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Dog Brains Process Voices & Emotions Just Like Humans, Study Finds

by Annie Sneed

You may snicker when you see dog owners talk to their pets as though they were human or view YouTube videos of dogs supposedly speaking English back to their owners, saying words like “banana” and “I love you.” And with good reason: although dogs have the capacity to understand more than 100 words, studies have demonstrated Fido can’t really speak human languages or comprehend them with the same complexity that we do. Yet researchers have now discovered that dog and human brains process the vocalizations and emotions of others more similarly than previously thought. The findings suggest that although dogs cannot discuss relativity theory with us, they do seem to be wired in a way that helps them to grasp what we feel by attending to the sounds we make.

To compare active human and dog brains, postdoctoral researcher Attila Andics and his team from MTA-ELTE Comparative Ethology Research Group in Hungary trained 11 dogs to lie still in an fMRI brain scanner for several six minute intervals so that the researchers could perform the same experiment on both human and canine participants. Both groups listened to almost two hundred dog and human sounds—from whining and crying to laughter and playful barking—while the team scanned their brain activity.

The resulting study, published in Current Biology today, reveals both that dog brains have voice-sensitive regions and that these neurological areas resemble those of humans.

Sharing similar locations in both species, they process voices and emotions of other individuals similarly. Both groups respond with greater neural activity when they listen to voices reflecting positive emotions such as laughing than to negative sounds that include crying or whining. Dogs and people, however, respond more strongly to the sounds made by their own species. “Dogs and humans meet in a very similar

social environment but we didn’t know before just how similar the brain mechanisms are to process this social information,” Andics says.

These striking similarities help clarify the timeline and stages of mammalian evolutionary history. Until now researchers had identified voice-sensitive brain regions only in humans and macaque monkeys, whose last common ancestor lived 30 million years ago. The last common ancestor of humans and dogs—a mammalian carnivore with a brain the size of an egg—existed around 100 million years ago. The canine finding thus suggests that the voice-sensitive brain regions in both species evolved at least that long ago, if not earlier. Other mammals on the same evolutionary branch as humans and hounds that also arose from that last mutual ancestor are likely share the same brain areas as well.

But dog owners might be most interested in what this study says about our special relationship with canine pets. Humans domesticated dogs somewhere between 18,000 and 32,000 years ago, and since then they have become people’s best friends, hunting partners, guards and even purse accessories. Andics thinks the parallel brain sensitivity to voices and emotions may account in part for our unique bond. “This similarity helps explain what makes vocal communication between dogs and humans so successful,” he says. “It’s why dogs can tune into their owners’ feelings so well.”

Turns out, people who talk to their poodles or golden retrievers aren’t so silly after all.

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The Critter Invasion That Can Make Your Pet's Life Miserable (Not Fleas)

By Dr. Becker

Dust mite allergies are extremely common among dogs and cats (and humans), but because house dust mites are microscopic, many pet owners think they couldn't possibly present much of a problem.

But the fact is when we decided to bring pets into our homes and onto our furniture and beds, we increased their exposure to these mites. Over time, our dogs and cats have become sensitized to the little critters just as we have.

House Dust Mites

Dermatophagoides farina and *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus*, more commonly known as dust mites, are found in materials like carpeting, upholstered furniture, mattresses, bedding, and cloth toys. They thrive in warm, moist air (the kind we exhale during sleep) and darkness — which is why they are often found in bedding. Their bodies are translucent.



Dust mites survive on a diet of dead skin, bacteria, fungi and viruses in the environment. They prefer to feed on the skin of hypersensitive (allergic) individuals because the lipids in their skin are different from those of non-allergic people.

What makes dust mites allergenic for pets and people is a protein found in their feces.

Symptoms of Dust Mite Allergies in Your Pet

Because house dust mites are a problem year-round, allergies to them tend not to be seasonal. However, they are known to be worse in the spring and fall.

From 30 to 80 percent of allergic dogs and cats test positive for dust mite sensitivity. Pets that once lived primarily outdoors can develop sensitivity after they've lived indoors for a period of time.

In dogs, signs of a dust mite allergy include bacterial skin infections; itching, especially around the face and on the feet;

recurrent ear inflammation or infections; and seborrhea (a red, itchy rash with white scales).

