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A special greeting of
 Thanksgiving time to express
 to you our sincere appreciation
 for your confidence and loyalty.
 We are deeply thankful and
 extend to you our best wishes
 for a happy and healthy
 Thanksgiving Day

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 next year's Nationals. Mark your
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Watching Animal Videos Could Make You a Better Employee

By Megan Garber



And the more adorable the critter, the better.

The puppy cam. The kitty cam. This. We watch this stuff at work to procrastinate on our work, right?

Not necessarily, it turns out. It turns out, in fact, that looking at images of adorable animals could actually help us be better at our jobs. No, really.

In a study from Hiroshima University, scientists examined the effects of animals' cuteness -- *kawaii*-- on human behavior. The researchers, *Forbes's* Alex Knapp reports, conducted three experiments to determine those effects, measuring both subjects' cognition and their dexterity. In the first, they asked participants -- 48 college students -- to play a Japanese game similar to our "Operation." In the second, they asked participants to perform a visual search using number matrices. In the third, they tested participants' focus.

And here is the good news for anyone who has ever gotten lost in the Internet Animal Matrix: In all three experiments, people who

looked at pictures of cute baby animals outperformed those who did not. Even more intriguingly, they outperformed people who looked at pictures of *adult* animals. "Kawaii things not only make us happier, but also affect our behavior," the researchers write in the paper. "This study shows that viewing cute things improves subsequent performance in tasks that require behavioral carefulness, possibly by narrowing the breadth of attentional focus."

Those findings, Knapp points out, build on previous work about the beneficial effects of cuteness. A 2009 study suggested that simply looking at something cute would make people behave more carefully -- also demonstrated through subjects' dexterity with "Operation" -- than people who weren't under the influence of cuteness. The researchers conducting the earlier study suggested that this could be related to childcare: a response evolved in humans to ensure that we treat babies with extra care.

And while more work needs to be done to say conclusively whether and why cuteness affects our overall productivity, the current findings paint a heartening picture. (Of a cat. Embracing a kitten. Who is dream-twitching.) Which is basically all to say: Go watch that puppy cam feed. You deserve it. And *your work demands it*.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/09/science-watching-animal-videos-could-make-you-a-better-employee/263042/>

Various Shar-Pei Coins found on the Internet





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Vomiting in Dogs



If you think dogs vomit a lot, you're right. That's because dogs have a well-developed vomiting center in their brains, which allows them to throw up much easier than most other animals.

It's partially a defense mechanism to the dog's scavenger nature. They see something and eat it to find out if it's edible. If it's not, their body throws it back out the same way it came in.

But vomiting can also be a sign of a serious

and even life-threatening illness in our pets. Here are facts you need to know about dogs' vomiting.

Vomit or Regurgitation?

There are two ways that dogs throw up.

When food stays in the esophagus because it is blocked or won't go down, it accumulates until it is overloaded and the dog regurgitates the food. Although this process may appear similar to vomiting, it is actually called regurgitation. This food often appears tubular in shape and undigested because it has not actually made it to the stomach.

But when the food reaches the stomach, it has to be forcefully expelled through vomiting. Dogs that are about to vomit usually become anxious and may seek attention or reassurance and exhibit signs of excessive drooling and swallowing.

Why Dogs Vomit

Common causes of vomiting are eating indigestible substances, overeating or eating too fast, exercising immediately after eating motion sickness, stress, and worms.

But vomiting also can be a sign of serious illnesses, such as ulcers, kidney or liver failure, enterocolitis, parvovirus, distemper, pancreatitis, cancer, peritonitis, diabetes, acute gastritis, intestinal obstruction, food allergies, poisoning, or other illnesses.

If a dog vomits only a frothy, clear or yellowish fluid, it probably has a stomach problem, such as acute gastritis, but it also could have pancreatitis, peritonitis, or an intestinal obstruction.

And going through the motions of vomiting, but not bringing up any vomitus could be a sign of bloat (also called gastric dilatation and volvulus, or GDV), a very dangerous and often fatal condition in which the stomach twists inside a dog.

When Is Vomiting a Serious Problem?

