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Can Dogs Really Smile?

Most behaviorists don't really consider a dog "smiling" to be a true grin in the way we think about a human smile. Many canine expressions can be seen as a "smile," including wide-mouth panting, relaxing with their tongues out, and submissive grins. However, most of the time when dogs smile, they are indeed happy, so it's easy to relate that expression to our human smiles.

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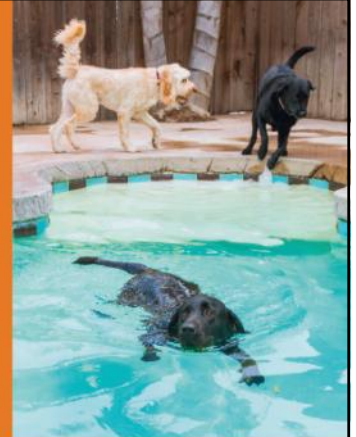
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The phrase "raining cats and dogs" originated in 17th Century England. During heavy downpours of rain, many of these poor animals unfortunately drowned and their bodies would be seen floating in the rain torrents that raced through the streets. The situation gave the appearance that it had literally rained "cats and dogs" and led to the current expression.



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BUDDY

Buddy was a female German Shepherd who was trained in Switzerland as one of the first seeing eye dogs. She was given to Morris Frank in 1928, the first blind American to partner with a seeing eye dog. Frank, along with dog trainer Dorothy Harrison Eustis, brought the seeing eye dog program to the United States and created The Seeing Eye, the first training facility in the world for seeing eye dogs. With Buddy by his side guiding the way, Frank pushed for passage of laws allowing service dogs to have public access and these became the basis for the landmark American with Disabilities Act.

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FUN TRIVIA

- *The last wolf in Yellowstone Park was killed in 1926. In 1995, wolves were reintroduced and after just ten years, approximately 136 wolves now roam the Park in about 13 wolf packs.
- *While the Chow Chow dogs are well known for their distinctive blue-black tongues, they're actually born with pink tongues. They turn blue-black at 8-10 weeks of age.
- *The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was formed in 1866.
- *Those beautiful peacocks, distinguished by their crested head, brilliant plumage, and long spotted back feathers, are always males.
- *An albatross can sleep while it flies. It apparently dozes while cruising at 25 mph.
- *If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate, and their puppies could produce over 66,000 dogs in 6 years! (so let's spay & neuter).
- *The U.S has the highest dog population in the world. France has the 2nd highest.
- *Although they can rotate their head nearly 180 degrees, owls cannot move their eyes.
- *In 1789, the bald eagle became the national emblem and mascot of the United States of America.
- *Did you know there are roughly 1,500 species of geckos? Though their size and shape vary, there are a few things all geckos have in common, like their super-powered tails! A gecko's tail stores fat that it can use for energy when food is scarce.



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Who was Hollywood's first dog star?

The first dog to have a major role in a Hollywood film was Blair, a collie who played the title role in "Rescued by Rover" in 1905 and was so popular that 'Rover' became a popular dog name for many years!

SILLY JOKES

Talking Dog For Sale
 A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in. "So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog. "I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home." The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?" The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"



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QUIZ

1. A dog named King Tut helped which U.S. President get elected?
2. What is the official state dog of Texas?
3. At what age is a cat no longer considered a kitten?
4. What is the most notable feature of a pelican?
5. What is the scientific name for a Dolphin?
6. In Rome, which animal is protected under the law?

Answers:

1. Herbert Hoover. 2. Blue Lacy. 3. 1 year.
4. It's Bill. 5. Tursiops truncatus. 6. Cat.

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Did you know . . . !

Many terriers were originally bred to kill rats and other vermin. You may hear some terrier breeds called "ratters." The name of the terrier usually tells where he's from: the Manchester Terrier, the Norfolk Terrier, the Welsh Terrier, and so on, all indicate places where these terriers worked and were bred.

BIRD TRIVIA

*Many birds have pigment glands that deposit colors on their eggs as they pass through the mother's oviduct. In the case of the American robin, the eggs are an eye-catching blue. Normally, a robin will lay three to five eggs per clutch. It takes about two weeks to incubate the eggs. The mother robin will spend most of her time sitting on the nest, but the male bird may occasionally sit on the eggs to give her a break. After hatching, the young robins will remain in the nest for about fifteen days.

