

Reading

1. Read the article. Do you think animals have personalities?

Dog Personalities

If you ask a dog owner, he or she will tell you that dogs have personalities just like humans. But is it a scientific fact? Scientists at three different universities in the United States did a study to find out. Professors from the University of Texas at Austin, from the University of California at Berkeley, and from Princeton University studied 78 dogs and their owners.

First, the owners rated the dogs on four areas of personality:

- Energy—How active is the animal? How much running around does it do?
- Affection—How friendly and playful is the dog with humans and other dogs?
- Emotional Reactivity—Can you tell how happy, sad, angry, or nervous the dog is?
- Intelligence—If you teach the dog a trick, will it remember how to do it tomorrow?

Next week?

After the owners finished rating their dogs, they were rated themselves on the same four areas of personality. Then researchers asked friends of the dog owners to rate both the dog and the owner on these four personality traits. The team of researchers combined all this information. They also studied pictures of the dogs to see what the pictures showed about personality. This research, combined with other recent studies, concluded that dogs do have distinct personalities just as humans do.

2. Complete the sentences correctly with information from the reading.

1. Scientists at three different universities studied the behaviors of dogs.
2. An active animal that is always running around has a lot of _____.
3. An animal that learns quickly has a high level of _____.
4. Owners rated their dogs on _____ aspects of personality.
5. Friends of the owners rated _____ and _____ on aspects of personality.
6. These researchers believe that dogs have _____ personalities.

