

Units 7–12 Test A audio script

A [Track 16] Listen to Carol and Mark talking about their attitudes toward animals. Then check the correct answers.

Carol

I work as a wildlife rehabilitator, so of course, I love animals – especially wild ones. There's nothing more exciting or satisfying for me than helping a bird, like an eagle, get back to normal and then releasing it back into the wild. Some of the birds we get have been injured. It takes time for injuries to heal, and of course, the birds need to be fed and taken care of in the meantime. But we try not to treat our animals as pets because we don't want them to get too dependent on people. That would make it more difficult for them to live on their own once they're back in the wild. I don't have any pets at home. Dogs and cats are great animals, but I don't find them as interesting as the wild ones I take care of every day.

Mark

I grew up on a farm, so I think about animals a little differently from the way most city people think of them. On a farm, animals are supposed to be useful. For example, farmers have cats because they serve a function: They catch mice. And mice need to be caught; otherwise, they'll destroy the crops you've worked so hard to raise. It's usually better not to get too attached to certain animals on the farm. After all, your pet turkey could be on the menu at next Thanksgiving's dinner! Of course, I live in a city now, so I don't feel exactly the same way I used to. We have a cat and a dog at home because my kids really like them.