

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. PETS. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Do you have a pet?

I don't have a pet, unfortunately. I had a pet, for, a long time. It was a dog. He was a wonderful companion and, we had a very close bond, but, unfortunately, last year, he was 20 years old, and he finally passed away from old age.

Part 1. What are some common pets in your country?

I live in Korea, and, common pets really, the common pet is a dog, and there's not that much more than that. There's not many cats, not many birds, hamsters, rabbits, you know, there's a few, but really, dogs are the most common pets in Korea and that's why you can find a lot of stray dogs and it's very easy to pick stray dogs up from the, adopt stray dogs from the animal shelters, which is sad, but, yeah, that's the most common pet.

Part 2. Describe a pet you or someone you know has.

I'd like to tell you about my parents pet, Dexter. Maybe 3 or 4 years ago, my parents decided to get another dog and they adopted a dog. He's a cockapoo, which is a cross between this breed is a cross between a cocker spaniel and a poodle. So they adopted this dog and brought him into the family. He's very young and he's lovely. He's just such a wonderful, affectionate dog. He's an incredible breed. You do see it in this breed, this cockapoo, which is a hybrid of these two breeds and they're so playful and they have such a funny character, but, he's also loyal. He, especially to my father, and he's quite obedient. It took a lot of time to train him, but eventually, yeah, he's a very obedient dog.

So let me tell you a little more about Dexter. He's, as I said, a cockapoo. He's kind of a medium sized dog, and he's black. His fur is black. He's nice because his fur doesn't come out, you know, he doesn't moult and that makes it easy to keep the house clean. And as I said before, he's very playful. He has an incredible character and he's also smart. On the negative side, he's a very needy dog. I don't know if that's a negative, but he just needs so much attention and he doesn't like to be alone. So he is quite needy.

For me personally, I've had such a lovely experience with him that I think I would like the same breed if possible in the future.

VOCABULARY

adopt (verb) - to take an animal into your home and care for it as your own.

affectionate (adjective) - showing love and liking through actions like hugging or cuddling.

breed (noun) - a type of animal that has special features passed down from its parents.

companion (noun) - a friend who stays with you and keeps you company.

fur (noun) - the soft hair that covers the body of some animals.

hybrid (noun) - an animal that comes from two different types or breeds mixed together.

needy (adjective) - needing a lot of help, care, or attention.

obedient (adjective) - willing to listen and do what you are told.

passed away (verb) - a gentle way to say that someone or an animal has died.

stray (noun) - an animal that has no home and lives on the streets.