Kitties with a dust mite allergy may develop something called eosinophilic granuloma complex that results in skin lesions; itching; acne on the chin; recurrent ear inflammation or infections; and a disease of the foot pads called plasma cell pododermatitis, or "pillow foot."

Diagnosing and Treating Dust Mite Allergies

Your vet will look for a history that indicates your pet's condition is non-seasonal, and is not related to either food sensitivities or skin parasites. Next your dog or cat should be either skin or serum-tested for sensitivity to dust mites.

Once your pet has a confirmed diagnosis of dust mite allergy, I recommend first trying to rid his environment of mites. This is a bit of a challenge, because studies show the most effective method of treatment is to air out fabrics your pet is exposed to on either a hot, sunny or cold dry day for 12 hours, then vacuuming.

Other suggestions include:

- Switching to mattress covers made of micro-porous fabric ("dust mite" covers)
- Covering your pet's bed in a sheet that repels dust mites and washing it weekly
- Washing bedding in hot water at least monthly, or in cold water and tea tree oil
- Removing carpets from bedrooms
- Vacuuming all carpets and upholstery often (at least weekly) using a vacuum with a HEPA filter
- Steam cleaning mattresses, pet bedding and upholstered furniture

Many veterinarians recommend immunotherapy (allergy shots or under-the-tongue drops). This is a much safer option than immuno-suppressant drugs like cyclosporine or corticosteroids. I prefer to hold off on powerful drugs that shut down the immune system in favor of dealing with the animal's environment first, in conjunction with some other safe, common sense steps. These include regular foot soaks and bathing to wash

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Bouquets & Biscuits

* **GCH CH Abacus Profit Margin OA NAJ NF V-BJA** "Emmy" did it right – her weaves were perfect and she earned the last leg she needed for her OPEN STD Title on Saturday, February 15th, at the Rocky Mountain Cluster in Denver, CO with a Qualifying Clean Run that put her in 1st place for her class!!! Proud of my little 12 1/8th inch tall Miniature Schnauzer running in the 12 inch class - she did the 143 yards in 50.63 seconds - After you take out the 5 seconds that she was on the table, I think that is equivalent to 3 yards per second - over 6 mph per the MPH calculator I used. Standard course time was 66 Seconds. She was COOKING!!!!!! I was so happy with her all weekend - her weaves were 90% in all of her runs the three days we ran.

Linda Wahlquist-Soos

* **Carbor Call Of The Wild OA OAJ OF** (Am/Can CH Carbor Hot On The Trail x Am/Can CH Carbor Prim and Proper) earned his Open jumpers with weaves title on March 9, 2014 at the DOTCORNBY agility trial. Jack was bred by Carla Borrelli, is owned by Judy Russell and Carla Borrelli, and was handled by John Russell. Jack ran his course and finished his title in his usual spectacular fashion and celebrated afterwards (outside) with a very enthusiastic sing-a-long!

Black Ribbons

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of **Ch. Pendragon Hyspirits Batman Returns**. (Ch. Benaltas Batman X Ch. Pendragon's Give No Warning) Keaton was breeder owner handled to his championship. He was Bred and owned by B.J. Arczynski and Rebecca Manspeaker. Keaton was born 7/28/2005 he was put to rest 1/10/2014

RIP Moondreamer Dazzling Dakota. **ATChC Dakota Silver ExSt Silver EXJ Silver EXSc Bronze VBA PT CGC**We helped Dakota to the Rainbow Bridge today and our hearts are broken. He was my heart dog and took me on so many interesting journeys. My direction in life changed as I got involved in dog training classes, and everything to do with dogs. I had never heard of agility until an instructor asked if I wanted to sign up for a class. And the rest was history, as I became hooked on it after Dakota's first trial where he earned 2 titles. Agility was fun for him, and he excelled for many years. He also was a wonderful pet therapy dog for 11 years sharing his love of people and life. He was a most loving dog and always wanted to be with me. He has left a huge hole in my life, but he is now running free, healthy and happy.
Barbara Bell

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away allergens and soothe irritated skin; feeding a species-appropriate, anti-inflammatory diet; providing fresh, good quality drinking water; and avoiding over-vaccinating/over-medicating to insure your pet's immune system remains strong and resilient.

You can also consider investing in an air purifier to control dust mites, and switching to non-toxic cleaning agents to lessen your pet's overall toxic load.

Keep in mind it only takes a miniscule amount of dust mite allergen to create an allergic response in your dog or cat. So the more effective your mite eradication efforts, the more comfortable your allergic pet will be.



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Study claims dogs feel no shame

If you've ever scolded a dog for doing something it wasn't supposed to and it looked guilty - you know, the head down, ears back, worried eyes - well ... turns out that might all just be an act.

[Behaviorists at Texas A&M](#) suggest those puppy dog eyes are just a reaction to what they're owner is yelling at them about and they don't actually know what the big deal is. They simply lack shame and are thinking, "why is this human so upset?"

So all these [dogs being shamed online](#) aren't actually aware of the distress they've caused their owners? Well, they still make great photos anyway.

The next time your dog does something to make you crazy, experts suggest you just get over it and next time, don't leave those fuzzy slippers where they might become your pups next chew toy.

WHAT WILL YOU SAY?

After the college football championships the other week the winning QB gave an impromptu interview. Sort of. There were complaints he wasn't speaking English because it was so disjointed and inarticulate. But really? How many of us could do better under such circumstance? Even some Oscar acceptance speeches are pretty much incomprehensible. And those folk are used to being in front of the camera!

So what happens when we dog folk are suddenly faced with a camera and mike? Few of us are practiced public speakers. And it's not like we prepare speeches in case we win Best in Show at Westminster. But maybe we should (yeah, okay, I'll get right on that). But at least maybe we should all prepare a few go-to lines just in case we're the one approached as the random dog show exhibitor. Because from what I've seen, most of us aren't too good at impromptu.

It's hard to strike that balance between "crazy dog lady" who stages a ventriloquist act with her dog (OK, that might actually be kind of cool if his lips moved) and "butcher lady" who talks of her dogs like explaining cuts of beef.

Avoiding acting like crazy dog lady is not that hard. Just try to avoid acting like anyone in the *Best in Show* mockumentary film. Don't pretend your dog speaks, don't French kiss him and don't dress him in a fancier ensemble than you're wearing. Well, not on camera.

Avoiding acting like butcher lady seems to be tougher, judging from post-win interviews like these:

Interviewer: "What makes this dog so special?"

Handler: "He has the perfect tail set." (Plops the dog around to show his butt.) "And this correct head plane is something very difficult to breed." (Grabs his ears and pushes them back until his eyes threaten to pop out.)

Result? Maybe you were out to tell the few judges watching what your dog's strong points are (and who doesn't like a free ad?), but you've missed the rest of your audience. You reduced your dog to heads and tails, like something in a coin collection. And you've made it so any follow-up questions will produce even worse answers: "What else makes him great?" "His brisket!"



Better answers might include: "As far as a show dog, he not only meets the breed standard, but he can do what the breed was developed to do, and he loves being the center of attention. But what really makes him great is that he's a super companion...blah blah blah." Feel free to paraphrase, but consider aspects of your dog that viewers can appreciate and relate to. Answers like these open the door to better follow-up questions: What do you mean by breed standard? What

was the breed developed to do? What does he do at home?

Include details. "He plays ball with our children; he's gentle with people who are frail; he loves to do tricks..." Give examples; instead of saying, "He's a therapy dog" (because—yawn—we've heard it already) show us why. "He visits a woman with Alzheimer's who recognizes him, and nobody else...he just rests his head in her lap while she strokes him..." Of course—and this may seem obvious—don't make this stuff up, or just copy what I wrote! Make it real, and make it yours!

Next question...

Interviewer: "How do you keep him in condition when you're on the road?"

Handler: "We wash his tail fringes every day, and give him a complete bath on show days."

Result? You've reduced the idea of conditioning to hair. And made the whole show-dog thing sound like no fun. Because yeah, all dogs just love baths. What about his mental stimulation? Exercise?

Better Answers: "The same way we keep ourselves in condition! We take him for walks so he can see and sniff new places. We jog or play ball. We make sure he has lots of things to keep him occupied: toys, chews and we even teach him tricks. Plus he has a best doggy friend he likes to just hang with." Again, pick what pertains to your dog. And if none of this does, maybe rethink how you are treating your dog on the road.

Interviewer: "Why do you show dogs? What's it all about?"

Handler: "We're trying to breed the perfect specimen—the dog with perfect breed type and movement. We do this to improve the breed."

