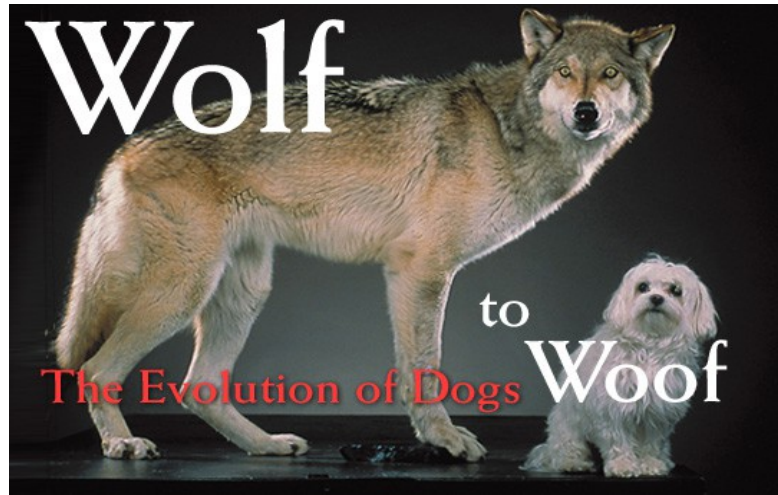


THE DOGGY CENTRAL

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Where do dogs come from? This is a much debated scientific question. One hypothesis is that the early man took the most kind-natured wolf puppies and raised them. Next, he mated them and repeated the process until he had breeds like the Husky, the Shikoku inu, the Samoyed, the Wolfhound, and the Tamaskan. However, lots of people do not believe that the early man would have been able to steal wolf pups without getting hurt because wolf pups were protected and guarded over very carefully by all the members of the pack. Another more believable theory is that the early man didn't steal wolf pups, but found orphaned wolf pups and then domesticated them. Still, there is uncertainty that first generation wolf pups would have been domesticated so quickly. It takes thousands of years to successfully domesticate an animal. Maybe you will find the answer someday.



Max Stiller's Secret Heartache

*A Spoof on Rita Skeeter's article in The Daily Prophet
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (p. 511)*

A dog like no other perhaps – yet a dog suffering the usual pangs of adolescence, writes *Meridian Stiller*. Deprived of love since the tragic demise of his parents, 5 year old Max Stiller thought he had found solace in his steady friend at “home.” Little did he know that he would be shortly suffering another emotional blow in a life already littered with personal loss... (Separation from Adrian, his previous owner.)

DOG DREAMS

Q: For years scientists have pondered this question: Do dogs dream¹?

A: You have probably seen what might be a dog dreaming: Spot suddenly barks, bares his teeth, growls, moves his paw, rolls over, etc. Many scientists say that there is evidence that dogs do dream. Some scientists using an electroencephalogram (EEG) have tested dogs' brain wave activity while asleep. Dogs, like humans, enter a period of deep sleep called rapid eye movement (REM). It is most likely that dogs dream during REM and involuntary movements take place. Due to research, scientists think it more likely that smaller dogs dream more. In 90 minutes, for example, a Maltese might dream nine times whereas a pit bull only once. It is also more likely to occur in puppies because they are processing a day's worth of new experiences.

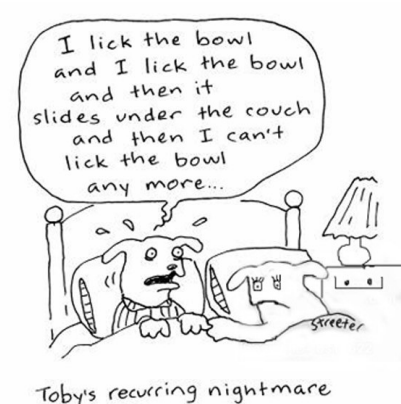


Let me just roll around in this grass!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR DOG IS HAVING A NIGHTMARE

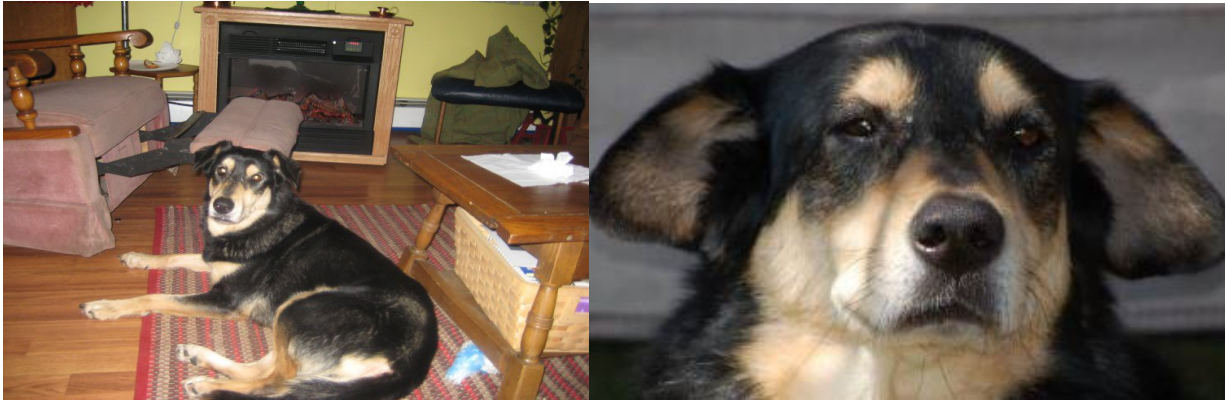
If you think your dog is having a nightmare, DON'T wake him up. You have no way of knowing if it is a nightmare or a good dream. If you've ever been woken up from a good dream you know that it is terrible! If Mrs. Dawn Stiller gets woken up from a nightmare, she likes to go back to sleep and find the dream. "I try to find the dream again so that I can make it better," she says.

