

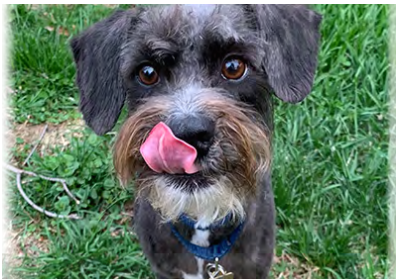
Doggie Did You Knows

Can dogs smell fear?

When you're afraid, your body produces chemicals such as sweat, adrenaline, and cortisol. Dogs have proven the ability to detect all sorts of biological cues — even the telltale smells of cancer. It seems likely that dogs could also smell the chemicals of fear, but no real study has been done.

According to Curiosity.com, "dogs are mind-bogglingly intuitive. They're better at interpreting human cues than chimps are, they know when we're lying, and they can even 'catch' our emotions. Studies also show that they can read our facial expressions to know if we're happy or angry. If they can pick up on a smile, it's likely that they can pick up on the tensed muscles, clenched jaw, and wide eyes of someone who's afraid of them."

So, if you have ever wondered if your dog knew how you were feeling, it is safe to say... YES!



Shadow - available for adoption

Did you know:

- In the 1800s, breeders bred the standard schnauzer with the poodle and affenpinscher to make a more compact version. By 1899 the miniature schnauzer was recognized as its own breed.

Adoptions

We have a lot to celebrate - congrats to all the lucky new parents of SRC dogs. These fur-ever homes are making us wag our tails and howl with joy. Stay up to date on adoptions by following us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SRCdogs).



Weird Behavior

Have you ever noticed your dog did something and you thought "why on earth did s/he do that?" Well, we will explain some strange behaviors and see if you agree.

1. Barking or attacking the TV - This is stimulated visually or audibly and often goes unresolved and unsatisfied. It is obvious the dog thinks the threat or excitement is real and does not understand the picture box is not real. So, to help satisfy, and give closure to your pooch, experts suggest keeping toys by the TV or throwing a toy for him to chase when the TV excites him. This will distract and give the dog something to focus on.

2. Peeing on an empty bowl - This is likely a territorial marking behavior. "In some cases, underlying anxiety or being bullied by another dog can trigger a pet to mark its territory. Feeding pets in separate areas can help" according to a National Geographic article, "and so can using ceramic or stainless steel bowls instead of plastic, which retains a dog's odor."

3. Licking your hand over and over - You may or may not appreciate slobbery kisses from your furry kid; it has been confirmed that licks are actually his way of showing affection. Plus, it successfully gets your attention. Other reasons they lick is that it is a sensory tool, and canine mothers lick their puppies for grooming and social reasons. Personally, I think she is just cleaning her tongue on me.

4. Staring at you - For some dogs, eye contact is a sign of dominance and aggression. With many schnauzers, however, it is known to release oxytocin - a love hormone. So, for our fur-babies, petting them, talking to them, and making eye contact actually strengthens our bond.