If an otherwise healthy dog throws up occasionally, it probably isn't a problem. But if you see any of the following signs, take your dog to a veterinarian immediately:

- Vomiting more than once per day, or continuing to vomit the following day
- Projectile vomiting
- Vomit containing bright red blood or what looks like coffee grounds (this is partially digested blood)
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy
- Vomiting despite not eating for several hours
- Abdominal bloating

Vomiting also can be more dangerous in older dogs, dogs that already have health issues, and puppies. So keep a closer eye on those dogs and take them to your vet if they continue to throw up, because vomiting can severely dehydrate dogs.

Diagnosing the Problem

Help your vet diagnose your dog's problem by paying close attention to when and how often your pet has vomited. Also mention anything else you noticed, such as blood in their vomit, diarrhea, weight loss, a change in appetite, and lethargy.

Your veterinarian may do diagnostic tests -- which could range from blood work and X-rays to exploratory surgery -- to find the cause of the problem.

Treating Vomiting

If your dog is healthy and has vomited only once, you should withhold food and water for about 12 hours to give your dog's stomach time to rest.

After that, give your dog a few ice chips or a small amount of water (a quarter to half a cup, depending on your dog's size) to see if they can tolerate it. You also can give them a small amount of pediatric electrolyte solution with the water.

If your pet seems fine with the water, offer a couple of tablespoons of bland food, such as boiled chicken breast and rice, every few hours. If he keeps it down, you can slowly reintroduce his regular diet. If he throws up again, see your veterinarian.

Your veterinarian may prescribe antibiotics, a diet change, antiemetics (drugs that help control vomiting) or other medications. Follow your veterinarian's recommendations on what is best for your pet.

http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/guide/_dog-vomiting



Designer Dog Houses

There are all kinds of regular dog houses that you can buy for your dogs, but how often do you run across one of these designer dog houses?



Supermodel Rachel Hunter's dream dog house.



Paris Hilton, Twitter

Paris Hilton's Dog House



Mini Mansion- This pup palace was designed to match the owner's house and it was built using the same materials. (Design by La Petite Maison)



Australian Bottle House- This doghouse was constructed in the 1960's and has since become something of a roadside attraction. It just goes to show you what a little recycling and ingenuity can get you. (Photo by Curtis Foreman)

Message for Dogs and Cats

The following was found posted very low on a refrigerator door. .

Dear Dogs and Cats:

The dishes on the floor with the paw prints are yours. The other dishes are mine for my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate does not mean the food is suddenly yours, nor is it all that aesthetically pleasing.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and it is not a racetrack. Racing me to the top of the stairs is not a good idea, and tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed, so do not think I will sleep on the couch just to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is therefore not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to take up space where people walk is downright rude.

For the last time, *there is no secret exit from the bathroom!* If by some miracle I were to beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the door in an attempt to open it. I have to exit through the same door I entered, and I have been using the bathroom for years, so canine and/or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the front door:

TO ALL NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS:

(1) They live here....you don't.

(2) If you don't want pet hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. After all, that's why they call it "fur"-niture.

(3) I happen to like my pets better than most people.

(4) Maybe to you, they are animals, but to me, they are adopted sons and daughters who are hairy and short, walk on all fours, and don't speak clearly.

Remember that dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

- (1) eat less,
- (2) don't ask for money all the time,
- (3) are easier to train,
- (4) normally come when called,
- (5) never ask to drive the car,
- (6) don't hang out with drug-users;
- (7) don't smoke or drink,
- (8) don't want to wear your clothes,
- (9) don't have to buy the latest fashions,
- (10) don't need a gazillion dollars for college and
- (11) if they get pregnant, you can sell their children.....



This might now be the best way for your dog to ride in the car!



5 Uses For Rubber Bands Beyond The Office

By Chris Barnes



Rubber bands are the unsung heroes of the workplace, offering an easy way to keep giant file folders and other random papers bundled together. For most people, that might be the only job for these lowly office supplies. But there are a bunch of new uses for rubber bands--here are just a few of my favorites.

Pet-Proof

So, your cat or dog has discovered a new favorite toy: The roll of toilet paper in your bathroom. To keep paws from unrolling the tissue, simply place a rubber band around the roll. When you need a square or two, simply slide off the band.

Lid Opener

If that jar of pickles won't yield to your strength, grab a rubber band. It'll give you a little extra grip. Stretch it around the sides of the lid, then open the jar.

