Japanese man turns himself into a dog

Vocabulary Match

viral ● canines ● attire ● specifically ● weird ● nonetheless ●

● especially ● popular online ● clothes ● strange ● but still ● dogs

Article

A Japanese man, known online as Toco, has turned himself into a collie dog, all thanks to a special custom-made costume that cost him $14,000.

Toco has been sharing videos of himself on YouTube, dressed up in his collie costume, playing and running around just like a real dog. One of his videos recently went viral when he stepped out in public for the first time in his dog costume.

This unusual activity, Toco explained, has been a lifelong dream. Ever since he was a child, he dreamed of becoming an animal, specifically a collie. The costume was expertly made by Zeppet, a company that took 40 days to craft this realistic canine attire.

Despite his online popularity, Toco has kept this unique hobby a secret from his friends, family, and workmates. He worries they might think it's weird. Nonetheless, Toco seems to be enjoying his life as a dog, living out his childhood dream.

Quiz

1. How did Toco turn himself into a collie dog?
2. How long did it take Zeppet to craft the canine attire?
3. Why has Toco kept his hobby a secret from his friends, family, and workmates?

Conversation

A: Your dog is quite big, isn't he?
B: Yes, he's a Japanese collie.
A: A Japanese collie? I've never heard of that.
B: Yeah, he's one of a kind, for sure!
A: Does he talk? He seems very human-like.
B: Haha, only when he wants a treat.

Discussion

1. Would you ever dress up as an animal? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever had a childhood dream? What was it?
3. If you could be any animal for a day, which one would you choose and why?

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