a pet might assist in relieving stress. Research that involved 240 married couples revealed that individuals who had pets had lower heart rates and blood pressures than those who did not have pets.

### 4. Why are pets important in our life?

In my perception, having a pet may improve your well-being in a variety of ways. Firstly, they have the potential to expand possibilities for physical activity, time spent outside, and interaction with others. Secondly, walking or playing with dogs regularly might bring down your blood pressure and cholesterol, and triglyceride levels. Last but not the least, companionship with our pets may be therapeutic for those who struggle with depression or feelings of isolation.

### 5. Is spending time with pets a hobby?


One of the most enjoyable and stimulating ways to spend time with your four-legged companions is to include them in the activities that you already like doing on your own time. At first, figuring out how to include them in your activities could appear challenging, but if you just follow a few basic suggestions, you and your pet will be able to start having a great time together in no time.

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