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Second That Emotion by Tracy Vogel,

You're lying on the couch, and the dog insists on being up there with you. It's a small couch, and a big dog, and he doesn't quite fit. But that doesn't matter to him. He crams himself into whatever space he can find, various parts hanging off into empty air, and rests his head on your chest, gazing up into your face. You look at him, and his tail sweeps against the cushions, thumping out an adoring rhythm.

You've been away for a few days, and a friend has been checking on your cat—making sure the water bowl was filled, the litter box cleaned out. You return—but you can't find the cat. You search the house, and finally, just as you're getting nervous, the cat wanders into the open. She sits and looks at you, then casually gets up and walks away without so much as a greeting. You are being shunned.

Does your dog love you? Is your cat angry with you? Does your horse mope when you're away? Is your parrot apologetic about screaming during your phone conversations?

Whether animals have feelings, emotions, is a matter of debate for scientists, comparative psychologists and behaviorists. For the pet owner, it seems obvious. Of course your animal loves you. You see it in its eyes. But that's based on your feelings, your assumptions, rather than fact. "Most of what we know about human emotion comes from asking people: 'How do you feel,'" said Dr. Thomas Zentall, professor of psychology at the University of Kentucky. "You can't do that with an animal."

It's the complication that everyone cites—those who are convinced animals have emotional lives, and those who aren't convinced at all. You can't know for sure, because you simply can't ask. You can only judge by comparing what you see with your experiences as a human being.

"The only way they have to express their feelings is through their body language," said Paula Kamrath, program coordinator for the Center to Study Human-Animal Relationships and Environments at the University of Minnesota. Ms. Kamrath also works with golden retriever therapy dogs—visiting nursing homes with the animals to help patient morale. She recalled one Alzheimer's patient, Elmer, who was always particularly happy to see her dog, Cooper.

One day they walked into the room. Elmer was sitting on the edge of the bed. Cooper, without prodding, walked up to him and rested his head on his lap. The man started to cry and looked up at Ms. Kamrath, tears in his eyes. "He said, 'I know there's a God in heaven when I see you and that dog walk in the door.'"

Ms. Kamrath uses the example to illustrate the dog's sensitivity—the way it picked up and understood the man's feelings, the way it chose to express its affection. But animal emotions aren't so simple to pin down. For example, said Dr. Zentall, who studies animal learning and cognitive behavior, you place an animal in a box. It can press a bar to open the box and return to an area that contains other animals of its kind. It does so, and you might infer that it wasn't happy where it was. But you can't say for sure that the animal was experiencing loneliness the way people would experience loneliness. A dog can growl and bite—but it isn't necessarily doing it out of anger. A predator can attack, but that doesn't mean it carries a grudge against the prey.

It's easy to end up pinning the wrong interpretation on an animal's behavior, re-

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Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota’s Mission Statement

Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota is the Minnesota chapter of a national non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing and also younger greyhounds that haven’t been successful at various tracks throughout the country. We also take great pride in educating and informing the public that retired racers make excellent, loving pets.

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Welcome to Our New Board Members!

As a lot of you are aware these last few weeks we had been accepting proposals for new board members. Then the ballots went out and the vote was on. The voting closed on December 1st, 2000. Huge thanks to all who offered to become board members!

Some of the people running for the board were volunteers interested in returning to help out for another two year stint. These would be:

Bruce Krautbauer (current President), Robin Krautbauer (current Secretary/Treasurer), Neil Kresal, and Teresa Ruohomaki (current Vice President).

We are happy to announce that all of them were re-elected and will remain on the board for another stint.

The new board members who are kind enough to further volunteer their time to our organization are:

Anne Cassens (Current Foster Coordinator), Kathy Marr, D.V.M. (Maplewood Pet Care Clinic), Jen Rachac (Adoption Representative), and Marty Reynolds (Meet & Greet Host)

Congratulations to all elected board members and thank you so much for joining us to serve our organization in this capacity!

