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WE BOTH READ[®]

About Dogs

by
Bruce Johnson
and
Sindy McKay

Take turns reading!

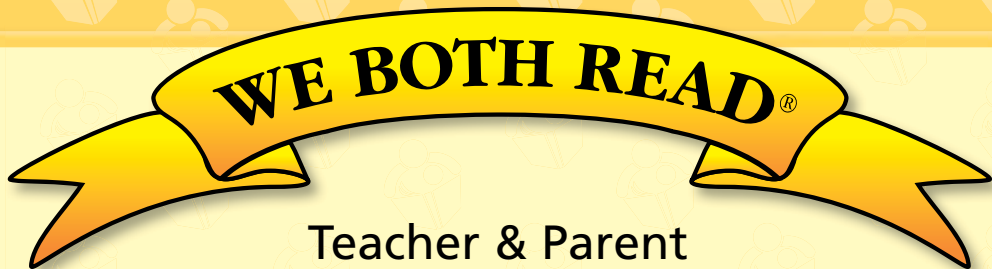


Parent's Page





Child's Page





Teacher & Parent Introduction

We Both Read books offer an easy and enjoyable way to encourage and help children to read! The books feature a unique format with two alternating reading levels for readers with different abilities to take turns reading aloud. Research has shown that use of this series can significantly accelerate reading development for both reluctant and eager readers.

Typically, a parent or teacher reads the pages with higher level text, and a child reads the pages written at one of six early reading levels. However, many schools also use the books for buddy-reading between students with different reading skills (usually from different grades). Please note that an “adult talking” icon  precedes the higher level text, and a “child talking” icon  precedes the easier level text. This e-book edition can be used with two readers at a computer or with an entire class and a teacher using an interactive whiteboard.

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Special Notes for Parents

You may find it helpful to read the entire book aloud yourself the first time, then invite your child to participate the second time. As you read, try to make the story come alive by reading with expression. This will help to model good fluency. It will also be helpful to stop at various points to discuss what you are reading. This will help to increase your child's understanding of what is being read. In some books, a few challenging words are introduced in the higher level text, distinguished with **bold** lettering. Pointing out and discussing these words will help to build your child's vocabulary.

If your child struggles with a word, you can encourage "sounding it out," but keep in mind that not all words can be sounded out. Your child might pick up clues about a word from the picture, other words in the sentence, or any rhyming patterns. If your child struggles with a word for more than five seconds, it is usually best to simply say the word.

Most of all, remember to praise your child's efforts and keep the reading fun. After you have finished the book, ask a few questions and discuss what you have read together. To help increase your child's comprehension and fluency, also consider rereading the book multiple times.

Try to keep these tips in mind as you read together, but don't worry about doing everything right. Simply sharing the enjoyment of reading together will increase your child's reading skills and help to start your child off on a lifetime of reading enjoyment!

About Dogs

A We Both Read Book
Level K-1

To my parents, who shared a love for reading
— B. J.

