

Take ten

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What is it about the Cockapoo that you love? They have the sweetest of personalities and yet can be kooky. On the practical side, I needed a dog that does not shed. She does lose hair, but it's not all over the place.

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What would Miss Darcy's perfect room look like? A Sanderson wallpaper of celadon green with pale gold flowers; a queen-size human bed with Egyptian cotton sheets; a gallery wall for all her portraits by different artists; her antique dog chair, covered in similar fabric to the wallpaper, sits in a corner; and there would be a walk-in closet for all her various coats from her own collection (Miss Darcy for Alice Fox).

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What are Miss Darcy's favourite things to do? Hunt and chase down squirrels (unsuccessfully, thank goodness!), hunt and chase more squirrels. And then eat!



Interior designer May Ping Wong fell in love with Miss Darcy, a Cockapoo, in May 2011. Having never owned a dog before, May found she had to learn where she could and couldn't take a dog. The pair launched a blog in May 2013 so they could share their experiences of living in London with other city dog owners.

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Do you both have a favourite doggie day out? A run in Kensington Gardens and running with friends at the park, a delicious lunch at Lucio's, which is very dog-friendly, and ending up at Dri Dri Gelato for our dessert.

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Have you had any memorable holidays together? Many! I particularly loved spending five weeks with her in New York City where we walked everywhere because it wasn't that obvious if we could get on public transport.

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Which famous person would you say Miss Darcy most closely resembles and why? I think Darcy is like Carey Mulligan, in terms of quiet confidence, and classiness.

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What's the best piece of doggie advice you've ever been given? To feed raw! I never wanted to, as it would interfere with our frequent travels. But month after month of visiting the vet with a runny tummy, I finally gave in. Voila! No more runny tummies or smelly breath.

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What's the most expensive thing you've bought Miss Darcy or most indulgent thing you've done for her? The most expensive must have been her plane ticket to New York. The most indulgent - sailing back on the Queen Mary 2.

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Does Miss Darcy have any special talents or party tricks? She can do three consecutive twirls on her hind legs, walk on her hind legs and twirl again.

You can follow Miss Darcy's adventures in London on her blog at www.missdarcy.org