There were many proposals sent to us and we can't tell you how much your interest to further serve this wonderful group is appreciated! All wonderful folks. We wish everyone interested could serve on the board this term...however, there IS next year!!!

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Ask Tilly & Jack (And Sometimes Duke!)

Dear Tilly, Jack (and sometimes Duke),

Should I be worried about Santa coming if don't have a chimney for him to slide down and delivery my Christmas toys and treats? I've been a very good girl and this is starting to worry me a bit. Everything did work out okay last year and I wasn't as good as I've been this year.

Thanks,
Sadie

Tilly: That's it guys! That's the last straw. It's bad enough hearing humans talk about Santa this and Santa that, but I can't just stand by and let a greyhound be hoodwinked by this Santa stuff. **Jack:** Well, Tilly, I don't know. I think you might get into a heap of trouble with the G³ (Great Greyhound Guru). You know all the trouble you've gotten into in the past when you spilled some of our greatest greyhound secrets. **Tilly:** I don't care, Jack, some things just have to be said, regardless of the consequences. Besides, I'm not too worried about a hound that most people think is a computer from Apple. Sadie, it only seems appropriate that you and the other ill-informed greys out there – not to mention our humans – hear the real story of Santa now that the holiday season is upon us again. Many years ago there was indeed a person named Santa. However, he didn't live at the North Pole, he lived in the desert. Those, Germans, you know, they try to steal everything (Saint Nikolaus, my foot!). Just look who started WWI and WWII. But I digress. So, here's this Santa guy living in the desert running this toy factory. Toy factory! Toy sweatshop is more like it. Elves? Give me a break. There weren't any elves. Illegal immigrant child labor working 14-hour days in buildings with no windows and no air conditioning. That's who was making the toys.

– And they weren't being made to be given away, let me tell you. Santa was into the gold, big time. I can hear you asking, Sadie, how did history get so screwed up? Two words kiddo – public relations! This was the start of public relations and let me tell you, it's still the envy of public relations firms today. **Duke:** Maybe you should get on with rest of the story before our readers fall asleep? **Tilly:** Not every one falls asleep as easily as you, Duke, but you're right. One day, after a very productive year of toy making, Santa got word from one of his informants that the INS was going to raid his factory. He was panic stricken. What could he do? He couldn't be caught with his factory full of illegal child laborers and toys. Luckily his Human Resources Director came up with a plan. Why not load the toys on wagons pulled by his greyhounds and have the kids give away the toys? No kids or toys in the factory – no problem! At first Santa was reluctant to see his inventory given away, but his CFO pointed out that a one time loss was better than being put out of business altogether. Besides, they could deduct it from their taxes. Santa's HR person was also quick to point out the goodwill that this gesture would generate for them. **Jack:** Tilly, I'm sure that Sadie is wondering about Santa using greyhounds instead of reindeer. **Tilly:** I was coming to that Jack. Well, as most of us know, there aren't many reindeer in the desert. Those Germans again! However, anyone who is familiar with greyhounds know that we originally came from the desert, hence our webbed feet for running in the sand. Besides, do you know how slow reindeer are compared to us? It wouldn't even be a contest. But, back to the story. As you probably have guessed, the plan was a success. The INS found nothing on their raid and Santa's Workshop, Ltd., got nothing but good press from the toy giveaway. The kids, however, never did come back to the workshop. Neither did the greyhounds. It was rumored back then that they were the ones who continued the yearly tradition of gift giving but Santa's PR firm quickly put that rumor down. How do I know all of this, you ask. The head greyhound who never returned to Santa was my great grandmother many times removed. Her name? Santa's Claws.

Keep those letters & E-mails coming!

Happy Howlidays! Tilly, Jack & Duke!

Tilly and Jack

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POISONS: Keep Your Greyhound Safe from these Things

What Did You Just Eat??!!! by Anne Cassens

Our hounds are often picky about what they will and won't consume from their bowls, but when it comes to stuff outside or on the floor, watch out! So, are you prepared for the possibility of your hound eating something dangerous? Or poisonous?