*Birds like flycatchers, warblers, egrets and herons can move back slightly using the fluttering method, but the only bird that can actually fly backwards without relying on the wind is the amazing hummingbird.

All cats need Taurine in their diet to avoid blindness. Taurine is an essential amino acid in cats. They must have fat in their diet as they are unable to produce it on their own.

Best Reprising Cat Performance
"The Hunger Games" Series

In the 2012 movie series, "The Hunger Games" cat, **Buttercup** survived her share of nine lives, and then some. With a starring role in all four films, she gave Jennifer Lawrence a run for her money as the greatest survivor of the Capitals. "The Hunger Games" used numerous felines to portray Buttercup and her varying moods. **John** was the warrior cat. **Orion** was the loving, mellow one. American Humane had the pleasure of working with all the cats and made sure they were always acclimated to the locations and weather conditions before shooting. For example, in the scenes that had rain, production used extra warm water and the cats got a complete towel drying before being placed in a heated tent. Congratulations to Buttercup for performing the role of nine lifetimes.

PAW-SCOPES

DOGS

Often maturing later in life, your dog may find it difficult to be apart from loved ones. You can depend on them to be included in everything you do. Not an outdoor dog, unless that activity includes swimming. He or she would prefer nestling right on your lap or snuggled by your side instead, especially during this quarantine time.

CATS

Your cats love their toys and the corner toy box you provide for them, but the minute you try to change something, expect retaliation with some bad results. And don't even think of throwing that old beat up mouse away because they will be very disappointed when it suddenly disappears from the spot they call their own. Be warned!

Did You Know . . . !

J.K. Rowling may be able to invent massive worlds filled with myth and magic, but it looks like her pets have a better idea of a proper work-life balance than she does. Rowling is known to have at least two dogs, a Jack Russell terrier named Butch and a rescued greyhound named Sapphire and they all live in Scotland.

How many dogs are in the World?

Although around the world many families keep dogs as pets, the majority of the world's dogs are free-range. In 2012, the total population of dogs in the world was estimated to be about 525 million. Today that number is estimated to be at **900 million**.

Did You Know . . . !

- *Rats laugh when tickled.
- *Dolphins have names for each other.
- *Puffins mate for life. They make their homes on cliff sides and set aside room for their toilet.
- *Butterflies taste with their feet.
- *Seahorses mate for life, and when they travel, they hold each others' tails.
- *Crows are so intelligent they can play pranks on each other.



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10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT DOGS



1

DOGS DON'T ONLY SEE IN BLACK AND WHITE - THEY CAN ALSO SEE BLUE AND YELLOW



2

PUPPIES HAVE 28 TEETH AND NORMAL ADULT DOGS HAVE 42



3

DOGS'S EYES CONTAIN A SPECIAL MEMBRANE, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO SEE IN THE DARK



6

DOGS CAN HEAR ABOUT 4 TIMES THE DISTANCE OF A HUMAN



5

DOGS CAN RECOGNIZE MORE THAN 150 WORDS



4

DOGS' SENSE OF SMELL IS 10,000 TIMES STRONGER THAN HUMANS



7

DOGS CURL UP IN A BALL WHEN THEY SLEEP BECAUSE OF AN AGE-OLD INSTINCT TO PROTECT THEIR VITAL ORGANS



8

DOGS HAVE ABOUT 1,700 TASTE BUDS, BUT CATS ONLY 473



9

A ONE YEAR OLD DOG IS AS MATURE, PHYSICALLY, AS A 15 YEARS OLD HUMAN



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HORSE TRIVIA



HORSE QUIZ

The horse has served man well in various roles -- in war, hunting and sport. They also figure prominently in mythology and literature.

Take this quiz and learn more about these magnificent creatures.

Q: What is a centaur?

A: In Greek mythology the centaur was a creature with the upper torso of a man and the body and legs of a horse.

Q: What is the best known horse in literature?

