

Before watching

1. **PW** Write the names of two other pets in the table and write brief notes about the positive and negative aspects of keeping this animal as a pet. Then compare your answers with a partner.

Name of pet	Positive aspects	Negative aspects
a dog	friendly, loyal	makes a lot of noise, have to take it for walks every day
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2. **PW** Discuss these questions with a partner.

- ▶ Have you got a pet? What do you do to look after it?
- ▶ Do you know what happens in your country to pets without a home?
- ▶ What would you like to happen to them?

Video vocabulary

3. You are going to watch a video about pets, particularly abandoned ones. Check the meanings of the words given and circle the ones you expect to hear in the video.

- unwanted • home • danger • energy
- welfare charity • kennels • rewarding
- generosity • mission • strays • lively • injured

While watching

4. Watch the video to understand the general sense and check your answers to exercise 3 in the 'Before Watching' section.

5. Watch the video again and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F).

- 1. A lot of people walk their pets by the Thames.
- 2. Abandoned dogs are taken to the Dog's Trust.
- 3. The Dog's Trust is quite a new charity.
- 4. People come to Dog's Trust every day.
- 5. There are 16 Dog's Trust centres.
- 6. The first man saw two dogs and preferred the first one.
- 7. One of Charlene's jobs is to feed the dogs.
- 8. Dogs get unhappy if they are not well cared for.
- 9. Charlene has a dog.

6. Write short answers to these questions.

1. How many pet cats and dogs are there in the UK?
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- 2. How many pets are abandoned every year?
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- 3. What is Dog's Trust exactly?
- 4. What does the Dog's Trust depend on from the general public?
- 5. What does Naomi Tucker find difficult about re-homing?
- 6. When did the first man come to see his dog?
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- 7. What two expressions does he use to describe his new pet dog?
- 8. How many dogs does the man already have?
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- 9. How often does Charlene do volunteer work at Dog's Trust?
- 10. According to Charlene, what's the main reason why dogs finish up in Dog's Trust?
- 11. How does she feel when the dogs are re-homed?
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- 12. Why does she prefer having a cat to a dog?
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After watching

7. **PW** Work with a partner and write a possible homepage for the Dogs Trust website. Then go to www.dogstrust.co.uk and compare your version with the original.

8. Imagine you've just taken home a pet from a Dog's Trust. Write a few lines to an English speaking friend describing your new pets, your feelings about it and some initial problems you've had with the pet's arrival.

9. **GW** Work in groups of 4 and organize a class survey about pets, for example finding out what pets people have, their names, any problems they have, etc.