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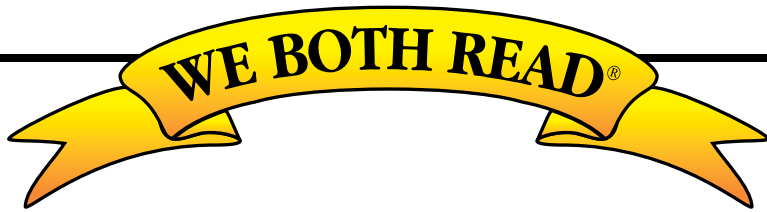
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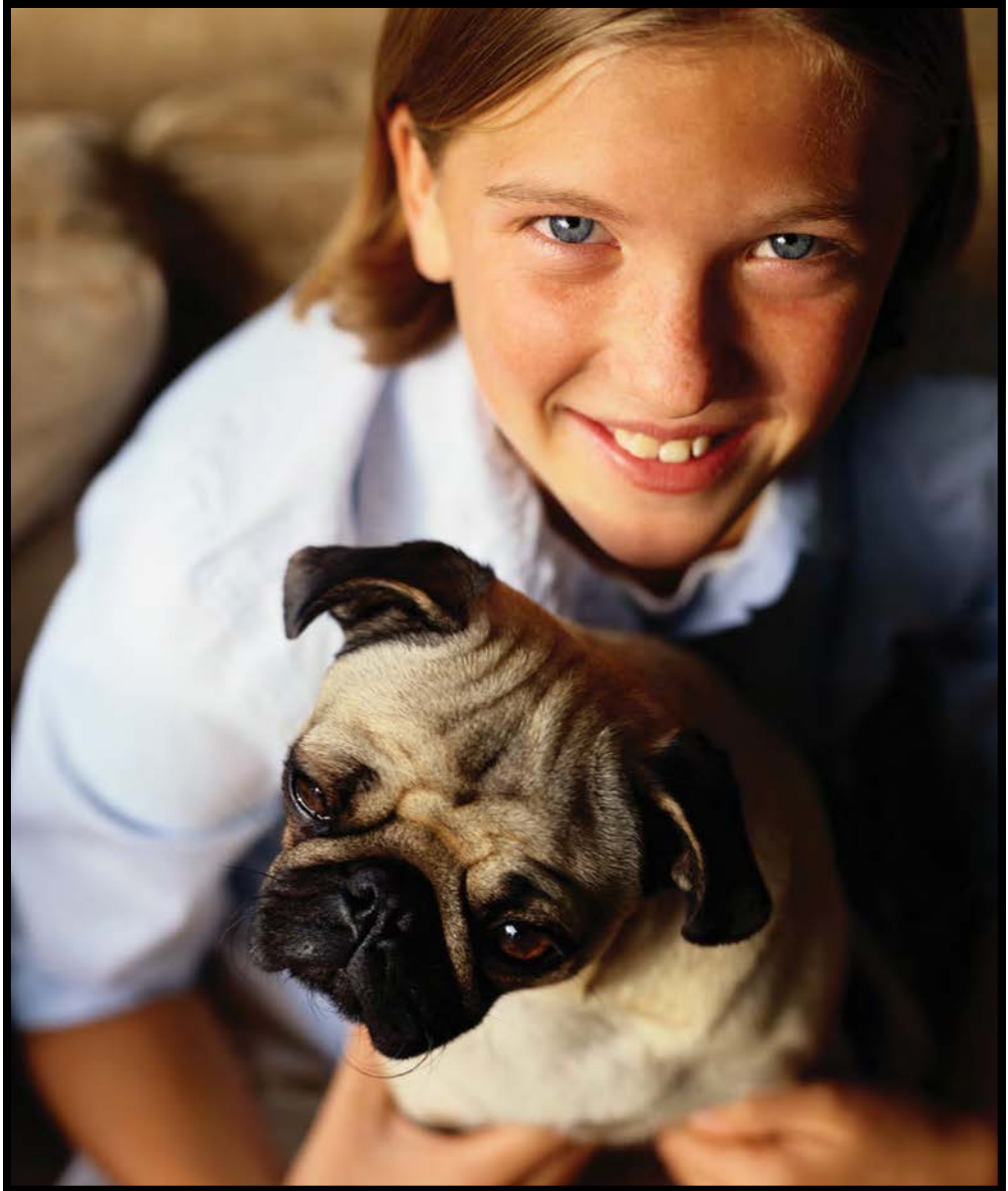


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TREASURE BAY



🗨️ Do you have a dog? Do you know someone who has a dog? There are millions of dogs in the world, so you probably know at least . . .



... one dog.

