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## 52 Fascinating Dog Facts



6♠ 6th sense?



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Dogs react to and perceive different things in the environment. They often sense earthquakes and storms before they happen; illness in people such as cancer or diabetes; when a woman is pregnant; and the onset of labor or a seizure. Dogs sense fear, anger and many other human emotions.

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3♦ 3 Genetically diverse species



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The vast array of dog breeds surpasses any other creature on the planet making dogs the single most genetically diverse species on Earth. This is largely due to human-imposed selective breeding, which also results in significant genetic disorders like hip dysplasia in German Shepherds for example.

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9♦ 9 Poodle pom-poms?



The Poodle's "haircut" was intended to improve their swimming abilities. The pom-poms were left to keep their joints warm! Unlike most dogs which have double coats, poodles have a single layer coat (with no undercoat) composed of dense, curly fur that sheds minimally making them virtually hypoallergenic.

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K♣ K Famous dogs



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Rin Tin Tin was the first Hollywood dog star... and he really signed his movie contracts—all 22 of them—with a pawprint. 🐾 In the 1939 film adaptation, *The Wizard of Oz*, Toto was played by a female brindle terrier named Terry and was paid more than the human actors at \$125 per week.

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5♣ 5 Oldest dog on record



Ageing varies according to a dog's adult size, with smaller dogs outliving their giant counterparts by two times. The oldest known dog was a Beagle-Dachshund-Terrier cross named Max who lived to be 29 yrs, 262 days. Mixed breeds have an average life expectancy of 13.2 yrs in the Western world.

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7♥ 7 Canine companions



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Dogs in the same family often share a strong bond. But canine companionship can extend to other animals sparking some surprising inter-species relationships, like those between dogs and dolphins, rats, deer, geese, and all sorts of play pals. A nursing dog will even adopt newborns from another species.

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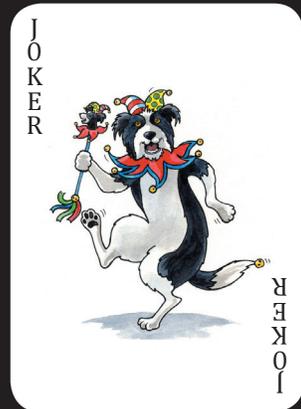
3♥ 3 Dog owners live longer



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Pets have a way of putting a smile on your face and a spring in your step. Not only do animals give you unconditional love, but they have been shown to be psychologically, emotionally, and physically beneficial. People who own dogs are likely to live longer and require less medical attention.

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