

Level: B1⁺

Conversation Workshop B1-B2

Lesson Topics: Animal Bonds

Speaking 1 (Video-Based Activity): Animal Bonds

(20 min)

Directions: Take a moment to watch a short video and answer the questions below:

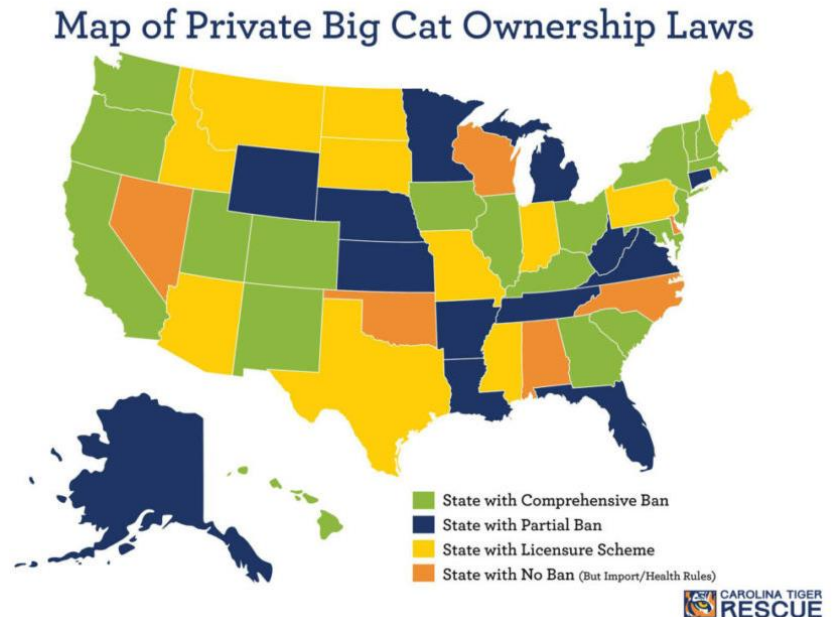
- What's the video about? What's the story told?
- How strong can be the bond between two animals? Any personal story to share in this regard?
- What about the emotional bond between a person and an animal? How close do you think a human-animal relationship can get?
- Have you ever visited an animal shelter? Between buying or rescuing a pet, which option are you for?
- Psychologically speaking, what are the positive effects of adding a pet member to the family? What direct effect does it have, for example, on children?
- What hygiene measure should be taken into account when bringing a pet home?
- What are your personal experiences when it comes to animal petting? Was there (or is there) any animal friend you'd like to talk about?



Speaking Activity 2: Exotic Animal Petting

Directions: Interpret the map and answer the questions that follow in the form of a brief monologue. Feel free to add any information you consider relevant to your presentation.

- What’s your personal opinion about petting an exotic or wild animal (such as a wild cat or a tiger)? Are you in favor or against this kind of activity?
- In your opinion, what psychological features could be associated to a person owning an exotic animal?
- What are the possible threats of taming a wild animal?
- How does living outside a natural habitat affect a wild animal’s life?



Speaking Activity 3: Animal Vs. Entertainment

Directions: Take a look at the pictures and answer the questions below in the form of a brief monologue:

- Why do you think some people promote events such as: a cockfight, a bullfight, a dogfight or a killer whale show? What major benefit do you think is drawn from this type of exhibitions?
- In general, what’s your opinion about animal-based entertainment? Do you consider it a form of animal exploitation?
- What about the animals being kept in zoos and aquariums?
- Do you agree with certain animal rights activists fighting to ban these exhibition centers?

