

Our Loyal, Fluffy Best Friends

For thousands of years, dogs have walked beside humans, not as wild hunters or fierce rivals, but as trusted companions. Long ago, their ancestors—wolves—began to live near human camps, drawn by warmth, protection, and the scraps of food people left behind. Over time, humans and these early wolves formed an extraordinary partnership. Slowly, generation by generation, they became domesticated, turning into the friendly, tail-wagging pets we know today.

Dogs do much more than share our homes—they share our lives. They greet us with joy after a long day, stay close when we feel upset, and seem to understand our moods better than many people do. Scientists believe this bond is no accident. Dogs have evolved to read human expressions, respond to our voices, and even sense our emotions. It is almost as if they have dedicated their lives to being part of our families.

In the United Kingdom, dogs are one of the most popular pets. Some of the most common breeds found in British households include the lively Labrador Retriever, the gentle Cocker Spaniel, the loyal Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and the ever-energetic

Jack Russell Terrier. Each breed has its own personality and strengths, but they all share one thing: a remarkable devotion to their humans.

Dogs help us too. They work as guide dogs for the visually impaired, therapy dogs who comfort people in hospitals, and rescue dogs who bravely search for missing individuals. Yet even the simplest act—curling up beside a child reading a book—can make a dog a hero in someone's life.

Although dogs cannot speak, their actions tell us everything we need to know. A wagging tail, a nudge of the nose, or a head resting on a knee all say the same thing: *You are my person, and I am here for you.* In return, it becomes our responsibility to care for them, to protect them, and to honour the trust they give so willingly.

Dogs may be small or large, fluffy or short-haired, calm or chaotic—but they are united by a gentle truth: they love us with absolute loyalty. And that is what makes them truly extraordinary.

Comprehension Questions

1. What does the passage suggest about how dogs first became connected to humans?

- A. Wolves approached human camps and slowly formed a partnership
- B. Humans found baby wolves and raised them as pets Wolves
- C. Dogs suddenly appeared as domesticated animals
- D. Humans hunted wolves until they became friendly

2. What is one reason dogs are described as “devoted” to their humans?

- A. They enjoy chasing wildlife
- B. They can sense and respond to human emotions
- C. They prefer living alone rather than with people
- D. They protect humans from all other animals

3. Which of the following is listed as a common dog breed in the UK?

- A. Siberian Husky
- B. Dalmatian
- C. Labrador Retriever
- D. Great Dane

4. How does the author show that dogs help people?

- A. By explaining how much exercise dogs need
- B. By mentioning their roles as guide, therapy, and rescue dogs
- C. By listing all dog breeds known to science
- D. By describing their favourite foods

5. What does the phrase “You are my person, and I am here for you” represent?

- A. A command dogs learn during training
- B. The unspoken loyalty dogs show through their behaviour
- C. A message printed on dog collars
- D. A scientific fact about canine communication

6. Which statement best summarises the final message of the passage?

- A. Dogs are difficult to look after
- B. Dogs should only live in the countryside
- C. All dogs behave the same
- D. Dogs show deep loyalty, and humans must care for them in return

Answers

1. **A**

2. **B**

3. **C**

4. **B**

5. **B**

6. **D**