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Dog Idioms

Part #2

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Hi, everyone! Thanks for joining me for another episode. I'm Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com

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Today, we're continuing our journey of **expressions** inspired by man's best friend: the **dog**. And with a fun point-of-view story you will improve your grammar in context.

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Our first phrase is **dogged determination**. When someone shows dogged determination, they're incredibly persistent, not giving up easily. It's like a dog who won't let go of its favorite toy.

Next, we have '**the hair of the dog**.' This odd phrase means taking a bit of alcohol to ease a hangover. It's a humorous way to suggest that a little of what caused your problem might help solve it.

Moving on, **a dog in the manger** is an expression for someone who doesn't want others to enjoy something they don't need or use.

And then there's the saying, '**You can't teach an old dog new tricks**.' It suggests that teaching
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someone new things is challenging, especially if they're set in their ways. However, never let that stop you from learning!

Let's continue!

Ever been so exhausted you can barely stand? That's being **dog-tired**.

If everything is a mess, you'd say it's **a dog's breakfast** or **a dog's dinner**. For instance, you are trying to bake a cake and ending up with flour all over the kitchen!

Sometimes, people feel they're **dogged by bad luck**, meaning they feel misfortune is constantly following them.

On a fun note, **dog and bone** is playful rhyming slang for 'phone.' So, if you're chatting on your dog and bone, you're on your phone!

If you can't finish your meal, you might ask for a **doggie bag** to take the leftovers home when dining out.

And **dog watch**? The phrase for people who work at sea refers to a brief period of duty on a boat.

When someone says they're **leading a dog's life**, it expresses having a tough or miserable time.

I hope you're not having a miserable time but are enjoying listening to this show.

Let's listen to the expressions one more time:

1. Dogged Determination

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2. The Hair of the Dog
3. A Dog in the Manger
4. You Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks
5. Dog Tired
6. Dog's Breakfast/Dinner
7. Dogged by Bad Luck
8. Dog and Bone
9. Doggie Bag
10. Dog's Life
11. Dog Watch

Great! That's all for now! I hope you found this topic helpful.

Let's continue with a Point-of-View Lesson.

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Okay! Let's start!

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On the first day, Mr. Smith came in. He looked tired. Jenny asked, "Rough day?" Mr. Smith replied, "Ruff? Oh, you mean because of the dogs? Ha! Good one."

Jenny had a special drink called **the Hair of the Dog**. It wasn't made of real hair! Just a funny name. But when Mr. Smith ordered it, he joked, "Will it make me bark?"

The pub had a phone, but it was very old. Everyone called it **the dog and bone**. One day, it rang. Jenny said, "Oh, the dog's barking!" People laughed. It was just the phone!

She also had a menu. One dish didn't look nice but tasted amazing. People said it looked like a **dog's breakfast**, but it was yummy!

One day, an older man, came. He sat and watched. He didn't eat or drink. Jenny thought he was **like a dog in the manger**.

He told her, "I'm too old for new things." Jenny smiled and said, "They say **you can't teach an old dog new tricks**, but maybe this old dog can try a new drink?" He laughed and finally ordered.

One evening, Jenny was super tired. She said, "I'm **dog tired**." Mr. Smith said, "Did

too many dogs chase you today?"
Everyone laughed.

But not everything was funny. Jenny felt she was **dogged by bad luck**. Sometimes things went wrong. It looked messy when she tried to pack food in a **doggie bag**. Or when she had to stay up late for the **dog watch** to make sure everything was okay in the pub.

But no matter what, Jenny loved her doggy pub. Because in a place where dog lovers gathered, there were bound to be some "ruff" moments. But that's what made it "paw-sitively" amazing!

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