Wolf to Woof: The Story of Dogs

**Did you know?**

* The domestic dog comes in a mind-boggling array of shapes and sizes from the pocket-sized Chihuahua to a 200-pound Saint Bernard.
* Depending on the job requirements, early breeders bred dogs for speed, stamina, aggression, strength or size. Dogs are also bred for looks and style.
* Dogs first appear in the fossil record about 40 million years ago.
* Today, the [American Kennel Club recognizes 178 breeds](http://www.akc.org/breeds/index.cfm/).
* A dog’s fur may raise as a sign of aggression or excitement, or to trap heat when it is cold, similar to human goose bumps.
* Dogs have better night vision, the ability to detect motion and a wider field of view than humans. Humans have better color vision and the ability to see details six times greater than dogs.
* American surgeon Norman Shumway achieved the first successful heart transplant in a dog in 1958.