

Two Whats?! & A Wow! - Top Dog
By Ruth Morrison

Round 1

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

(SOUNDBITE OF THEME MUSIC, "TWO WHATS?! AND A WOW!")

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(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)

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Mindy. But, if you guess incorrectly, you must stop, drop, and do a ridiculous physical challenge.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE REACT WOOHOO! / SHH!)

Guy Raz. Okay, everyone ready to get this show going?

Mindy. Great, then let's get to it!

Guy Raz. Ok, round one... Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it "A," dog's mouths are cleaner than humans'?

Mindy. Or is it "B," a dog's nose is as unique as a fingerprint?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," newborn puppies have better hearing than adult dogs?

Mindy. When you think you know the answer, say it in dog!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Mindy. Psst! Reggie!

Reggie. Coo!

Mindy. Cue the thinking music!

(SOUNDBITE OF DOG BARKING)

Reggie. Coo!

Mindy. Aw, give the puppy a turn!

(SOUNDBITE OF DOG BARKING)

Reggie. Coo!

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. Annnnd time is up! It's time to reveal the winning wow!

Mindy. And to do just that, it's Lucy from New York! Lucy, tell us- what's the winning wow!

Lucy. