



## PETS

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| deemed      | common    | canine | dog-friendly | tactic    |

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# Teacher's Key

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### Follow-up & Discussion Questions

1. What do you think about taking your pet to work?
2. Can you take your pet to work or what are the chances that your boss would allow it.
3. What problems do you think pets can create for people at the workplace?
4. Do you think your pet will socialize with other pets?
5. Are you allergic to any animals? If so, what happens when you meet them?
6. Do you think some owners care more about their pets than other people?
7. You might occasionally hear the saying: a "dog-eat-dog world". What does it mean?  
Do you think it's true?
8. What would you do if someone brought you a puppy as a present?