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Result? You sound like a eugenics snob who just sees dogs as breeding stock.

Better Answers: "I love the excuse of spending time with my dog—we get to travel, meet friends and if we're lucky, take some ribbons home to commemorate some special memories. I love this breed, and want to make sure we all get to enjoy them in the future, so we want to make sure the public sees what a great dog this is, and we want to make sure we produce the best ones we can. We want to make sure they can still do what they were bred to do." Think: Why DO you show dogs? What's special about your breed that justifies its existence? Probably not the tail set. Maybe it's an ancient breed, a living piece of history that traces back to Pharaohs. Maybe it's a breed that's still in use, unsurpassed in its niche. Maybe it's just darn cute.

Remember to avoid dog show jargon. Your dog isn't a special; he's a champion—no matter how special he is to you. Your female isn't a bitch; she's a female, or a girl. Even a gal. Because somehow saying, "This bitch is like our child to us" isn't all that convincing.

Watch your sound bites! If the interviewer asks, "Are show dogs healthy?" those of us who tend to see both sides may reply, "Well, closed gene pools and inbreeding can promote hereditary problems, as can certain physical features, but good breeders health test and take every precaution to avoid such problems, and they don't sacrifice health for ribbons" might be shortened by the non-dog-friendly press to just "Closed gene pools and inbreeding can promote hereditary problems..." Make your own sound bite ahead of time by deleting what could be used against you.

Not sure of your audience? Resist the urge to add spice to your quotes by talking about the slow-maturer who suddenly dropped a third testicle, the

hair weave that got snagged in the judge's rings, the dye that started running in the rain, or the judges caught accepting bribes. (Of course, if I happen to be interviewing you, please leave those in.)

And actually, if you can't be prepared, be boring—or absent. As somebody who often interviews others for a living, I hate to give this advice. But now that we've all seen what biased editing can do (yes, I'm speaking of last year's *Today* show piece) we've been warned. When possible, research the publication and interviewer before consenting. Think in sound bites; it's harder to ignore a pithy quote.

When it comes to visuals, treat your dog like a companion, not a show piece. So what that he won't hold his tail up? Stroking under the tail base during the interview isn't going to make your dog look happy, but it will make you look weird. Do not grab him by his testicles. Please. (See "crazy dog lady" above). Don't string him up by his lead for the interview; if he wants to move his head and sniff, well, he's a dog! Avoid picking him up by his chin (or lead) and tail whenever possible! Here's where it's handy to have a dog that knows a trick or two. If all else fails, get him to shake hands or speak!

But by far the most common interviewee mistake I see is one of being too friendly, because when we're nervous, we start petting the dog. That's fine in concept, but I've seen the poor dogs get petted and rubbed so much they're shedding like needles off a Christmas tree on Groundhog Day, and looked like they were ready to go Cujo any second if it didn't stop.

The point is to think of your audience. If you're talking to *ShowSight*, go ahead and talk about your bitch's ear set. But if you're on *The Today Show* talk about what makes your dog special in terms they'll understand. Think ahead, so you're not caught off-guard. Be yourself, be truthful, be interesting, be appealing—and be ready!

Of course, if I ever win Westminster, and the reporters ask me how I feel, I'm just going to say, "Uhhhhhh...Whaaaaa?" ■

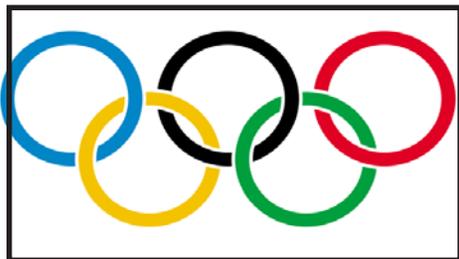
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Do As I Say, Not As I Do

by Susi on February 25, 2014 in Breeding, Competition, dog, dog fancy, dog show, Olympics, Westminster Kennel Club

Every four years, the Winter Olympics and Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show occur in the same month as it did just recently, and the juxtaposition of these two events reveals a curious hypocrisy on display by critics of dog shows. Vociferous in their disgust with competitions that reward beauty and soundness in purebred dogs, these same individuals apparently have no such problem with a sporting event that celebrates many of the same things, albeit in human achievement. For two weeks, they are awed (if not entertained) by the fastest, fittest, most accurate, most daring and most graceful of athletes from over 86 nations on earth. They pick favorites and root for the "home team," and I don't fault them.



