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## Curiosities



## What Do You Know About Dogs?



An adult dog has 42 teeth.

Dogs do see in color but not as well as humans.

About one-third to one-half of homes in America have a dog. Homes with dogs number about 43 million.

The most popular names for dogs are Bella, Max, Buddy, Lucy, and Daisy.



Newborn puppies can not see or hear and have no teeth.

The poodle is an accomplished swimmer; its distinctive haircut was originally meant to cover its joints and keep them warm.



Two breeds of dog have black tongues, the chow chow and the shar-pei. All other dogs have pink tongues.



The fastest dog is the greyhound, which can run up to 45 miles per hour.



The only dog that does not bark is the basenji.

Most domestic dogs can run up to 19 miles per hour.



Puppies should be fed three or four times per day; food should be left out for 5 to 10 minutes at a time. Older dogs can be fed twice a day.



The top five favorite dog breeds are Labrador retriever, German shepherd, golden retriever, beagle, and bulldog.



By twitching its ears, a dog can detect the origin of sound in 6/100 of a second.



A group of puppies is a litter; a group of dogs is a kennel or pack.

The oldest known dog was Bluey, an Australian cattle dog from Victoria, who lived to be 29 years, 5 months old. Most dogs live for 8 to 15 years.



Dogs sweat through the pads of their feet, not by salivating.

## All About Cats



A group of kittens is a kindle; a group of cats is a clowder.

Kittens up to 4 months old may need to be fed three times per day; older cats, twice a day. Some cat owners leave food out continuously, but if the food is wet and spoils, the cat will not eat it.



All cats are born with blue eyes.

At night, cats see about six times better than humans.

Cats seldom "meow" at each other; they make that sound for humans.



Cats can see color.

To help them hold prey in their mouth, cats have tiny backward hooks called papillae on their tongue.

The oldest known cat was Creme Puff of Austin, Texas, who lived to be 38 years, 3 days old.



There are about 40 different breeds of domestic cats. The most popular breed of pedigreed cat is the Persian.

## Dogs and Cats Have These Things in Common

Both dogs and cats usually have four to six babies (puppies or kittens) in a litter.

Dogs can donate their blood to other dogs, and cats can donate to other cats.

Chocolate is poisonous to both dogs and cats.