



ALL ABOUT DOGS

Run, wag, and play with the
best friends on four paws!

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MEET THE DOGS!

Woof! Woof! Do you hear that cheerful sound? Dogs are kind, playful animals that stay close to their families. They may be big or small, but every dog makes a wonderful friend!





WHAT DOGS ARE LIKE

Dogs are **mammals** with soft fur, wagging **tails**, and sharp teeth for chewing food. They can run quickly, bark loudly, and use their strong senses to explore. Dogs belong to the **Canidae** family, with cousins like wolves and foxes.



WHERE DOGS LIVE

Dogs live almost everywhere in the world! Pet dogs live with people in homes, farms, and cities. Some dogs live and work outdoors, helping farmers or rescuers. Wild dogs, like dingoes and wolves, live in forests, deserts, or mountains.

FROM PUPPY TO DOG

A mother dog gives birth to **puppies**, usually in a cozy, quiet spot. Puppies are born with their eyes closed. They drink their mother's milk and grow fast. As they get older, they learn to walk, run, and play—and soon become loyal adult dogs.



HOW DOGS COMMUNICATE

Dogs communicate in many ways! They bark, growl, whine, or wag their tails to show how they feel. A wagging **tail** often means a happy dog, while a growl warns others to stay away. They also use their noses to smell and learn about the world around them.



DINNERTIME FOR DOGS

Dogs are **omnivores**, which means they can eat both meat and plants. Pet dogs eat dog food made with meat, grains, and vegetables. Wild dogs hunt animals like rabbits or deer. All dogs need fresh water every day!





FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Dogs are **pack** animals—they love company! They enjoy being with their family, whether that's other dogs or their human owners. They show love by wagging, licking, or snuggling close.





HELPING HUMANS

Dogs are more than pets—they're helpers, too! Guide dogs help people who are blind, police dogs help find clues, and **rescue dogs** help people during emergencies. Some dogs even visit hospitals to cheer people up!

DID YOU KNOW?

- A dog's nose print is as unique as a human fingerprint.
- Dogs can hear sounds four times farther away than people can.
- The world's fastest dog is the greyhound—it can run up to 70 kilometers per hour!



QUESTION TIME!

1. (True or False) Dogs are reptiles.
2. (True or False) Dogs use their tails to show how they feel.
3. (True or False) Puppies drink milk from their mother.
4. (Fact or Opinion) Dogs have fur and tails.
5. (Fact or Opinion) Dogs are the best pets in the world.
6. How do dogs help people?
7. How do dogs communicate?
8. Where do wild dogs live?
9. What do dogs eat?
10. What do you like most about dogs?



ANSWERS



1. False. Dogs are mammals, not reptiles.
2. True. They wag or lower their tails to show their feelings.
3. True. Puppies drink their mother's milk until they can eat solid food.
4. Fact. Dogs really do have fur and tails.
5. Opinion. "Dogs are the best pets in the world" is what someone thinks or feels.
6. They help people by guiding, guarding, or rescuing them.
7. Dogs communicate by barking, wagging their tails, and using body language.
8. Wild dogs live in forests, deserts, or grasslands.
9. Dogs eat meat, vegetables, and special dog food.
10. Answers will vary—some might say playing fetch, cuddling, or going for walks!



GLOSSARY

Canidae – the animal family that includes dogs, wolves, foxes, and coyotes

Mammal – a warm-blooded animal with fur that feeds its babies milk

Omnivore – an animal that eats both plants and meat

Pack – a group of dogs or wolves that live and work together

Puppy – a baby dog

Rescue dog – a dog trained to help people during emergencies

Tail – the part of a dog's body it uses for balance and communication



FUN WITH DOGS

Q: Why did the dog sit in the shade?

A: Because he didn't want to be a hot dog!