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR PET'S BEEN POISONED

Please do NOT give your dog human medications unless it's veterinarian tells you to.

When medicating your dog, DO make sure you know the amount, and the time to give it.

If ANY pet gets into human medications, treat it as a poisoning victim, until proven otherwise. Please don't waste time if you think this has happened to your dog. Call the vet right away, or you can contact, The National Animal Poison Control Center.

SOME OF THE PLANTS THAT ARE TOXIC TO DOGS

- Amaryllis (bulb)...Andromeda...Apple seeds(cyanide)...
- Arrowgrass...Avocado...Azalea
- Bittersweet...Boxwood...Buttercup
- Caladium...Castor Bean...Cherry Pits(cyanide)
- Chokecherry...Climbing Lily...Crown of Thorns
- Daffodil(bulbs)...Daphnia...Delphinium
- Diffenbachia...Dumb Cane
- Elephant Ear...English Ivy...Elderberry
- Foxglove
- Hemlock...Holly...Hyacinth(bulb)
- Iris(bulb)
- Japanese Yew...Jasmine(berres)...Jerusalem Cherry...
- Jimsonweed
- Laburnum...Larkspur...Laurel...Locoweed
- Marigold...Marijuana...Mistletoe(berries)
- Monkshood...Mushrooms
- Narcissus(bulb)...Nightshade
- Oleander
- Peach...Philodendron...Poinsetta...Poison Ivy...Privet
- Rhododendron...Rhubarb
- Snow on the Mountain...Stinging Nettle
- Toadstool...Tulip(bulb)
- Walnuts...Wisteria
- Yew

First things first. What's the number of Poison Control? If you don't know, write this down and put it near your phones and in your wallet: **1-800-764-7661 (for humans)** and **1-888-426-4435 (for pets)**. Up until this year you have been able to call the first number for *all* poisonings, but the state cut that out of their contract this year. This is unfortunate, because I used it 3 times with a pound puppy we once had – and they were extremely helpful!! The national service charges you for the call, so after you read this article be sure you let your legislator know that you want poisoning treatment info for your 4-legged as well as your two-legged companions **free** and accessible! But I digress... OK. Now you know who to call. What should you include in your Canine First Aid kit for consumption emergencies? Number one on the list is the numbers above. Next, be sure to have either salt, hydrogen peroxide, or Syrup of Ipecac. All these can induce vomiting. **BUT... NEVER induce vomiting unless you are told to do so by Poison Control!** Why, you ask? Because if the substance swallowed was caustic or caused trauma on the way down, you can be sure it will do double the damage on the way back up. You may need to neutralize the substance first before inducing vomiting, or may be told just to let it pass. Resist the urge to panic and make the call first.

"Christmas is coming, my Greyhound's getting _____." At our house, you can fill in the blank with "CURIOUS"! All kinds of new goodies out and about. Meaning, of course, all kinds of potential dangers for our precious pooches. Sandy Brock shared this information about what to do if your dog eats Christmas bulbs:

"BEFORE the holiday go to a pharmacy & buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get COTTON balls...not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream [also called light cream] and put it in the freezer.

Should your dog eat glass ornaments, defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog.

Dogs under 10 lbs. should eat 2 balls that you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs. should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7. You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily.

As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but in most cases, the dogs will be just fine."

Now, you are truly prepared for your Holiday Season, let the celebrating begin!



Clip Art by Sarah Snavelly.





Photo Opportunity

by Carol Jillian

Each month that goes by with these 3 greyhounds in my life, I do something I thought I would never do. Something I have seen other 'crazy' dog owners do and have sworn I will never stoop to.

Ever. But I do these things. One after another.

There is a rational and still dignified part of myself that watches my dogmom behavior and shakes her head slowly with.....what is it?

Resignation? Concern? Pity?

A lovely November Sunday was the occasion of my most recent surge of dogmom madness. I can barely believe I made the appointment for a professional photographer to take holiday photos of our dogs. Norwegians just don't do this sort of thing. But, making the appointment was nothing compared to what we went through at the actual session!

After sign-in, we had to choose backdrops. (7 choices) And select props and 'outfits' (from hundreds of possible combinations). My mind started to race. I know our dogs. They hate strange, new things. How can we do this in the simplest, least painful way for all concerned? Just get the perfect photo, and get out?

We were sent to a large room filled with lights and cameras and really fragile-looking stuff. OK. But then we had to remove our dogs' collars ('so the lights won't glint off their tags'). So, now we have 3 large, slightly worried hounds moving through all this techno stuff and no way to get hold of them. Or steer them. They had already stopped listening to us completely in this bizarre lunar-landscape setting. It felt like we were wrangling dolphins. Slippery, curious, agile beings in constant motion with no language that we had in common!

We cajoled, we hugged, we pleaded, we physically moved them. Then the photographer arrived. She said "Just line them up here on the backdrop cloth and we'll decide what the arrangement should be." Oh, OK, good. For reasons we'll never know they did all actually end up on the tarp.

We even got 2 "Sits" and a "Down." But never all at the same time.

Timbre laid down, so obediently, over and over, with his bald butt facing the camera every single time! So there's at least one shot of him lounging there, soulfully looking back over his shoulder with his best come-hither eyes, like a '50's movie starlet. Definitely NOT holiday card mate-

rial!

The photographer had many fun toys. Few toys can catch the attention of all 3 of our dogs at once. Some toys scared Abby and Sunny, some had no appeal for Timbre. The clicker sound produced my favorite response of all. The girls walked briskly away and Timbre launched right toward the camera for his treat-"I musta done Something Right, huh? Clicker means TREATS!" That shot will be of Timbre's gaping mouth and tongue in midair. Festive!

For 30 long minutes we squatted next to improperly placed dogs, rounded up wandering strays, peeled off our sweatshirts and focused intently on the camera hoping to get our heads and arms and legs out of the shot before the click. I have never seen three women work so diligently at accomplishing so little.

Finally, our time was up. Wreaths off, collars on. Back to real life. Man, it's hard work being a crazy dog-person!

Thanks to Laurie Erickson, animal photographer, we got our Christmas card!

Photos by Laurie J. Erickson, (763) 536-9076.





Meet & Greet Calendar

(also phone 763-785-4000 ext. 4)

Petco— Brooklyn Park (Kevin Kocur)

January 20th (Saturday) 12 – 3 PM

Petco— Eden Prairie

January 13th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

February 10th (Saturday) 1— 4 PM

Petco— Fridley (Bruce & Robin Krautbauer)

January 20th (Saturday) 12—3 PM

February 17th (Saturday) 12—3 PM

Pet Expo—Mankato (Nancy & Bryan Rittenhouse)

January 21st (Sunday) 1—4 PM

February 18th (Sunday) 1—4 PM

March 18th (Sunday) 1—4 PM

Petco—Maplewood (Teri & Jason Petrin)

January 13th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

February 10th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

March 17th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

Petco-Richfield (Neil & Sylvia Kresal)

January 20th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

February 17th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

Petco - Ridgedale

January 14th (Saturday) 1– 3:30 PM

Petco—Rosedale (Teri & Jason Petrin)

January 6th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

February 3rd (Saturday) 1—4 PM

March 3rd (Saturday) 1 - 4 PM

Petco—St. Cloud (Kate & Pat Douglass)

January 13th (Saturday) 11—1 PM

February 10th (Saturday) 11—1 PM

March 10th (Saturday) 11—1 PM

Petco—West St. Paul (Brian, Marty, Lisa & David)

January 13th (Saturday) 11– 2PM

February 10th (Saturday) 11—2 PM

March 10th (Saturday) 11—2 PM

Petco—Apple Valley

January 20th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

February 17th (Saturday) 1—4 PM

March 17th (Saturday) 1—4 PM



Meet Kye

Kye is a hound that was adopted from GPA-MN and came to us as one of the hounds from the re-search lab.