A: Black Beauty by Anna Sewell.

Q: What is a species of Wild Horse?

A: Nicolai Przewalski found the only species of wild horse in Central Asia in 1881 and so it was named Przewalski's horse. The Mustang of Wild West fame is descended from domesticated horses that escaped.

Q: What was Pegasus?

A: Pegasus is one of the best known creatures in Greek mythology. He is a winged divine stallion usually depicted as pure white in color. He was sired by Poseidon, in his role as horse-god, and foaled by the Gorgon Medusa.

Q: To what use is horse hair put?

A: The hair from the mane and tail is or was used for stuffing furniture.

Horse Trivia

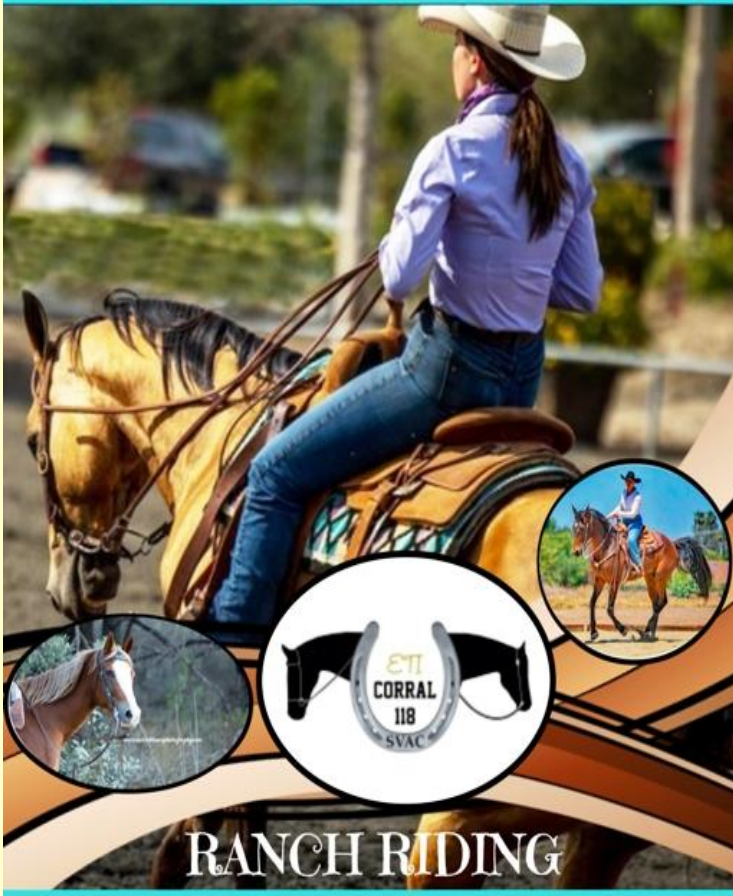
Pie, The Hollywood Horse

One of James Stewart's favorite stories of his film career concerned his horse, Pie, a sorrel stallion whom Stewart called, "One of the best co-stars I ever had." Pie appeared as Stewart's horse in 17 Westerns, and the actor developed a strong personal bond with the horse. Pie was very intelligent, Stewart recalled, and would often "act for the cameras when they were rolling. He was a ham of a horse." When shooting the climax of "The Far Country," the script called for Stewart's horse to walk down a dark street alone, with no rider in the saddle, to fool the bad guys who were waiting to ambush Stewart. Assistant Director John Sherwood asked Stewart if Pie would be able to do the scene. Stewart replied, "I'll talk to him." Just before the cameras rolled, Stewart took Pie aside and whispered to the horse for several minutes, giving him instructions for the scene. When Stewart let the horse go, Pie walked perfectly down the middle of the street, to his trainer who was waiting with a sugar cube just out of camera range. He did the scene in one take. When Pie died in 1970, Stewart arranged to have the horse buried at his California ranch.

Did you know . . . !

There are many crazy horse laws, including one in Bluff, Utah, where an unmarried woman could be jailed for riding a horse on Sundays. And in several cities throughout the United States, newly married men were not allowed to ride alone, unless he had been married longer than 12 months.

