

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

While preparing things descriptions of NHS Alumni for Art For Animals Plus On-line, I came across this article that I had written – “Facts About Dogs”. One of the good things about getting older is that when I see a list of facts, I feel like I am learning something new because I just don’t remember seeing this list before – but I have. This list of fun facts comes from PetFinders.

1. **Is it a duck...or a dog?** The Newfoundland breed has a water resistant coat and webbed feet. This dog was originally bred to help haul nets for fishermen and rescuing people at risk of drowning.
2. **It pays to be a lap dog.** Three dogs (from First Class cabins!) survived the sinking of the Titanic – two Pomeranians and one Pekingese.
Source: Vetstreet
3. **A Beatles hit.** It’s rumored that, at the end of the Beatles song, “A Day in the Life,” Paul McCartney recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, just for his Shetland sheepdog.
Source: PBS
4. **Wow, check out those choppers!** Puppies have 28 teeth and normal adult dogs have 42.
Source: About.com
5. **Chase that tail!** Dogs chase their tails for a variety of reasons: curiosity, exercise, anxiety, predatory instinct or, they might have fleas! If your dog is chasing his tail excessively, talk with your vet.
6. **Seeing spots? Or not...** Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they grow older.
Source: Vetstreet
7. **Dogs do dream!** Dogs and humans have the same type of slow wave sleep (SWS) and rapid eye movement (REM) and during this REM stage dogs can dream. The twitching and paw movements that occur during their sleep are signs that your pet is dreaming
Source: Healthy Pet
8. **No night vision goggles needed!** Dogs’ eyes contain a special membrane, called the tapetum lucidum, which allows them to see in the dark.
Source: Healthy Pet
9. **Pitter patter.** A large breed dog’s resting heart beats between 60 and 100 times per minute, and a small dog breed’s heart beats between 100-140. Comparatively, a resting human heart beats 60-100 times per minute.
Sources: About.com and Mayo Clinic
10. **If your dog’s acting funny, get out the umbrella!** According to a Petside.com/Associated Press poll, 72% of dog owners believe their dog can detect when stormy weather is on the way.
11. **It’s not a fever...**A dog’s normal temperature is between 101 and 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. How much do you know about dog health? Take our Doggy First Aid Quiz!
Source: Web MD
12. **Is something wet?** Unlike humans who sweat everywhere, dogs only sweat through the pads of their feet.
Source: Healthy Pet
13. **Here’s looking at you.** Dogs have three eyelids, an upper lid, a lower lid and the third lid, called a nictitating membrane or “haw,” which helps keep the eye moist and protected.
Source: Whole Dog Journal
14. **Americans love dogs!** 62% of U.S. households own a pet, which equates to 72.9 million homes
Source: American Pet Products Association
15. **Move over Rover!** 45% of dogs sleep in their owner’s bed (we’re pretty sure a large percentage also hog the blankets!)
Source: American Pet Products Association
16. **Why are dogs’ noses so wet?** Dogs’ noses secrete a thin layer of mucous that helps them absorb scent. They then lick their noses to sample the scent through their mouth.
Source: Vetstreet
17. **Yummy!** Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. Humans have approximately 9,000 and cats

have around 473.

Source: Psychology Today

18. Watch that plate of cookies! A Dog's sense of smell is 10,000 – 100,000 times more acute as that of humans.

Source: PBS

19. It's not so black and white. It's a myth that dogs only see in black and white. In fact, it's believed that dogs see primarily in blue, greenish-yellow, yellow and various shades of gray.

Source: About.com

20. Did you hear that? Sound frequency is measured in Hertz (Hz). The higher the Hertz, the higher-pitched the sound. Dogs hear best at 8,000 Hz, while humans hear best at around 2,000 Hz.

Source: Whole Dog Journal

21. Express yourself. Dogs' ears are extremely expressive. It's no wonder! There are more than a dozen separate muscles that control a dog's ear movements.

Source: Whole Dog Journal

22. Growing up. While the Chow Chow dogs are well known for their distinctive blue-black tongues, they're actually born with pink tongues. They turn blue-black at 8-10 weeks of age.

Source: Vetstreet

23. Why do they do that? When dogs kick after going to the bathroom, they are using the scent glands on their paws to further mark their territory.

Source: Healthy Pet

24. No, it's not just to make themselves look adorable. Dogs curl up in a ball when they sleep due to an age-old instinct to keep themselves warm and protect their abdomen and vital organs from predators.

Source: Vetstreet

25. Breathe easy. In addition to sweating through their paw pads, dogs pant to cool themselves off. A panting dog can take 300-400 breaths (compared to his regular 30-40) with very little effort.

Source: Vetstreet

Thank you to all that have donated to Art For Animals and to those who are bidding as I write this article. I will give you a report on the on-line event next week or you will be able to see it on our Facebook and website – www.northwoodshumanesociety.com. Special thanks to Kubarek Auctions and Susan Diedrich and Bonnie Kubarek.

Usually I list dates to save – related to the Northwoods Humane Society. We do not have any upcoming events at the moment so....."Treasure Each Day!"