Selective competition makes as much sense as being "a little" pregnant

A lot of us have a competitive nature that reveals itself even in mundane settings, from speeding up just a little when a car tries to pass us, to launching ourselves towards the shortest checkout line at the store. Few of us, however, have the talent, athleticism and determination to become the best in a given sport, and even critics of the dog fancy admire individuals in whom the gods have instilled the qualities of a champion.

But only if they're human.

The disconnect in logic is complete when one considers the objections made by these critics.

Dogmatic rescue zealots say that without dog shows, there would be greater demand for shelter dogs, and less of one for dogs that conform to breed standards. More to the taste of animal rights activists is if there'd be no market at all. Seeking perfection in dogs is admirable, but rarely achievable, as any dog fancier will tell you, and from the animal rights perspective,

it's to be vilified. Yet so many of these same critics admire a perfect score in gymnastics, bet on the over/under line in the Super Bowl, or tune in to American Idol;

A favorite objection of critics is that breed standards by which show dogs are assessed give the impression that purebred dogs are more desirable than mixed-breed dogs, but as I see it, this is an "apples versus oranges" comparison. Purebred dogs are purpose-bred dogs, mixed breeds are not. Long before the earliest dog shows judged only Pointers and Setters, sportsmen were arguing the attributes of their favorite hunting dog over tankards of ale in the local tavern. Value was placed on the best working dog, and dog shows became organized assessments of breeding stock since sportsmen recognized from their knowledge of horses that breed predictability was inherited. Certainly, dog shows have morphed into a bit of pageantry since those early days, but each breed must still meet a standard. How is one to assess a dog that *has* no "blueprint" because it is no particular breed – and why *would* we? Averageness has never been rewarded in the real world. A dog's unremarkable performance in the field was not going to be valued by a hunter, and "ordinary" doesn't cut it at the Olympics. If it was, either I misplaced my invitation to compete in the ladies' singles, or Team USA didn't welcome my mediocrity in a pair of figure skates.

Detractors have said that conformation shows lead to the breeding of dogs based solely upon appearance, but this is patently not true of ethical breeders dedicated to creating the next generation of dogs able to do the job their breed was intended to do. Some of these decriers have gone as far to say that dog shows promote eugenics.

Let's think about this.

The concept of eugenics seeks to improve the human race by controlling which people become parents, an offensive concept at the very least. When applied to canines, however, the charge is preposterous. Dogs aren't highly selective when it comes to breeding, whether it's the wench next door, a wolf, or a dog born with three legs. **Of course** breeders are going to select breeding stock, it's what ethical

breeders **do**. They screen for health, select for type, study pedigrees, and weigh the "intangibles" that a dog can offer the next generation.

In a twisted variation of the eugenics concept, some countries select future Olympians when they're scarcely out of preschool **not** because the child shows a passion for a sport, but because a child is built for it. Wait, isn't that what dog breeders have been accused of? Rather than castigate the policies of these countries, however, some of our critics gush over the progress made by countries that couldn't field a team just twenty years ago. How do our critics *think* these countries did it?

One multiple gold medalist from the 2012 Summer Olympics revealed that she was identified as a potential champion as a kindergartener. With her impossibly wide shoulders, huge round calves, long limbs and extremely large hands, the selection committee took one look at her and decided her future based on her appearance. She was a swimmer.

She was taken away from her parents and placed in a tough training camp where she was known by a number instead of her name. She swam for hours in a vacuum contraption, ate not what she wanted but what would build muscle, and skipped over a childhood most of us take for granted.

By comparison, most show dogs have a charmed life, and yet the absence of "a normal life" in pursuit of a show ribbon is another charge made by critics of dog shows. How many of these critics have traveled with an exhibitor or actually known a show dog? Dogs won't "sparkle" unless they love what they're doing, and mediocre dogs don't win.

The Olympics, Super Bowl, March Madness and even American Idol are popular because I believe we inherently love excellence and determine it through competition. The dog world is no different, and those who vilify the process of how future parents of the next generation of a breed are evaluated would do well to examine their own hypocrisy.

