

PAWS AND CLAWS

Two sausage dogs, Chorizo and Chipolata, are sat enjoying the sun and passing the time of day.

Chorizo Chipolata?

Chipolata Yes, Chorizo.

Chorizo What's a Hot Dog?

Chipolata Well it's obvious, isn't it?

Chorizo Is it?

Chipolata Of course. It's a dog that's got warm in the sun. Or a really pretty dog, like a poodle.

Chorizo *(thoughtful)* Hmmmmmm.

(Pause)

Chipolata?

Chipolata Yes, Chorizo.

Chorizo What are onions and ketchup?

Chipolata Why?

Chorizo Well, it's just that my human told me he was having a hot dog with onions and ketchup for tea.

Chipolata Really? That's disgusting.

Chorizo But I don't think he was eating poodle.

Chipolata No?

Chorizo I hope not. He gave me the leftovers.

Chipolata Oh.

(Pause)

Chorizo Chipolata?

Chipolata Yes, Chorizo.

Chorizo You know how they say ‘the cat’s pyjamas’?

Chipolata Yes.

Chorizo Cats don’t wear pyjamas.

Chipolata No.

Chorizo So why isn’t it ‘the cat’s collar’, or something like that?

Chipolata It’s nothing to do with pyjamas. Or cats. It just means something is cool.

Chorizo Cool?

Chipolata Trendy.

Chorizo Oh. *(pause)* So in theory it could be ‘the dog’s pyjamas’?

Chipolata I guess so. Though there’s already the dog’s ...

(he stops, remembers his manners, and changes what he is going to say)

... the dog’s dinner.

Chorizo The dog’s dinner?

Chipolata Well, actually it’s ‘a’ dog’s dinner. It means mucky.

Chorizo What, so that cat’s pyjamas means ‘cool’ and a dog’s dinner means mucky?

Chipolata Yes.

Chorizo That’s so unfair.