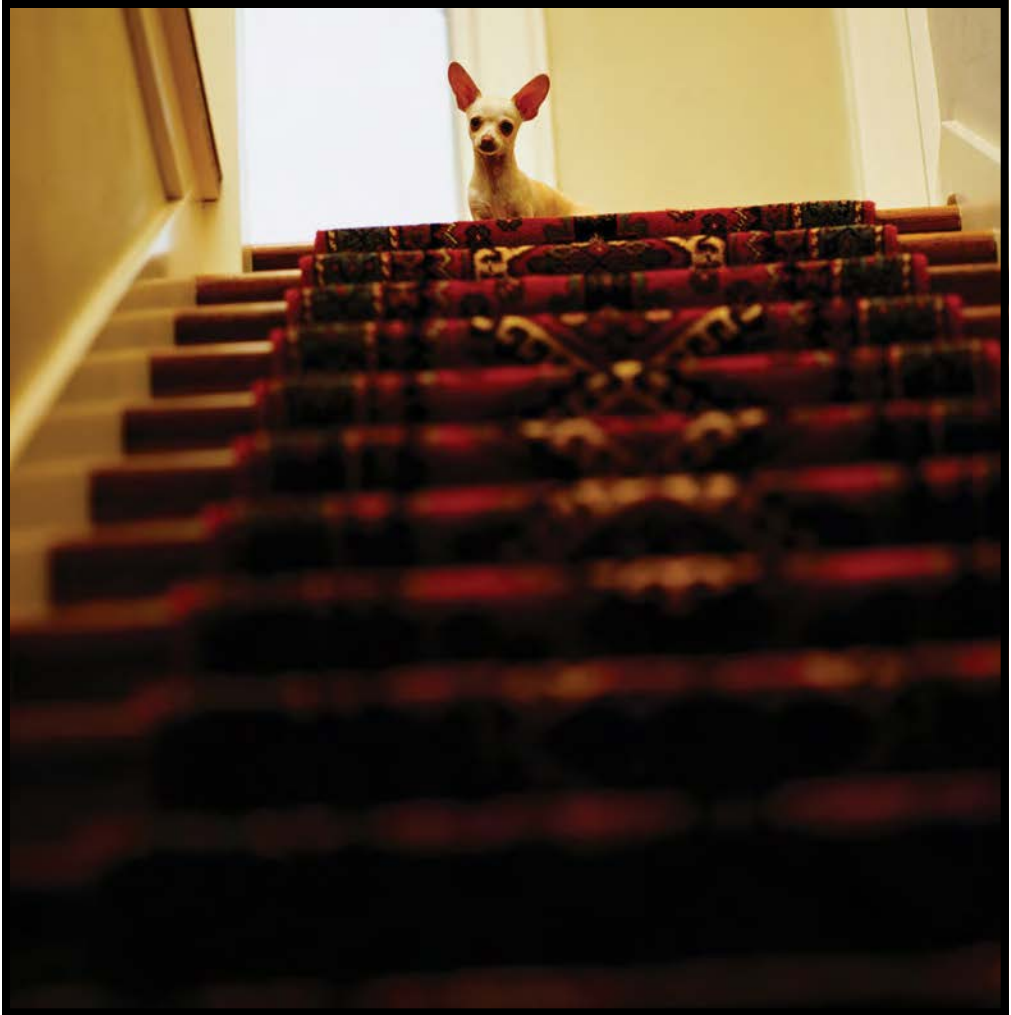


☞ Why are dogs so popular?

It might be because they are smart, helpful,
and playful. They make wonderful . . .



 . . . pets.



- 🗨️ The size and shape of dogs usually depend on their breed. Each breed is a different kind of dog. The dogs in a breed all share similar characteristics, including the way they look. **Some** breeds, like Yorkshire terriers, are short. **Some**, like dachshunds, are long. **Some** breeds are small.

