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People love dogs! And what's not to love? Dogs are loyal, helpful, kind, & fill our hearts with joy (and our brains with oxytocin!) They make wonderful companions!

Today's episode, DOGS, is for every human who loves dogs - and every dog who loves their human. In other words - it's for everyone! Enjoy!

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Two things to know from today's Dog Episode:

All dogs evolved from a single gray wolf who realized it would be better protected and fed if it helped humans instead of being hostile to them. All dog variations are a result of either breeding, or evolving levels of the hormone adrenaline, which changes both a dog's behavior and appearance.

ALL dogs can bark... but NO wolves bark! Dogs evolved the ability to bark to get the attention of humans. Wolves in the wild know when danger is near they are better off staying silent -- so they never learned to bark!

Something for you to share with your Kid:

A bloodhound's 240 million scent receptors make their sense of smell so precise that it is admissible as evidence in a court of law.

More fun dog things your Kid can do after the episode:

There are 340 different dog breeds. See how many you can name! Look up different dog breeds online and take note of their different characteristics. Have everyone in the Family pick their favorite breed & explain what they love about them!

On the episode you met the WOLF FAMILY. Have your child draw pictures of Wolf Mom, Wolf Dad, and of course, Wolf Boy (Man). Or, better yet, make a comic strip featuring this Wolf Family in a further adventure!¹

¹ This activity guide is for the Who Smarted? podcast www.WhoSmarted.com