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# Dog Person or Cat Person

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

**Language Point**

<b>Like what?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For example?</li> <li>- For instance?</li> <li>- What do you mean?</li> </ul>	
<b>She promised to pitch in to help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she promised to lend a hand</li> <li>- she promised to support me</li> <li>- she promised to help me out</li> </ul>	
<b>I'm an early riser.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I'm a morning person.</li> </ul>	

**Key vocabulary**

dog/cat person	factor	walk a dog	pitch in
aloof	litter box	mindful of~	ASPCA

Part 1

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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The **attachment** shared between pets and their owners is **everlasting**. Studies show that having a pet like a **cat** and a **dog** can help alleviate a person’s **stress** and **loneliness**. As a result, pet lovers become more **sympathetic** and will **go the extra mile** to make sure their **loyal companions** are safe and healthy.



**II. PRESENTATION**

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**A. Expressions**

	<b>Questions:</b>
<b>She promised to pitch in to help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Would you consider <b>pet sitting</b> someone’s dog or cat? Why or why not?</li></ul>
<b>Like what? I’m an early riser.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If you had a dog, would you wake up early to take it for a walk?</li></ul>
<b>Like what?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ What other activities can people do with their pets?</li></ul>

## B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

**Claire:** I'm thinking about finally getting a pet. Should I get a cat or a dog?

**Stuart:** I'm a dog person but there are a number of things to consider.

**Claire:** Like what? I have enough room in my apartment.

**Stuart:** That's one factor, but have you thought about having to walk the dog to do its business a few times a day?

**Claire:** Yes, I'm okay with that. I'm an early riser and there's a park just across the street. Plus, I can hire a dog walker for when I have to work late. My sister also lives nearby, and she promised to pitch in to help.

**Stuart:** That makes it a lot easier. Dogs are man's best friends, but they require a lot of attention.

**Claire:** And cats?

**Stuart:** Cats can be quite friendly but also quite aloof. They're easier to take care of as they use a litter box to go potty. Many people are allergic to cats, so you need to be mindful of that.

**Claire:** I'm feeling like a dog is the better choice for me. Now I have to decide what kind.

**Stuart:** You should totally adopt a dog from the ASPCA. There are so many that need a good home.

**Claire:** I like that idea. Thanks for the tips. I'll go searching this weekend. I'm EXCITED!

## Q & A!



- In your opinion, is cosmetic testing on animals justifiable?
- Are there laws about animal hunting or poaching in your country?
- What can children learn from having a pet?

Part 2

## III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

## A. Fur Babies

Directions: Give advantages and disadvantages of having the following pets.



Some couples adopt a dog before having a child.

State the advantages and disadvantages of raising a dog before starting a family.



Feline companions can provide a myriad of benefits.

State the advantages and disadvantages of having a cat in the house.

## B. Let's Talk!

*Directions:* You work at an animal shelter and someone (your teacher) is interested in adopting a pet. Tell him/her about the animal's name and personality, how it was rescued and what type of home would be good for the pet.



## C. Role-Play

# Role-Play



Your friend rescued a stray dog and cat from the street.

She has decided to keep them as pets.

Give her some advice on how to take care of them.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.