

**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?

2. How many pets are abandoned every year?

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?

7. What two expressions does he use to describe his new pet dog? .....

8. How many dogs does the man already have?

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?

12. Why does she prefer having a cat to a dog?

**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](http://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.