It has been interesting, acclimating a dog that is used to living in a kennel, into a house. My Bedlington Terrier still doesn't know what to think of Kye. My terrier likes to rip around the house and yard, but as soon as Kye starts doing it, Zoie runs for cover, since Kye is so much taller and faster! My collie (Kirby, who is 12 1/2), just pretty much ignores Kye.

Kye is settling in. She no longer feels the need to follow me every time I get up or leave the room (most of the time, but not all of the time now). So I usually have two shadows, Zoie and Kye. Kirby just hangs out wherever he is.

Kye and I are still working on how we sleep at night. She has a dog bed in my bedroom. Even though I've given her a blanket, too, she oftentimes digs and digs during the middle of the night.

So she is slowly learning what "Go to sleep" means.

She is a sweetie and so cute to watch her ears make/change her expressions.

So, overall, its going well.

Kim Strandlund

Editor's note: This note was sent to foster folks Carol Jillian and Jackie Dubbe. Thank you for sharing it

with us!!

Thanks for asking and thanks again for helping her move into her second life.

Happy Holidays!

If you would like to see your wonderful greyhound (s) be featured in our newsletter please send along a photo or two and a paragraph giving information on your hound(s) along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: GPA-MN, P.O. Box 49183, Minneapolis, MN 55449



We will return the photo to you as soon as we are finished using it!

Thank you! We appreciate your help in keeping this section of our newsletter going!

Turbo Spud *By K. Parkhurst*

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Spud is based on a real live dog but his real live name is Trooper. His racing name was W.R.'s Z-Sam. He uses 'Spud' as his online handle to mack on hotties in the Saluki chat rooms.

GPA Orange County/Los Angeles accorded our household the privilege of basking in his constant presence. Little did we know.

K. Parkhurst

Panel 1: Spud is shown with a speech bubble saying "Doggie!".

Panel 2: A woman says, "ISN'T THAT THE CUTEST THING! MADYSSON JUST LOVES YOUR DOGGIE! THAT'S A GIRL, PET NICE!". A man replies, "SHE'S ONLY FOUR & MISSES HER OWN DOGGIE... WE USED TO HAVE A DALMATIAN NAMED SIMBA BUT HE WAS TOO WILD SO HE WENT TO LIVE AT A FARM, DIDN'T HE, HONEY, THAT'S RIGHT!".

Panel 3: A sign reads, "SO NOW WE'D LIKE TO BUY ONE OF THESE GREYHOUND DOGS SO SHE CAN LEARN TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A LIVE ANIMAL!".

Panel 4: A woman says, "IT'D BE SO NICE TO HAVE A GOOD DOG AROUND TO ENTERTAIN THE LITTLE ONES... WE MOMS GET WORE OUT!". A man replies, "I'D PREFER A DOG THAT DOESN'T SHED OR SLOBBER OR HAVE ACCIDENTS... WE'RE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT GERMS! OUR LAST DOG GROWLED AT MADYSSON WHEN SHE WAS PLAYING IN HIS FOOD!". Spud says "poopie!".

Panel 5: A woman says, "SHE'S JUST A CHILD! HE CHEWED UP HER TOYS, TOO! SO WE NEED A REALLY GOOD DOG THIS TIME AROUND!". A man replies, "I THINK I CAN RECOMMEND THE IDEAL DOG FOR YOUR FAMILY...".

Panel 6: A woman says, "TCH!". A man says, "I THINK LASSIE WOULD'VE LEFT THAT ONE IN THE WELL, SPUD.". Spud says, "I DESERVE A COOKIE.". A child says, "Doggie!!".





Second That Emotion (Continued from page 1)

searchers and behaviorists said.