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NEW APPLICANTS

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Susan currently owns two Miniature Schnauzers. She is not a breeder. She has been involved in conformation for two years, agility for sixteen years and obedience for eighteen years. Susan attends approximately 25 events per year. She belongs and has served as President of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan. She has also served as Vice President, Education Chairman and Board Member. Susan is interested in Obedience and Agility. She enjoys competing in Obedience and Agility with her Mini's and states that she's also competed in Lure Coursing and Earthdog events. Susan says that she's recently begun showing her youngest Mini in conformation and that she looks forward to learning from other members.

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Brian had his first Miniature Schnauzer 22 years ago and has been breeding for the past 8 years. He also owns a Giant Schnauzer. He is a breeder and has had five litters in the last five years. His stud dog has been used 5 times. Brian has been involved in conformation for 22 years, breeding for 8 years and obedience for 2 years (Brian bred GSP and Shelties since 1993, but now just breeds Mini's). In the past year, they have not attended many events as they have had two litters and stayed home to raise them. In the past, they have attended shows each month, if not more per month. Brian and Colin belong to the Canadian Kennel Club, the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada, Brian is past President and has been Show Chair for the Comox Valley Kennel Club from 2002-2007. Brian is a business owner and Colin is an RN. They are interested in Newsletter, Electronic Media, Legislative

Issues, Awards/Trophies, Education, Ethics and Health. They enjoy spending free time with their dogs and travelling to shows together. They have decided that they want to spend more time in the States showing their dogs in the future and wish to be members of the AMSC. Brian has been a club president for 8 years as well as a show chair and will also be starting the process to get his judges license. Colin is a hard worker who is always willing to help even over distance. They believe these skills would be helpful to the AMSC.

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Michael has owned many Miniature Schnauzers over the years, too many years to list, he says. He is a breeder and has had ten litters in the last five years. He has been involved in conformation for 69 years and Judging for 15 years. He has gone to approximately six events in the past year due to ill health. Michael belongs to Dogs Queensland, he is a life member of the UK Kennel Club (69 years), he is a past President of Schnauzer Club N.S.W, and past President of Schnauzer Club Queensland. Michael is retired and is interested in Newsletter, Education and Health. He has shown and bred dogs since the age of 7 - Miniature Schnauzers since 1960 in UK - since 1966 in Australia.

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Christopher has four Miniature Schnauzers. He is not a breeder. He is involved in agility and attends approximately seven events per year. He belongs to Calcasieu Kennel Club of Lake Charles, LA. Charles works as a financial advisor for New York Life. He says he is very active with his dogs and training them for agility. He enjoys training, raising and grooming them to perfection. He is a self employed father of two boys who will eventually handle his dogs with him.

Dr. Mary K. Summers

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Mary has two dogs. She is not a breeder. She has participated in conformation for 25 years, breeding 20 (she no longer breeds, she used to breed Newfoundlands), obedience 6 years and agility 4 years. Mary attends approximately 50+ events per year. She does not belong to any clubs at this time, but she used to be a member of the Newfoundland Club of America for 20 years. Mary is a retired Clinical Psychologist. She is interested in Newsletter, Education, Obedience, Agility and Health. Mary says she has time available and is willing to support others and work in the background.

Overheating Can Cause Your Dog's Agonizing Death within Minutes – Yet It's Entirely Avoidable

- Estimates are that hundreds of dogs will suffer a slow, excruciating and entirely preventable death from heatstroke this summer.
- One of the primary causes of heatstroke in pets is being left unattended in a parked vehicle on a hot day. Don't leave your own pet in a hot car, and if you see any animal unattended in a parked vehicle, you should immediately notify a store employee, mall security, animal control or the police.
- Symptoms of overheating in dogs include panting, excessive thirst, bright or dark red tongue and gums, elevated body temperature, staggering, and collapse. Some dogs are at greater risk of heatstroke than others, including brachycephalic breeds, seniors, puppies, and dogs with chronic health conditions.
- If your dog's body temperature gets to 109°F or higher, heatstroke sets in. Within a matter of minutes the cells of the body start to die. The brain swells, ulcers develop in the GI tract, and irreversible kidney damage occurs.
- Tips to prevent overheating in your dog include providing fresh, clean drinking water at all times, getting long haired dogs a short summer cut, keeping pets indoors once the temperature reaches 90°F, and exercising your dog during the coolest part of the day.



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