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7 INTERESTING DOG FACTS

Fascinating dog trivia and little-known canine facts



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Dogs Dream

Yes, dogs do dream. Scientists have found that the same areas of the brain that light up for humans when we dream, also light up in dogs. Canine sleep cycles, including REM sleep, are very similar to humans, suggesting they experience dreams just as we do and may even dream about their day's events, as well as their likes, dislikes, and fears.



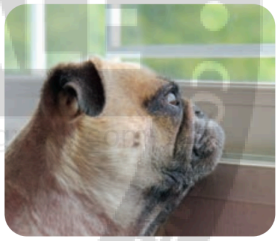
Dogs Are Not Colour Blind

It is a myth that dogs see everything in black and white. Dogs have dichromatic vision: they recognize colours such as blue, green-yellow, yellow, and various shades of gray. Dogs do not see red or green tones, similar to humans with red-green colour blindness.



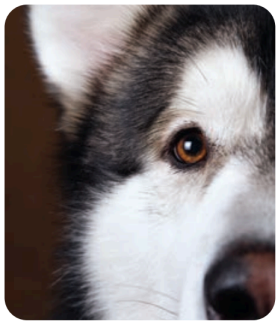
Dogs: The Greatest (Variation)

Dogs have the greatest variation in the size and configuration of their skeletons of any animal species, wild or domestic. Even though all dog breeds have the same number and type of bones, the size and shape of the bones can vary greatly between breeds.



Dogs Can Sense Time

Dogs have a sense of time, but not in the same way humans do. Rather than understanding time in an abstract sense, they rely on routines, daily patterns, and heightened senses like smell and hearing to anticipate events, like mealtime, or your return.



Three Eyelids

Dogs have three eyelids, with the third one, called the "haw" or nictitating membrane, helping to protect and lubricate the eye. The eyes of dogs (and cats) also contain a special reflective layer behind the retina called the tapetum lucidum that enhances night vision.

Wet Noses

Dog noses secrete a thin layer of mucus that helps them process scents and aids in cooling their bodies. Licking their noses also spreads saliva and helps keep the nose moist. A wet nose helps dogs determine which direction a scent is coming from.





Dogs are Right or Left Pawed

Just like humans, dogs can have a preferred paw, with studies showing that a significant percentage of dogs favour one paw over the other.

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