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Is Your Dog Office-Ready? Take Your Dog To Work Tips



**Take Your Dog To Work Day
June 23rd, 2023**

For those who are returning to work post-covid, [Pet Sitters International](#) has provided pet owners a few tips to ensure a successful office visit on Take Your Dog to Work Day:

Do an office check. No one will mind your dog being in the office, right? Well, maybe. Check with management and co-workers to see if anyone is allergic, afraid of or opposed to you bringing your dog to work on this special day. Be respectful of those you work with and plan an alternate celebration, if necessary.

Puppy-proof your work space. If you plan on working with your dog, make sure your office environment is safe. Remove poisonous plants, hide electrical cords and wires and secure toxic items such as correction fluid and permanent markers. Any office items in question should be placed out of paw's reach.

Make sure Fido is fit for work. Even dogs don't get a second chance to make a first impression. Be sure your dog's shots are current. Make plans to have your dog bathed and groomed before accompanying you to work. Be mindful of your dog's "work-readiness." You know your dog's demeanor, so if he is aggressive or overly shy, it's best to leave him at home. Consider how your dog has behaved in the past around strangers before making the decision to bring him – if your dog has shown fear, irritability or aggression, or if your dog has never met strangers, the workplace is not the best place for him.

Prepare a doggie bag. Include food, treats, bowls, toys, leash, paper towels, clean-up bags and pet-safe disinfectant. If you are routinely in and out of your work space, consider bringing a baby gate for your doorway or a portable kennel for your dog's comfort and your peace of mind.

Plan your pet's feeding times carefully.

During an important sales call is probably not the best time for a puppy potty break. Plan your dog's feeding time around your work schedule and be sure to choose an appropriate area for your dog to relieve himself afterward.

Avoid forcing co-workers to interact with your dog.

Dog lovers will make themselves known. Sally from accounting and Joe in human resources may not want to play fetch or offer belly rubs, so be mindful of fellow employees' time and space. To avoid pet accidents, monitor the amount of treats your pet is being given from your co-workers. Remember that chocolate, candy and other people food should not be shared with dogs and that not all non-dog owners will be aware that these items can be very toxic to your pooch.

Have an exit strategy. Although most dogs enjoy Take Your Dog to Work Day, your pet may not. Should your dog become overly boisterous, agitated or withdrawn, consider taking him or her home or plan in advance for your professional pet sitter to offer a midday check-in visit. Never, under any circumstance, leave your pet alone in a vehicle while you work.





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Pivot Educational Outreach	805-889-4800	Ventura County
Riley's Rescue	805-490-9922	Thousand Oaks
Rosie's Rescue	805-330-1401	Ventura
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Surfcat Café & Adoptions	805-500-7125	Ventura
The Little Angels Project	818-515-5461	Agoura Hills
The Purrmaid Cafe	805-419-6116	Camarillo
Valley Cats, Inc	818-883-5252	Westlake Village
Ventura Co. Animal Services	805-388-4341	Camarillo/SV





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Greenland Sled Dog – 9,500 years old

Although not recognized as a breed by the AKC, the **Greenland sled dog** has a similar appearance to the Husky and Alaskan Malamute. Genetically speaking, however, it's very different, having adapted to "eating a very high-fat diet, running and pulling sleds in a low-oxygen environment, and the ability to highly regulate their body temperatures."



In this sense, they are more closely related to the dog discovered in Zhokhov and, unlike other dog breeds, show no signs of interbreeding with the gray wolf in the past 9,500 years.



According to researchers, the fact that **Greenland sled dogs** lack the genetic adaptations other breeds have made to cope with diets heavy in sugar and starch "emphasizes that sled dogs and Arctic people have worked and adapted together for more than 9,500 years."

Since 2018, however, the **Greenland sled dog** has seen a dramatic population decline that could lead to extinction. Climate change has made traditional hunting methods ineffectual and caused a decline in available food sources. At the same time, epidemics of parvovirus and distemper have destroyed many subpopulations.

A strong, willful, and muscular dog, the **Greenland sled dog** has spent thousands of years working with humans – let's hope something can be done to ensure it carries on for many more to come.

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