You find your dog's been scratching and tearing at the door every day when you go to work, and you react with anger or guilt, believing the dog is misbehaving because it misses you, said Dr. Leslie Larson Cooper, a veterinarian and boarded specialist in animal behavior. You try to remedy the problem by spending extra time with your dog, but it doesn't improve—because it hasn't occurred to you that the problem is that your dog has aggressive tendencies, and every afternoon your neighbor walks by with his little Yorkie. Or that your dog is afraid of noise, and they're constructing a new building next door, and he's trying to escape the sound.

Instead, you've simply attributed your dog's behavior to the kind of emotional response you would have had—and you're wrong. "It's dead-end reasoning—what are you going to do with it?" Dr. Cooper said. "To get at the root cause or do something constructive, we have to be very clear about what's motivating the animal."

For some time now, those who study animal behavior have been moving toward the idea that animals experience emotions, researchers said. Charles Darwin, in his 1899 book *The Expression of Emotion in Man and Animals*, talked about the body language of animals changing in sync with emotions and feelings. But until recently, ethologists—animal behavior researchers—were reluctant to ascribe even basic emotions to animals, Dr. Cooper said.

Now even the skeptics say they think animals have emotions—with the qualifier that they don't know what those emotions would be, said Dr. Marc Bekoff, professor of biology at the University of Colorado at Boulder and editor of *The Smile of A Dolphin: Remarkable Accounts of Animal Emotions*. "The tide has really changed." The book details stories from 58 scientists that point toward animal emotion.

Dr. Bekoff, who researches animal play behavior, backs the stories up with information from Dr. Steven Sivy, a behavioral neuroscientist at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and Dr. Jaak Panksepp, a neuroscientist at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Both researchers related the presence of chemicals—such as dopamine, associated with pleasure and excitement in humans—to joy and playfulness in animals. Dr. Sivy's work suggests that rats anticipate play sessions with companions. Dr. Panksepp found that rats being tickled produce a laughter-like sound beyond human hearing.

So what's left to debate? Well, 45 years ago, according to the American Psychological Society, scientists discovered that infant rats separated from the nest give an ultrasonic "distress call." It was interpreted as it would a human infant being pulled from its mother. "Why does this happen?" said Dr. Mark Blumberg, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Iowa. "What would happen if I were separated from the nest? I'd cry for mom." But when the phenomenon was researched more deeply, the story fell apart. Dr. Blumberg and his associates recently found that the "cry" is likely produced by the cardiovascular system of the animal—specifically, a process that moves blood from the abdomen to the heart—as it compensates for changes such as a drop in temperature.

"You don't posit complicated explanations for things when the more simple will suffice," Dr. Blumberg said. "When we show a little skepticism, it led us down this path." And there lies the danger of anthropomorphism—attributing human characteristics to non-human things, like animals. "It leads us to stop asking questions," Dr. Blumberg said. "It's as if it shuts the door on further inquiry. Science only survives as long as you keep asking the next question."

There's a kind of folk-psychology notion that the more intelligent an animal, the more emotional it can be, said Dr. Zentall. But people

may simply find it easier to anthropomorphize when the animal's behavior correlates better with their own. It could just be that people find it easier to relate to the behavior of their pet cat than that of the insect crawling up the wall. Even when they can't relate to the behavior, people anthropomorphize—how many times have you yelled at your car for stalling, or accused your crashing computer of plotting against you?

In some ways, the assumption of emotion does a disservice to animals, Dr. Blumberg said. "There are things animals do that are much more fantastic than things we do."

What if someone asked you what it would be like to be able to fly, visually blind but navigating in the dark according to sound echoes, seeing the world as a series of shadows—auditory shadows? What would that be like, Dr. Blumberg asked. Could you even imagine being a bat? Probably not. "I can't do that," he said. "It's going to fail in those cases where animals do something outside our experience."

So perhaps a human's experience of emotions would be outside the realm of understanding for a bat. "We evolved under different circumstances, with very different strengths and weaknesses," Dr. Blumberg said. But Dr. Bekoff points to the similarities. "We're not the only animals with kidneys, hearts, brains." Especially the brains. If you look at brain chemistry, brain anatomy and put it all together with evolution, it makes sense for emotion to be a part of the animal world, he said. "There are enough similarities between certain animals to say it's unlikely that joy in humans has no [counterpart] in animals."