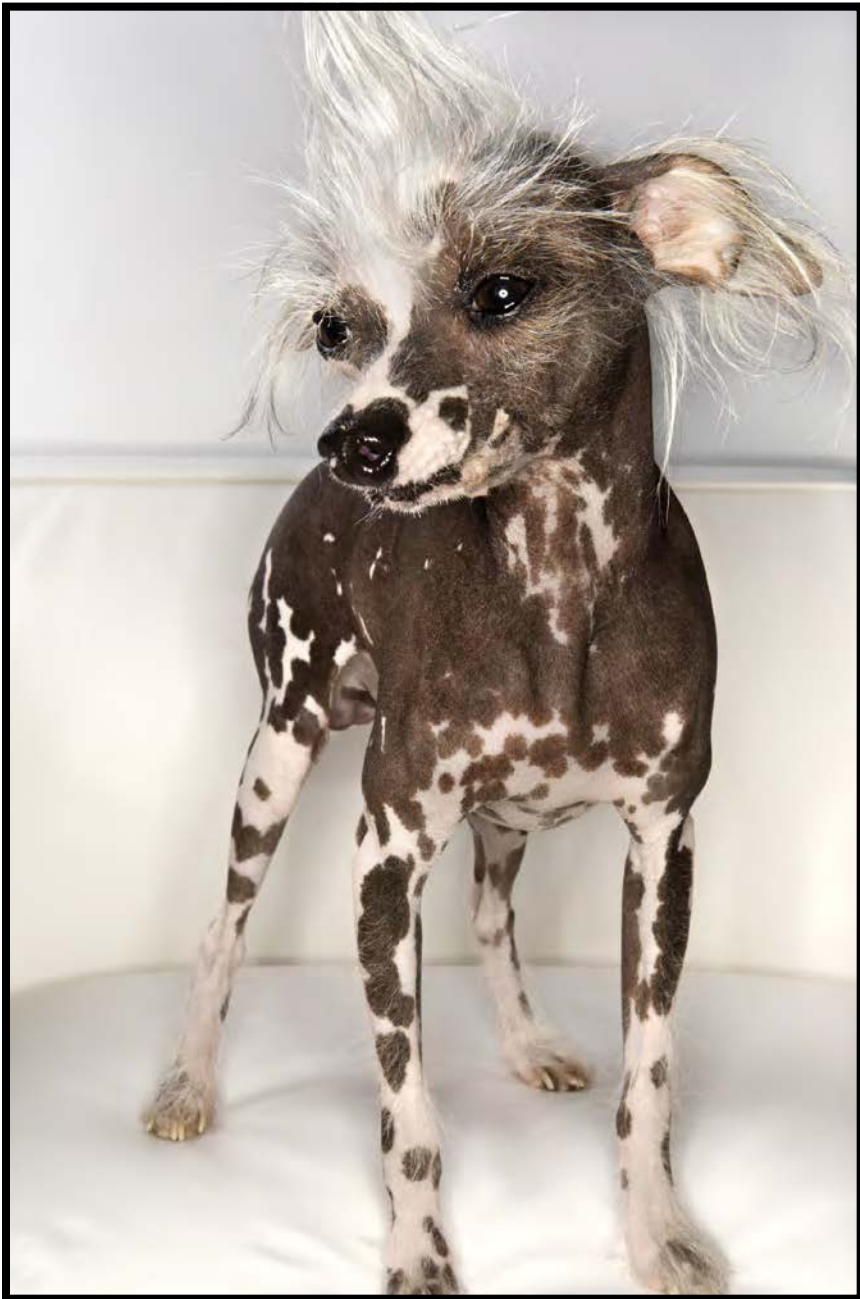


 **Some are big.**



☞ Certain breeds have long **hair**, like the chow chow or komondor. Other breeds have short **hair**, like the beagle or boxer. One breed has almost . . .

Chinese crested



... no hair!



☉ A purebred dog may be entered in a dog **show**. Here, he competes against other dogs to demonstrate that he is the best example of his breed.

The highest honor a dog can win at a dog **show** is called . . .



☺ . . . **"Best in Show."**



- 👤 Both purebreds and mixed-breed dogs can make great family pets. Good family dogs are friendly and active. **They like kids.**



 **They like to play.**



🗨️ Why are there so many different kinds of dogs?

