

Dogs

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I learned a lot about dogs. One thing I learned was that dogs were probably the first animals to ever live with people. Did you know that dogs are in the wolf family? Dogs that live with people go back about 15,000 years. WOW! That is a long time ago!

Dogs do a lot of things. Dogs can hunt, herd animals, pull loads, protect people, help police and military, be a friend and help people who are blind. I learned that in 2001, there were 400 million dogs in the world. WOW! That is a lot of dogs!! Do you know how long a dog sleeps? A dog sleeps about 10 hours a day.

I learned a lot about taking care of a dog. I learned to feed a dog twice a day. I also learned that the crunchy dog food helps keep the dog's teeth and gums healthy. Did you know that dog's don't care if they eat the same food every

single day? They don't get bored with eating the same old thing.

I also learned about how to get a dog to do tricks. Did you know that having a dog learn tricks helps the dog learn to listen? It's not just for fun! When you are teaching a dog a trick, you should use words like, "good boy", "good job", "good girl" and "good dog". You should also use small treats. Be sure to only practice tricks for a few minutes because you don't want your dog to get bored, get a tummy ache from too many treats, or get tired. There are all kinds of different tricks that you can teach a dog. Tricks keep dogs alert and makes them have energy, just like 1st graders!

I really enjoyed learning about dogs. I wanted to learn about dogs because I have a dog. My dog's name is Murphy. He is a Shih

Zhu. He is 13 years old. He sleeps WAY more than 10 hours. I guess he is old! I sure love him!



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