That said, there's nothing that says that what an animal feels would be the same thing humans feel, Dr. Bekoff said. "My joy and [my dog's] joy aren't the same. My grief isn't his grief." And there's no way to tell what, exactly, an animal experiences as an emotion. But Dr. Bekoff disagrees with the argument that he sums up as: "other animals don't have emotions like ours—so they don't have emotions."

"We're stuck with the language we speak—the best we can do is be very careful about using human terms," he said. "The fact that we can't know doesn't mean there's nothing there."

Dr. Bekoff recalled one of his own experiences, researching coyotes in the wild. One day a mother left and never returned. The cubs reacted with what Dr. Bekoff interprets as unhappiness. They howled. Their gait slowed, their tails drooped. They went on forays to look for her—going a little further each day. Eventually, they gave up. Another female moved in and adopted them, and life went on.

It's another story, an example of what looks very much like emotional behavior. Like Dr. Bekoff, Dr. Blumberg sees researchers moving toward the animal emotion angle. "We're in this period where the pendulum is swinging in the other direction." But he doesn't think it's necessarily a positive development. He's disturbed by the research based on anecdotes. "It's no different from psychology 100 years ago."

Dr. Bekoff has a standard reply for that: the plural of anecdote is called data. Newtonian physics, according to legend, started with a falling apple. "All science starts with stories. We start with stories and collect data."

In the book, he said, the scientists are careful to point out that they're telling a story, that they know one point, don't know another, and need more information. A good scientist, a conscientious scientist, won't jump to a conclusion about behavior being related to emotion without careful study. Scientific discoveries about the emotional lives of animals will lead to better science, Dr. Bekoff predicts. For instance, data collected on research animals may not be accurate because of the stress the animals experience, he said. "It'll lead to better treatment and more appreciation."

The effect of stress during research is an argument that animal rights activists often use. Dr. Blumberg attributes much of the change in attitude toward the animal rights movement and politics.

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Daphne Mae Explains It All By

Daphne

Greetings and Happy Holidays from Mom and I, Daphne Mae (the Wonder Dog). Winter came kind of early this year and I am not sure whether this is a good thing or a bad thing. Mom and I have a love-hate relationship with the snow and the cold. We both adore going out and walking in the fresh white stuff while it's falling, but detest slipping on the ice (not to mention freezing our paws off, or worse, getting them all sore and swollen from salt and sand--not that I do, Mom got me wonderful boots last year and even though its a pain for her putting them on and taking them off three or four times a day, she claims she doesn't mind). I also love running and chasing my friends and neighbors through the frosty stuff, but we grey-doggies simply weren't designed for this stuff. No thick fur, no body fat and a -20 wind chill factor mean one frosty pooch!! Some days its all I can do to get down to the business of whizzing and pooping and getting my chilly striped toochas back into the house!!

Most warmer days and mornings, Mom takes me for longer walks of an hour or more, but she watches me like a hawk to make sure I don't get too cold and whenever the wind-chill gets into the teens, she bundles me in a tummy warmer before putting on my storm coat. Sometimes it takes more time DRESSING for walks than actually taking walks, but I know Mom has my best interests at heart. Then I thank my lucky stars we don't have a foster-dog or I would whizz myself before ever making it outside!!

One thing we love about the Winter is the abundance of delicious things to eat (roast turkey--yummy!!) and presents. Because I'm a Jewish Greyhound Princess, I get 8 gifts, one for every night of Chanukah. Some are pretty hokey and not all that special--rawhides and (yawn) more toys, but others are way over-the-top. This year I heard Mom calling a man named "Tom the Tailor," and asking him about making a leather jacket for a dog (d'you think she meant me?). After he stopped laughing he made Mom repeat her question and she made an appointment.

