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Not without my dog! - In your own words

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."

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**

According to the text, Pluto is an eight year old French bulldog that weighs eleven kilograms and lives in New York with his owner. Regarding his character, he is very funny, vivacious and amusing and that is the reason why everybody likes him.

Ayuda: la respuesta la encontramos en el primer párrafo dónde encontramos toda la información relativa a Pluto que aparece en el texto: quién es su dueña, los lugares dónde le lleva y cómo es su carácter.

Vocabulario: *according to:* según; *weigh:* pesar; *owner:* dueño; *vivacious:* vivaz; *amusing:* divertido.

b) How has the attitude towards pets in the United States changed?

Pets are becoming more important to American families and so they are being treated differently than a few years ago. Families now want to take their pets everywhere and refuse to leave them at home while they go out to a restaurant, or stay at a hotel.

Ayuda: en el tercer párrafo se explica cómo las mascotas comienzan a ser cada día más importantes para las familias americanas hasta el punto de que se habla de una tendencia (*take-your-dog-everywhere trend*) por parte los propietarios de mascotas, que se las llevan a todas partes para no dejarlas solas en casa.

Vocabulario: *become:* convertirse; *refuse:* negarse; *while:* mientras; *stay:* alojarse