It's just the same for dogs! So next time don't wake your dog up when he twitches in his sleep!



¹ "A series of thoughts, images, and sensations occurring in a dog's mind during sleep."

YOUR PET NEWS



My Dear Diamond

The moment I saw her I knew...
by Genevieve Cappucci

I adopted Diamond when she was seven years old. Her previous family was surrendering her. They were moving away and could not bring her with them. I wanted to get a smaller dog, **BUT** when I saw Diamond, it was love at first sight. She put her head in my lap, and I could tell she loved me too. The shelter needed to check my house and check my record and stuff like that, but it didn't take to long, at least. I took her home in about a week. She used to love taking walks. That is something I miss very much. Another thing I miss, is Diamond's kisses. At least I know she is up in heaven and looking down on me.



Who Let the Dogs Out?

Peter Stiller, a retired pastor who is learning (by doing) to be a farmer, suffered an unexpected injury when his a Great Dane got through the fence and started chasing the Stillers' goats. Mr. Stiller rushed out to try to stop the dog so that the goats would not go off their milk. While he was chasing the dog, he tripped, fell, and broke three bones in his ankle and had to have surgery! Thankfully he recovered and is okay! The Great Dane's owners obviously meant no harm but...

Lessons learned: Always close the gate all the way! Train your dog to sit and stay before you open any gates or doors!

EVERY THING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GUIDE DOGS!

Guide dogs have existed for a very long time. All over the world ancient scripts, scrolls, paintings, and books have depicted guide dogs in China, Ireland, Vienna, Britain, Germany and more. Ever since 79 AD people have trained guide dogs.

In Pompeii, the first signs of guide dogs were excavated: a wall painting of a dog walking an apparently blind man. In 1200, a scroll depicting a dog leading a blind man was found in China. In 1700s, a painting, “*Blind Man Crossing a Bridge,*” by Thomas Gainsborough, was created in England.

Dorothy Leib Harrison Wood Eustis was the founder of the first guide dog school, >The Seeing Eye<. For the first three years that it existed, The Seeing Eye had no permanent building, so trainers traveled to different buildings to train guide dogs. In 1931, Dorothy purchased a mansion in Morristown, New Jersey that had enough room to house people while they were learning to work with the dogs.



If you want to raise a guide dog, here are some choices:

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787
Toll-free: 1-800-548-4337 (within the US)
www.guidedog.org

Guiding Eyes for the Blind

611 Granite Springs Rd.
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Toll Free: 800-942-0149
www.guidingeyes.org

The Seeing Eye Inc.

10 Washington Valley Rd.
Morristown, NJ 07963
(973) 539-4425
<http://www.seeingeye.org/>



Dog Puzzle Toys

Do you ever leave the house to whines, yelps, barks and just pitiful looks? I know I have! If you have a sad, lonesome dog, you should consider a puzzle toy! They're fun, interactive, and creative. There are so many types and levels, too. If you're out of money you can make your own!

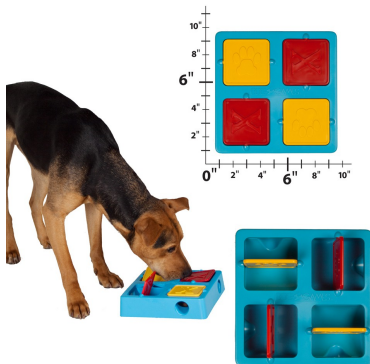
The Muffin Tin



A simple level one toy. Simply get a muffin tin, put treats in each hole, and put half Easter eggs over top. Instant puzzle toy. All your dog must do is lift an Easter egg!! Available for free at your own home.

If you feel your dog is at a higher level...

The Tic Tac and Twirl



A sort-of-simple level two toy. Flip the switch and get a treat! It's as simple as that. Available for \$8.69 at Target!

The Slide and Seek



A more complex level three toy. This is Zanies' Slide and Seek! Your dog can slide around switches, turn nobs, and get treats as a reward. It keeps them distracted as you go out the door! Available for \$21.89 at ValuePetSupplies.com.

The Tug a Jug



An extremely complex level four toy. Busy Buddies' Tug a Jug! Your dog must pull the rope *while* holding the bottle **or** hold the rope while pulling the bottle! Available for \$9.69 at Chewy.com.