

## Do You Have Any Pets?

---

**Lindsay:** Hey guys. How's it going?

**Francis:** Good.

**Keriann:** Going good.

**Lindsay:** Excellent. We're going to be talking about pets today. Do you – do either of you have any pets?

**Francis:** I actually don't have a pet 'cause (because) my husband's allergic, but I hope to get a dog one day.

**Keriann:** I also don't have any pets and I never did because my brother was allergic also, so we never had any growing up.

**Lindsay:** Oh man. So I had two cats when I was growing up and I loved them.

**Keriann:** I think that cats get their hair on everything and it's impossible to **get it off**.

**Lindsay:** Yeah, I guess you're right. That's true. So in the US, where would you go to get a pet, if you wanted to get a pet?

**Francis:** I think a lot of people – my sister has a dog and she got her dog from a shelter. So I think a lot of people do that.

**Keriann:** Yeah, I've heard of doing that too or maybe if you know somebody whose dog had puppies and they're trying **to get rid of** some of

### Key Vocabulary Words

**1. To get rid of**

**2. To dress up**

**3. To carry around**

**4. To stand out**

them, then you can say, “Oh, I’ll take one, I really want one.” But I, I’m not really sure. Maybe the pet store.

### **Key Vocabulary Words**

- 1. To get rid of**
- 2. To dress up**
- 3. To carry around**
- 4. To stand out**

**Lindsay:** Yeah. So you have a couple of options. We got our cats at the Humane Society which is similar to the, to a shelter, right?

**Francis:** Right. Exactly.

**Keriann:** Yeah, yeah.

**Lindsay:** So what do you think about this trend of designer dogs? What does that mean actually?

**Francis:** Designer dogs. Interesting. (Um) well when I heard that term, I was thinking (like) you **dress your dog up** in some fancy clothes, but I think it’s trying to mix breed dogs. Is that correct?

**Keriann:** Does it have anything to do with celebrities and putting little dogs in their purses and **carrying them around**?

**Lindsay:** I know. I’ve seen that. I, I used to live in New York and I used to see that a lot like very (kind of) glamorous women with a tiny dog in the, in the, in their purse. It’s kind of an accessory.

**Keriann:** Yeah.

**Lindsay:** Well, I don’t know. My, my brother actually has this dog that they call a Puggle, which is a combination of a beagle and a pug.

**Keriann:** Okay. So my aunt and uncle, but mostly my aunt, they own a company where they breed dogs and they, they mostly do (uh) labs. I’m pretty sure, but they did for a time do some labradoodles.

**Francis:** Interesting.

**Keriann:** So a labrador and a poodle, is it? A labradoodle. And I think they were good sellers, but they went back to just doing labs.

**Francis:** Interesting.

**Lindsay:** That's really interesting. So why are people wanting to do this? (I mean), I know that my – I don't know how much my brother paid for his dog, but I know these designer dogs tend to go for \$500, \$1,000, maybe \$1500.

**Francis:** Wow, that's insane.

**Keriann:** It beats me why anybody would want to do that. But maybe just because it's something different and they want to be different than everybody else and **stand out** a little bit.

**Francis:** Maybe.

**Lindsay:** So Francis, earlier you mentioned (um) dogs wearing accessories?

**Francis:** Yes.

**Lindsay:** Do you see that around Boston a lot?

**Francis:** I do. (Um) every time I look out my window, I see the people next door in the apartment building with all the dogs (um) all dressed up. They have little coats on and I'm like "Oh my God, that's ridiculous." (I mean) personally if you want to do that for your dog, that's fine. But everyone is, is different, so...

### Key Vocabulary Words

**1. To get rid of**

**2. To dress up**

**3. To carry around**

**4. To stand out**

**Keriann:** The only thing I can think of with people I know dressing up their dogs is at holidays or (um) maybe putting something green on for the Celtics or St. Patrick's Day or dressing up in a Santa hat at Christmas, that kind of thing, which I think is kind of cute.

**Lindsay:** And don't forget Halloween, right? Of course.

**Keriann:** Oh yeah.

**Lindsay:** And kind of ears

**Francis:** Exactly.

**Lindsay:** ...(like) I don't know, maybe a witch or something.

**Keriann:** Great.

**Lindsay:** So if you had a pet – you guys don't have pets, but if you could actually have a pet, what kind of personality would you want your pet to have?

**Francis:** (Hmm).

**Keriann:** I want a pet someday. Actually I'm, I'm hoping to get a dog someday (um) that can go running with me, because I want a running partner. So maybe some active and friendly dog that's always up for some adventure.

**Francis:** I think (um) I want to get a dog too and I think, my dog, I want to be a little quieter and not so rambunctious and feisty, just (kind of) mellow.

**Lindsay:** That sounds great. Yeah. I would like a dog that, (you know), when I walk in the door, the dog's like Oh, so excited that I'm home (you know) that type of dog"

### Key Vocabulary Words

**1. To get rid of**

**2. To dress up**

**3. To carry around**

**4. To stand out**

**Francis:** Yeah.

**Keriann:** Yeah.

**Lindsay:** Okay. Great. Thanks  
for this conversation  
guys.

**Francis:** Oh great.

### Key Vocabulary Words

- 1. To get rid of**
- 2. To dress up**
- 3. To carry around**
- 4. To stand out**