

Dogs in society - Script

Actors A and B walk on stage – they are young males who look very similar, and they are holding the pictures of Staffy dogs (see activity sheet *Dogs in society – Images*)

Actor A: That's my dog, Ronaldo, there. He's a Staffy – that's a Staffordshire bull terrier, and he's not a cuddly toy. He's good for keeping people away from me. He's learned the hard way how to look after himself because I haven't got the time to fuss over him.

Actor B: This is my dog, Kaka, he's a Staffy too. He likes to join in when I play football with my team, even though he's got his own toys. Everyone likes him and the girls make a bit of a fuss of him because he's really friendly.

Actor A: I'd really like to be a footballer, but no one's ever taught me how to play properly. I'm not that good at running around, maybe because I stay indoors a lot. And because I don't meet up with many people, I find it hard to be a team-player.

Actor B: Someone told me that footballers eat really good food to keep them healthy. It's something I've been trying out and I'm sure it's helping me towards my goal of being a professional. I train all the time – I have an excellent coach. I think that because of the amount of exercise I do and the food I eat, I'm really fit. I'm always practising with my team – so I understand how to work with others.