Candle Stabilizer

Sometimes a taper won't *quite* fit in its holder. But a rubber band can make up for the difference. Just wind it around the base of the candle and then pop it back into the holder for a lean-free result.

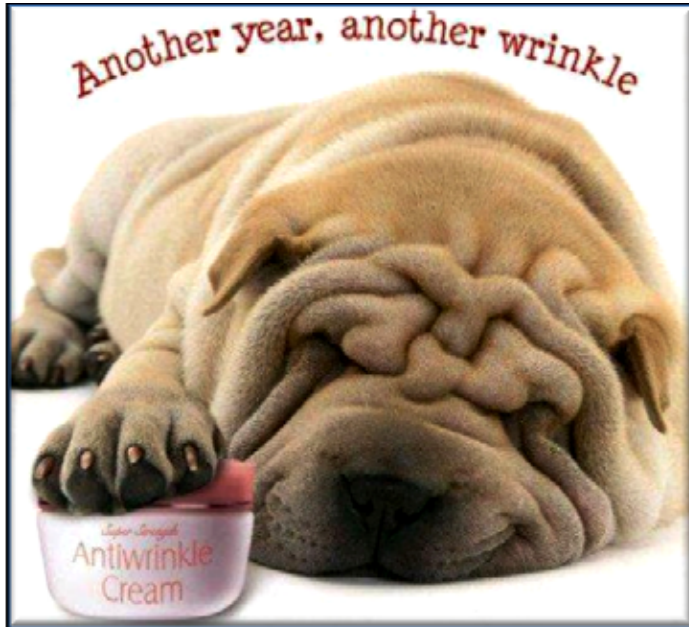
Paint Brush Scraper

Because a little too much paint will lead to a mess on your walls. Stretch a band so it bisects the top of the open can, then use to wipe the excess paint from your brush.

Bottle Grip

To get a better handle on slippery shampoo, conditioner and body wash, just slide a rubber band around the bottles. Rubber is waterproof, so the makeshift handles will deftly stand up to the wet conditions of a shower.

www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-barnes/uses-for-rubber-bands_b_1775602.html



Wishing all of our
Readers A Happy
Holiday Season
And a Wonderful
New Year!

Discovering the Shar Pei: An Endangered Dog Breed

by Hing Chao



The lofty English word ‘heritage’ is etymologically derived from ‘heriter’ (‘to inherit’) in old French. In medieval times, property largely composed of private estates and land. Thus to this day ‘heritage’ is popularly associated with historic buildings and other weighty material entities, even though the nature of private property has evolved and has been transformed by capital, and there is an increasing recognition of ‘intangible capital’ and ‘intangible heritage’.

In Hong Kong – admittedly a latecomer to matters concerning heritage – conservation is almost exclusively the domain of historic architecture and, more recently, natural heritage. The lamentable effort of Home Affairs Department of the Hong Kong SAR government to identify and document items of intangible heritage in recent years, as well as an equally-impooverished response from both research institutions and the public, testifies to the fact that the concept of ‘intangible heritage’ remains poorly understood. However, if we look carefully around us, in spite of the city’s polished, modern veneer a tremendous amount of precious antiquities, buried in

tangible and intangible forms beneath the rubble of development, may still be found.



In this week's column, I would like to share a rare find that recently came to my attention – in the form of a one-year-old Shar Pei, an indigenous dog breed so endangered that a purebred is almost impossible to find either in Hong Kong, China, or indeed, anywhere in the world.

It is not known where or when the breed originated. Known to western travellers of the 19th century as a 'Chinese fighting dog', Shar Pei was popular in Canton province and used for a variety of functions from guarding the house to herding animals and dog fights.

Since the mid-20th century, political turmoil in China led to neglect and the decline of the breed. But that alone was unlikely to have a terminal impact on the ancient breed's survival. Ironically, what triggered the endangerment of Shar Pei was a plea from Matgo Law, a businessman in Hong Kong, to the international community in the 1970s – the American Kennel Club in particular – to 'save' the breed. What followed after the American Kennel Club finally recognised the Shar Pei (in 1988) was a helter-skelter 'rescue' attempt (after initial rounds of smuggling from Hong Kong and Macau).