Long ago, most dogs looked like wolves. Some of these wolf-dogs were **smarter** and had better skills at hunting, herding, or guarding. People bred the dogs to bring out these skills.

Yellow Labrador retriever



 **Dogs are smart!**



🕒 Many years ago, people hunted for much of their food. There weren't any grocery stores back then. A dog that could help capture or retrieve prey was a big help.

Many breeds of hunting dogs are still used by sport hunters today.

English springer spaniel



🐾 Run, run, run!

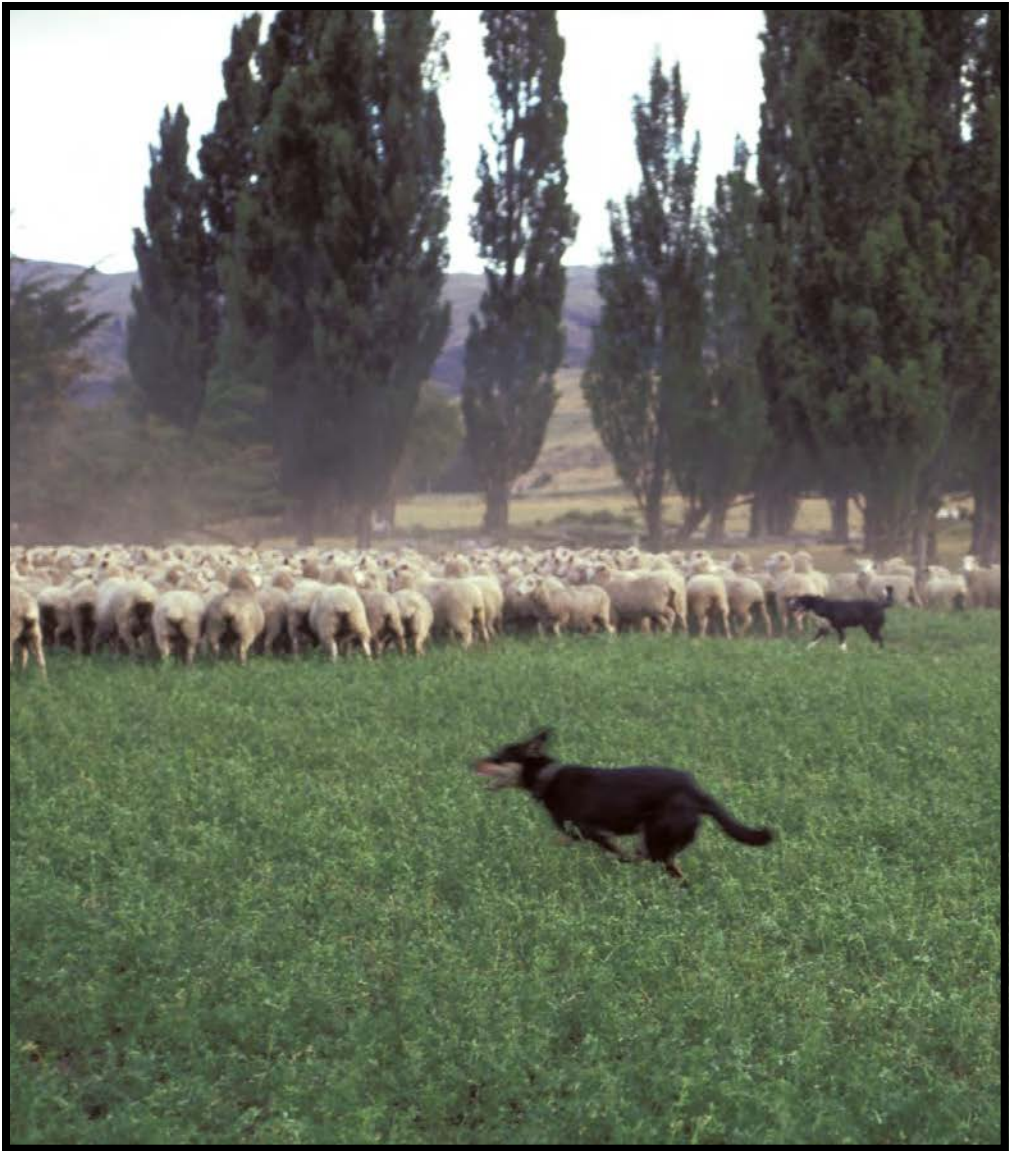


☉ Sled dogs were bred by the peoples of the polar regions. These dogs could pull heavy loads and haul food to villages.

Today, they are sometimes used in sled-dog races.



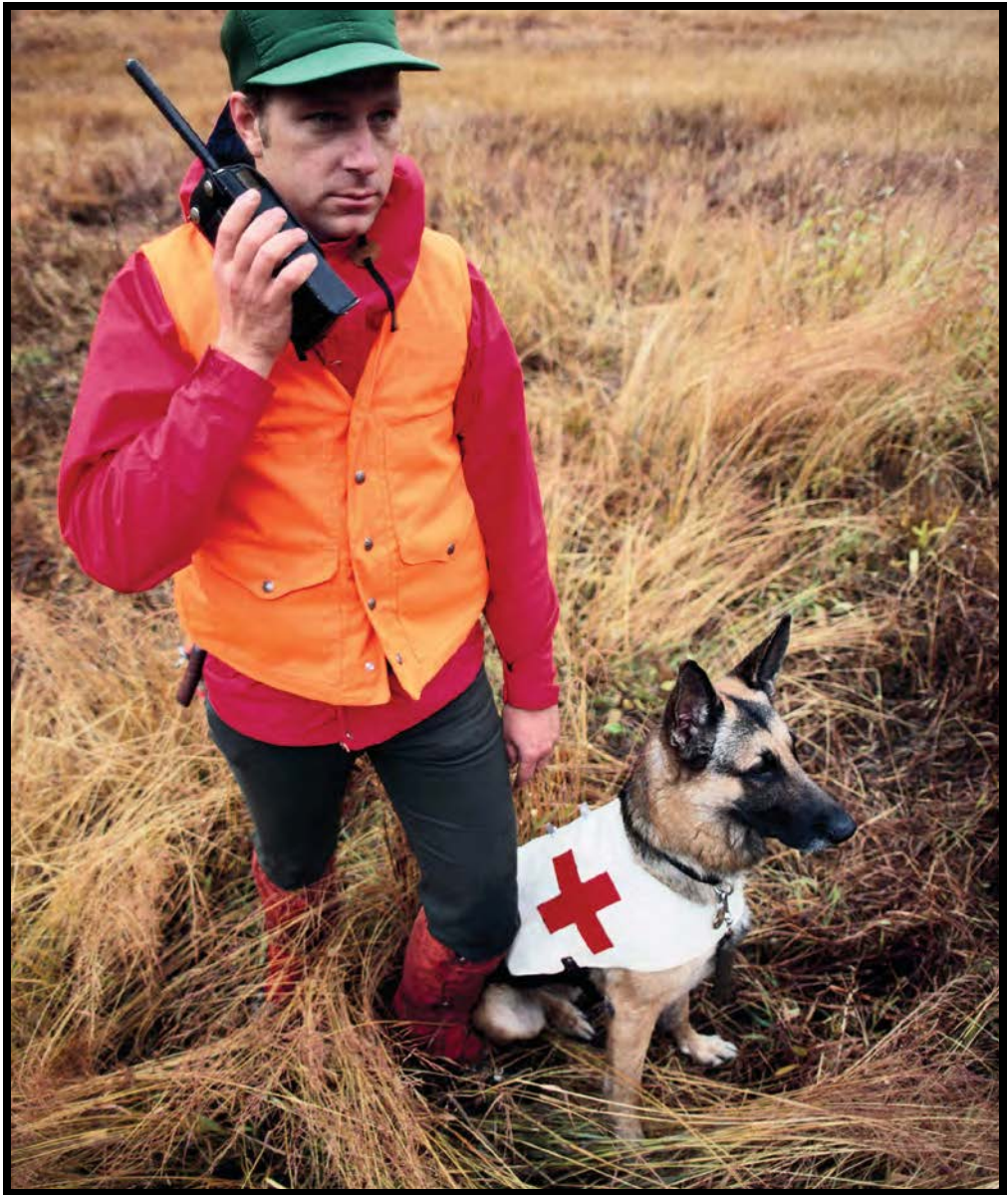
 Good dogs!



