## Animals & Pets

## Do or have you had a pet?

- •How old is it?
- •Where did you get it from?
- •Who takes care of it?
- •What does it look like (color, breed, etc.)?
- •What do you feed it?
- •Do you play with it?
- •What is it's name? How did you choose this name?
- •Does it know any tricks or understand any words?
- •If you don't have a pet, why not?
- •Would you ever consider getting a pet?
- •Did you grow up with pets in your home?
- •What are the pros and cons of keeping a pet?
- •What is the best pet to own?
- •What are some animals that live in your country?
- •Are there animal rights groups where you live?
- •Are you afraid of snakes? What is the biggest snake you have seen? Are there any poisonous snakes in your country?
- •Are you frightened of spiders? What do you do if you see one?
- •Can you name some endangered species?
- •Have you ever ridden a horse?
- •Are there birds or squirrels in your neighborhood?
- •Do you know someone who owns an unusual pet?
- •Do you think it is acceptable to test cosmetics on animals?
- •How do you feel about the use of animals for medical research?
- •Do you think it is okay to eat meat? Do you know any vegetarians?
- •Is there any kind of meat you would not eat?
- •What kind of meats have you eaten?
- •Have you ever been to a zoo?
- •Are there laws about hunting in your country?
- •What do you think of hunting? Would you eat an animal that you killed yourself?
- •Do you think it's okay to free animals that have been in captivity all their lives? Why or why not?
- •Do you think people should buy and wear fur coats?
- •Do you think that animals dream?
- •Have you ever been bitten by a dog? Have you been stung by a bee?
- •Have you ever been to a farm? What animals did you see there?

- •Have you ever been to a horse race?
- •Have you ever eaten rabbit meat? Have you eaten octopus?
- •Have you ever seen a dog that helps people, such as one to assist a blind person or a policeman?
- •If so, what did you notice about the dog?
- •How do you think that dog was trained?
- •What animals do you think are cute?
- •What animals do you think are ugly?
- •What can children learn by having a pet?
- •What is the largest animal you have ever seen?
- •Why do some people not like pets?
- •What can people learn from animals?
- •Does feeding an animal bring you happiness?
- •If you saw a stranger drowning, and you also saw your pet drowning, and you could only save one, who would you save? What would most people choose?
- •Can people be too attached to their pets?
- •Do you think animals have souls?
- •Do you think it is right to keep wild animals in captivity all there life
- •Is it morally right to spend a lot of money on pets, rather than helping people in need?
- •Why are pets, not people used for medical research?
- •What is your favorite animal?
- •Have you ever had a pet?
- •What kind of pet would you like to have in the future?
- •Have you ever been to the zoo? What animals did you see there?
- •Have you ever been on a farm? What animals did you see there?
- •Do you ever bird watch?
- •Do you think people should wear fur coats?
- •Should animals be kept in a zoo?
- •Do you know any endangered species?
- •Do you consider yourself an animal lover?
- •Do bats help people?
- •What animal is liked to be petted?
- •Do you think the most important thing by which psychopaths can be recognized is their attitude toward animals? Explain why.
- •Do you think it is a good pattern in general to judge people by their attitude toward animals? Explain why.
- •What kind of animals do humans ride?
- •Are you afraid of snakes?
- •Are you frightened of spiders?
- Are your pet(s) healthy?

- •Can you ride a horse?
- •Do you ever go bird watching?
- •Do you ever talk to your pet? If so, what do you say?
- •Do you have a cat?
- •Do you have a dog? If so, what's your dog's name?
- •Do you have any pets?
  - •If not, would you like to have a pet?
  - •Have you ever had a pet?
- •Do you know anyone who has a horse?
- •Do you know anyone who keeps their dog in their house?
- •Do you love your pet?
- •Do you prefer dogs or cats?
- •Do you talk to your pet sometimes?
- •Do you think it is acceptable to test cosmetics on animals?
  - •How do you feel about the use of animals for medical research?
- •Do you think it is okay to eat meat?
  - •Is there any kind of meat you would not eat?
- •Do you think it is right to keep wild animals in a zoo?
- •Do you think that animals dream?
- •Do your pets have special behavior problems?
  - •How do you deal with those problems?
- •Have you ever been bitten by a dog?
- •Have you ever been bitten by a snake?
- •Have you ever been to a farm?
- •Have you ever been to a zoo? What animals did you see there?
- •Have you ever eaten rabbit meat?
- •Have you ever gambled on a horse race?
- •Have you ever given your pet a bath?
- •Have you ever had a pet? / Have you ever had any pets?
- •Have you ever ridden a horse? How about a camel?
- •Have you ever seen a bullfight?
- •Have you ever seen a dog race?
- •Have you ever seen a dog that helps people, such as one to help a blind person?
  - •If so, what did you notice about the dog?
  - •How do you think that dog was trained?
  - •Have you ever seen a "therapy dog?"
- •How long do you think a dog can live without food?
- •How many birds do you know that can't fly?
- •How many legs does a spider have? How about a squid?
- •How many national animal preserves do you have in your country?

- •Are there any animal preserves around here?
- •How many pets have you had?
- •How many pets have you raised and what are they?
- •How many zoos have you been to?
- •How much does it cost to keep your pet?
- •If you could be an animal, what would you (choose to) be? Why?
- •If you don't keep pets, please explain why?
- •Is is right to keep animals in a zoo?
- •Is it harmful for a dog to travel in cabin on a airline under the seat where your carry-on bags go?
- •Pets are considered to be a burden to most of the city dwellers. To what extent do you agree?
- •Some people think that people shouldn't wear animal furs. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- •Think of some people you know. Which animals do they resemble?
- •What animal do you think is the funniest?
- •What animal do you think is the strangest-looking?
- •What animal do you think makes the best pet? Why?
- •What animal would you like to be? (Which animal...?)
- •What animals are symbols of your country?
- •What animals are you afraid of? (...scared of?)
- •What animals do you think are cute?
  - •What animal do you think is the cutest?
- •What animals do you think are scary?
- •What animals do you think is the most dangerous?
- •What are some popular pets?
- •What are the most popular pets in your country?
- •What are the pros and cons of keeping a pet?
  - •(Why are there so many people who are willing to sacrifice their time and money to raise a pet?)
- •What can children learn by having a pet?

What are some things a child can learn by having a pet?

- •What do you think of animals being raised in captivity?
- •What is one of your favorite animals?
  - •Why do you like it?
  - •Do you have one for a pet?
- •What is the difference between a pet and a wild animal?
- •What is the most unusual pet you have ever seen?
- •What is your favorite animal?
  - •Why is it your favorite animal?

- •Would you like keep it as your pet, why or why not?
- •What joy does your pet bring you?
  - •Are you the one who takes care of it every day?
  - •How do you take care of it? If you don't take care of it, who does?
- •What kind of animal would you like to be?
- •Do bats make good pets?
- •What animals like to be petted?
- •What kind of dog do you have?
- •What kind of master would you like to have if you were a pet?
- •What particular animals have become famous in your country for some special skill or accomplishment?
- •What wild animals can you see around here?
- •When was the last time you went to a zoo?
- •Where is the nearest zoo to your house?
  - •How often do you visit that zoo?
  - •When was the last time you went there?
  - •How much does it cost to get in?
- •Why do people have pets? / Why do people keep pets?
- •Would you recommend that others keep pets similar to yours?
- •Should we feed our pets unhealthy but tasty treats?
  - •What's more important, their health or their happiness?
- •In your opinion, why do some people like to have unusual pets?
- •Do you think dogs should be banned or muzzled?
- •Would you want to see aggressive dogs muzzled or banned?
- •In your country, what kind of dog laws are there? If dogs are man's best friend, as the saying goes, is banning dogs a friendly act?
- •What is a safari?
  - •Would you go on a safari?
- •Have you ever hurt an animal?
  - •Was it intentional or unintentional?
- •Do you know of any websites for people that want to keep animals as pets?
  - •How about websites for people who are against animal rights?
  - •Do you think keeping an animal as a pet is a violation of that animal's rights?
- •Do you know any animals that you think are being treated badly or unfairly?
  - •If so, how do you think you can help?
- •What do you think would animals say about humans if they could make a documentary movie about humans?
- •What is a breed?
- •What breeds can you name?
- •What is a standard for a dog breed?

- •What is dog intelligence?
- •Which dog breed do you think is the most intelligent and which the dumbest?
- •What is the role of an Alpha dog in a pack?
- •Do you think it is a good pattern in general to judge people by their attitude toward animals? Explain why.
- •Do bats help people?