In this medley and flushed by foreign money, breeders in Hong Kong and China started to crossbreed the Shar Pei with the bulldog, the pug, the bull terrier, and other foreign breeds to meet the rising demand. Worse still, as the new 'meat-mouth' American Shar Pei – so-named because of its fleshy muzzle, which bears characteristics of these foreign breeds, as opposed to the 'bone-mouth' of the original type – became established as the international standard, even breeders in Nanhai county, where the breed has the closest association, started to mix-breed. Fast forward 20 years, and it is now well-nigh impossible to find an original Shar Pei in Daileck, Nanhai County.



Luckily in Hong Kong, where this saga originally started, some perspicuous breeders were aware of the danger and began breeding

programmes to save the Shar Pei. It is hard to say what the exact number of the original Shar Pei in Hong Kong is, but my guess is that it is small – possibly in the region of 50 to 100. In a strange way, the tragic fate of the Shar Pei reminds me of the lamentable decline of Chinese martial arts in Hong Kong. Despite all the outward publicity and interest, at the end of the day not many actually understand or even care.

Among the international dog community, there is still a lack of consensus regarding the antiquity of the Shar Pei breed, with some claiming it is a new breed dating only to the 17th century – just as the academic community continually casts doubts on the history of southern Chinese martial arts. Perhaps the illiterate or anti-literate nature of folk culture in southern China is to blame. Be that as it may, the Shar Pei’s unique characteristics bespeak a special breed bred for fighting: a rough coat (hence the name ‘Shar Pei’, i.e., ‘sandy skin’); small, muer (Chinese fungus) ears; a wrinkled yet alert face that is genetically coded to protect the Shar Pei from bites; and a finely-tuned and proportioned body with muscle tone like a war horse.

Maybe it is not a coincidence after all that dog fighting in China dates back to the Han dynasty, whose tomb pottery figurines bear such a likeness to the Shar Pei?

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http://hk.asiatatler.com/columnists/hing-chao/discovering-the-shar-pei-an-endangered-dog-breed?fb_ref=.UBkiOZzh1kw.like&fb_source=home_multiline



Smartest Dogs - Top 100 Smartest Dog Breeds of the World.

These are the Top 10 Dogs' ranking based on their intelligence

- 1 Border Collie (smartest)
- 2 Poodle
- 3 German Shepherd
- 4 Golden Retriever
- 5 Doberman Pincher
- 6 Shetland Sheepdog
- 7 Labrador Retriever
- 8 Papillion
- 9 Rottweiler
- 10 Australian Cattle Dog

The Chinese Shar-Pei ranks at # 88. They were judged on the dog’s ability to understanding new commands in less than 5 repetitions, and obeying the first command 95% of the time or better.

<http://www.royalrank.com/home/smartest-dogs>

Fallen Angels

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Owned by Louise Watson
Miss Lacey, you were our shining star! You proved yourself over and over, and what a great show and presentation you always gave. You will be sorely missed.

Room for One More

By Savana Frame



Photo by Janice Sayce

I often sit and think about
all the dogs that are alone.
The ones that have been thrown out
from what was supposed to be their home.

Or what about the dogs,
that never had a home at all?
They've never had a kid to love,
or chased a big red ball.

What about the dog that walks alone,
down that lonely road.
The people pass him one by one,
and never even think of his heavy load.

There's even dogs out there,
who are caged every single day.
It's in the name of science,
or so the "scientists" say.

So if you have no room for one,
just make room for two.
Because there are so many dogs out there,
who want to just love and be loved by you ♥-

Editor's Note: Savana Frame is a special friend of our club and we really want to thank her for letting us use her wonderful poems in our newsletters!

Did You Know?

- **The five most common dog names:**
Male: Max, Jake, Buddy, Bailey, Sam
Female: Maggie, Molly, Lady, Sadie, Lucy
- **A dog's normal temperature** is between 100.2-102.8° F
- Dogs have been **wearing collars ever since Egyptian times!**
We have seen dogs with collars in art that dates back to ancient times.
- The phrase "**Dog Days of Summer**" comes from an ancient Roman belief. It was believed that the Dog star, Sirius, gave off a lot of heat and caused higher temperatures during the months of June, July, and August.
- The **American Kennel Club** recognizes **157 different kinds** of purebred dogs.
- **Dalmatian puppies** are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they mature and grow older.
- Dogs were the first animals **domesticated by people**.
- It is a myth that dogs are **color blind**. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.

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