

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea todo el texto cuidadosamente.
2. Lea atentamente todas las preguntas de la prueba.
3. Proceda a responder en lengua inglesa a las preguntas en el papel de examen.

TIEMPO: 1 hora y 30 minutos.

CALIFICACIÓN: La puntuación máxima de la prueba es de 10 puntos.

Not without my dog!

Mary Marcus of New York City takes her dog, Pluto, everywhere: to the sushi restaurant down the street, to work, in and out of the neighborhood shops, even on the subway, which has a no-dog policy. "I wrap him up and take him in the last carriage," confesses Marcus, a photographer. "We take him everywhere, and we don't even think it's inappropriate." Pluto is a vivacious 8-year-old, 11 Kg., French bulldog. Marcus says that Pluto often has easy access to places that are not particularly dog-friendly: "Everyone loves him because he's so funny. He's hilarious."

Not everyone is laughing. The world used to be divided into two groups: dog people and cat people. There was no common ground. Like smokers and non-smokers. But now it seems the canine world is dividing even further: dog lovers who want their pet to be part of every party, and those who don't want them around at all.

With this take-your-dog-everywhere trend growing as quickly as it seems to be, Marcus can't understand why the hotel industry doesn't offer pet and non-pet rooms like smoking and non-smoking rooms. At Loews Hotels, which has accepted dogs for four years, the reaction has been positive, with the pet business doubling every year, although it still remains a small market. "It's worked out well for us," says Emily Goldfischer, the manager of Loews, which began accepting four-legged friends after realizing pets were becoming more important to American families. "People are treating their pets differently than, say, even 10 years ago," she says. "They don't want to leave them at home."

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- a. Pets are welcome in the New York public transport system.
- b. Marcus believes that all hotels should offer rooms where you can stay with your pet.
(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.

- a. What do you know about Pluto and his character?
- b. How has the attitude towards pets in the United States changed?
(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

3. Find the words in the text that mean:

- a. unsuitable (paragraph 1)
- b. lively (paragraph 1)
- c. tendency (paragraph 3)
- d. discovering (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima 1 punto)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- a. Pets have become _____ important for their owners that the hotel industry has to find a place to accommodate _____ with the rest of the family.
- b. But Marcus has _____ (admit) that every now and then she meets people who _____ (not like) dogs.
- c. Several years ago, sociologists _____ (begin) to study the differences _____ the behaviour of cat and dog owners.
- d. Before _____ (leave) for holidays, Mary said: "I cannot imagine little Pluto sleeping _____ the floor."

(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)

5. Write about 100 to 150 words on one of the following topics.

- a. Which is your favourite pet? Describe it and explain why you like it.
- b. Should public places like hotels and restaurants have strict regulations that limit access to pets? Discuss.

(Puntuación máxima 3 puntos)