Neither of us likes the real cold days, but we do adore our home and neighbors, so we won't be moving anyplace warm soon!! Till then I guess Mom will be picking up the "poop-sicles," that's what she calls my (frozen) poops--Humans--what a bunch of goof-balls!! Enjoy your holidays and don't chase too many bunnies!

Daphne (with help from Sam)

Editors note: Thanks to Samantha Shine for helping Daphne submit her article!



The author – Daphne!

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"If you argue that there's no difference between animals and humans, then you have no right to do research," he said. "What's at stake is the seriousness of our science. When you start bringing politics into a situation, you stop thinking about science."

Dr. Bekoff said that he does hope his work will challenge scientists to appreciate animals and take animal emotions such as the stress factor into account in their research. But he added that he's rational about it, and that the complications animal emotions might pose for scientists doesn't mean they don't exist.

"I think it'll make for better science," he said. "I hope it results in better treatment, but not in any radical, crazy way."

From the way the two sides—researchers who believe in animal emotion and those who don't—disagree, you might guess the debate is particularly bitter. You'd be wrong, researchers said.

Every swing of the pendulum has its costs and benefits, Dr. Blumberg said. In this case, the study of animal emotions opens up the mind to new possibilities, areas of research that otherwise might not have been considered. "It's not a black hat-white hat situation," he said. "It's a cultural war between hard-nosed science and less hard-nosed science—but in a good way."

And Dr. Bekoff calls for a combination of hard science, common sense, and caution in animal emotion research. "In the end, we need a combination of hard and soft data," he said.

Though researchers like Dr. Zentall and behaviorists like Dr. Cooper caution people about attributing too much to animals or attributing the wrong emotions to animals, they also note that they have pets, and they believe—even if just on a personal level—that their animals feel.

It's why we bond with animals and not, say, with rocks, Dr. Bekoff said. That exchange of feelings unites us.

Ms. Kamrath, working with therapy dogs, also feels animals have emotions—though she knows it's a position that can't be absolutely validated. She's seen dogs become stressed in the nursing home environment, when the atmosphere becomes too much, and she's seen them work until exhaustion to benefit the people they care about. "The only way they can communicate is through their actions," she said. "You can choose to believe it or not. There's no way to prove it—you have to take it on faith, I guess."



Bonnie Krautbauer.



Gotcha' Day!

Congratulations to these folks and hounds on their one year adoption anniversary!



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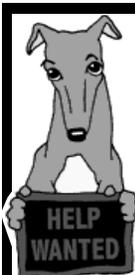
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This is a list of volunteers that are currently active in our organization and have done some service for the hounds within the last month. It is in alphabetical order. If we have missed someone we would greatly appreciate you letting us know so we may add them to our next list.

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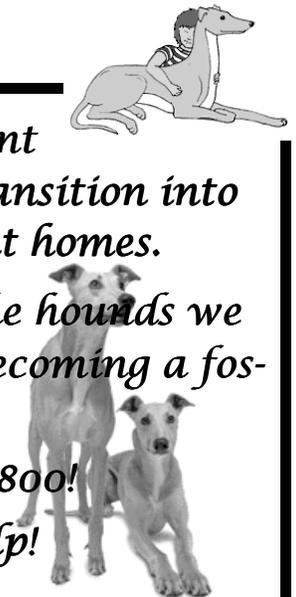


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Dear Santa to you I make my wish,
 This could be my very last Christmas list.
 No time to be frivolous, I must hurry you see,
 I'm no longer the best, they no longer want me.

I've heard of places where there are soft beds,
 Sofas and pillows to lay your head,
 Plenty of food and toys for play,
 People who hug you night and day.



I've heard of the warmth the hugs can bring,
 And car rides to get you wonderful things,
 Large spaces to roam when you feel the need,
 A place they will love me for being just me.

My wish, Dear Santa, I clearly state,
 My hope as I sit closed tight in this crate,
 To ask for myself I know is not right,
 But please bring a family to love me tonight.

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