

Do animals think like people do?



Do animals think like you and me? I believe so. Humans think about happiness and smiling, compassion and crying, love and loving. If animals express this physically, they surely have to think about it in their head, right? When we talk to one another, expressing our feelings, an equivalent could be a wimping dog expressing its lack in courage or sorrow. I also think that animals think about having fun. As soon as you take out a tennis ball or a Frisbee, your little pooch's ears perk straight up and its tail starts to wag back and forth.

Addison Wright, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley

I think dogs have thoughts like people because they are similar to people. I think dogs think about dog treats, world domination, and sleeping all day. They think about dog treats because they like to eat them. I think dogs think about world domination because they want to rule the world. They think about sleep because dogs love to sleep. These are the reasons why I believe dogs think like people.

Rhiley Ball, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards

Yes, I think animals do have thoughts like people. I think they are thinking, "Why are you picking me up so much?" I'm sure they are thinking, "Put me down."

Dara Rogers, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks

I think animals have thoughts like people do. For example, animals can love and protect their owners so they are capable of feeling compassion and fear. They can think to do a specific action such as pick up a ball and bring it back. When a man tells a dog to catch the ball and then he throws the ball, the dog will listen to the words and react to what he said.

Gabe Farley, 7th, Holston Valley Middle, Mrs. Taylor

What do you think your pet is trying to say? My pet Max after he takes a bath, he runs around like a spider monkey. Every time I try to pet him he barks at me. He wants me to let him go outside. I always talk to him.

Cameron White, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

Animals have thoughts like people do. Animals and people don't think the same, but they can

think the same thing sometimes. Animals have different memories than people do. People think differently than animals do. That's why people and animals have different thoughts. I think my cat wants me to walk her and feed her.

Lily Cordery, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards

Yes I think they do think like we do. Maybe they are thinking, "Man that food looks good." Or maybe, "What is that person doing?"

Emily Stewart, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones

I think animals can have thoughts because they also have a brain. Most people think that animals can't have thoughts because they aren't humans. They can have thoughts because they have brains like us. Their brains work like yours and everybody's. I think animals are thinking, "Get away from me or I will strike."

Sereniti Collins-Holloman, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

No, my animal doesn't think like humans. My cat thinks about animals going to a meeting and I think about my family and how good they are to me.

Caroline Ratliff, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Howe

I think animals do have thoughts just not exactly like people. Their thoughts are probably not as complicated. Their thoughts are more like what are they going to eat next. Animals aren't as intelligent as people so they aren't thinking about math or other subjects that people do.

James Cross, 7th, Holston Valley Middle, Mrs. Taylor

If animals could think, they would think about riding a car. They would think about riding an elephant. They would also think about riding a gorilla.

Derek Hughes, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

There are few things more spectacular than a lioness perched upon a rock in defense of her young, and even fewer sights that can rival the beauty of an eagle in flight. Animals give us insight into a world so very different from our own while also conveying to us the universal themes that can be found in both humans and animals. It is my belief that animals do have the capacity to think like people. While I cannot see my dogs balancing a checkbook, I do believe that they have the ability to feel joy and decipher where that joy is coming from. I can imagine that they do not grapple with complex issues on a day to day basis, but perhaps they can feel loss and triumph should circumstances warrant such emotions. But it is hard to imagine that my dogs who spend their days sprawled out on the couch like the Queen of Sheba could think about much more than food and sleep.

Eliza Smith, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley

Animals do have thoughts. Not the same thoughts people do, but animals do have thoughts. They think about what is food and what isn't. They know when winter's coming. Some farmers can tell what the weather's going

to be like by the way the animals act. So animals do have thoughts. It's just their thoughts help them survive. Some of our thoughts do not.

Serenity Callaghan, 7th, Holston Valley Middle, Mrs. Taylor

If animals could think, they would be very smart. They would be thinking about their favorite food.

Natalie Culbertson, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

I think dogs do talk sometimes. When they want food they don't say, "Woof, woof." They probably say, "I want food" and they think they are saying, "I want food" but all we hear is, "Woof, woof." When we talk they probably hear something other than our language.

Kennedy Garrett, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin

If animals could think, they would think about going to school. They would learn how to ride the bus, sleep in a bed, and watch TV.

I would hope they would think about babysitting my brother.

Danielle Brown, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer

Do I think animals have thoughts like humans? Yes because dogs do mostly whatever we do. Dogs eat, drink, lie down, sleep, run, and walk. To me dogs are humans because my dogs do what I do. When I lie down my dog does too. My dogs are humans to me. I love my dogs. They are the best thing that has happened to me so far...

Jordan Woodard, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones

Yes, I think animals have thoughts like we do. Did you know dogs have the same thoughts that we do? Are you wondering if your dogs have crazy thoughts like these? "Sleep, I love sleep. Can we have some food please? Stay with me. Love you. We are so happy to see you."

See, dogs make the world great again.

Kyleigh Mitchell, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers

I think they do, so yes. I'd imagine dogs think, "Pet me, love me, bark, food, what if my owner doesn't love me? Ruff, ruff, bark, kids."

That's what I think dogs think.

Landon Deirth, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin

No. When I get home Hunny Cup jumps and I don't jump when someone comes home.

Siriana Davis, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Howe

Yes, I think animals do have thoughts like people. I think they are thinking about food and their owner. Whenever they are home alone I think they feel lonely, sad, and hungry. I think that pets have an urge to see their owner all the time.

Hayden Hobbs, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks

Yes, my dog thinks like me.

My dog wants a treat and I want a treat.

Shelby Balthis, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary, Ms. Howe

Yes, I think animals do have thoughts like people. I think they are thinking about their owners. When I'm sad, my dog always comes to comfort me.

Emma Clontz, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks

I think animals do not have thoughts like people do. I do not know what they are thinking. That's silly! I mean—come on!

Hunter Salyer, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards

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