



August is traditionally called the “dog days of summer” because it is the hottest and muggiest month of the summer season. We’re putting a more positive spin on the dog days of summer and decided August is the perfect month to celebrate our canine friends. How well do you know your dog?

Do You Speak Dog?

1. You catch your dog doing something you don’t want him to, and you yell at him. Your dog is not making eye contact with you. His lips are pulled back and his ears are flat against his head. He turns his head away from you and licks his lips when you approach. What is your dog expressing?

- a. Stubbornness
- b. Fear
- c. Guilt
- d. Submission



2. You meet a strange dog. He snarls at you with his hackles (the hair on his back) raised. His tail is held low and stiff, and his ears are laid back. What is this dog saying?

- a. I am angry.
- b. I am afraid and will run away.
- c. I am afraid and may bite or run.
- d. I am the boss and I am going to bite you.



3. Your dog is chattering his teeth. What is he saying?

- a. I am cold.
- b. I smell a dog in heat.
- c. I am hungry.
- d. I am feeling carsick.

4. Your dog faces you, panting. He bows down on his front legs with his tail wagging quickly. He barks in a high-pitched voice. What is he saying?

- a. Play with me!
- b. I want some food.
- c. I am frustrated.
- d. I need to go outside.

5. You ask your dog to stay and then walk away. Your dog yawns. What is he saying?

- a. I am bored.
- b. I am nervous.
- c. I am tired.
- d. I need a walk.

6. A dog you don’t know comes up to you and takes your hand in his mouth without biting it. What is he saying?

- a. I want some food.
- b. Hello!
- c. If you move, I’ll bite you.
- d. I am worried.

7. You approach a puppy that you just caught urinating on the floor. He rolls over on his back and urinates again. What is he saying?

- a. I will pee where I please.
- b. I am not housebroken.
- c. I am submissive.
- d. I am spiteful. I did it on purpose.

8. You are teaching your dog something new. After a bit of work, he scratches at his neck. You are sure he doesn’t have any fleas. Why is he scratching?

- a. He needs a break.
- b. He is being stubborn.
- c. He is itchy.
- d. He wants to pull his collar off.