- 🕒 Different types of herding dogs have been trained to herd cattle, **sheep**, goats, and even reindeer. They keep the flock together and guard them from predators and thieves.



🗨️ **Stop, sheep!**



- 📍 Search-and-rescue dogs are hard-working heroes. They find people who are trapped or lost by **sniffing** with their sensitive noses.



 **Sniff, sniff.**



- ☞ Assistance dogs **help** people with disabilities. Hearing dogs **help** the deaf by alerting them to sounds. Service dogs might **help** people in wheelchairs to retrieve objects that are out of reach. Guide dogs act as eyes for the blind.

Basset hound



 **Dogs can help.**



☺ Being smart and helpful are not the only reasons we love dogs. We also love them because they make such good companions. A dog can be your best friend.



🐶 Dogs are fun!



- ☉ If you have a dog, you know it takes work to care for her. She must always have plenty of fresh water, have good food to **eat**, and should see a veterinarian at least once a year.

English springer spaniel



 Dogs eat a lot.



- ☉ Most dogs also need lots of exercise. People often take their dogs for walks, but some dogs need to . . .



🐾 . . . run and jump!



- 🌀 Agility courses are another wonderful way for your dog to get exercise. He can jump over, leap through, and run around various obstacles. But the best way just might be to go in your backyard and have fun!

Weimaraner puppy



🎾 Play ball!



- Some owners take their dogs to “dog school.” Professional trainers can teach dogs to sit, stay, fetch, and come when you call them.



 Sit up!



- 🐾 Dogs can also learn to do funny tricks, like barking on cue or balancing a ball on their nose. You might even be able to teach your dog to count. This dog can count . . .



... to ten.



- ☹ There are many reasons why dogs make great pets. If you treat them well, they will be with you for a long, long time—a friend to . . .



. . . the end.



Fun Facts about Dogs

- The Basenji is the only barkless dog in the world.
- Greyhounds can reach speeds up to 45 miles per hour.
- The most popular breed of dog in the United States is the Labrador retriever.
- The oldest known dog lived to be 29 years and 5 months old.
- The highest jump by a dog was 68 inches. This is almost 6 feet.



Let's Talk About Dogs!

1. Think about some dogs you know. Would you say they are big or small? Have long hair or short hair? How else could you describe them?
2. Name three ways dogs can help people.
3. What are some things that must be done to take good care of a dog?

If you liked ***About Dogs***, here is another We Both Read® book you are sure to enjoy!



We All Sleep

This nonfiction book for very beginning readers uses a touch of humor as it shows how different animals sleep. From pigs to puppies to penguins, the book offers glimpses of animals as they live, play, and sleep. In the end, the book even has the readers talking about falling asleep themselves! Rhymes and repeating text help make the reading fun and easy for the child.

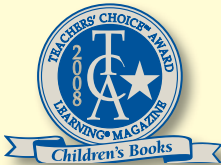


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About Dogs

Designed to be read with very beginning readers, this book features fun information about the world's most popular pet. The book covers some of the breeds and some of the special ways dogs help us, including serving as rescue dogs and guide dogs. With great photos and interesting facts, it is sure to be a favorite with anyone who loves dogs!

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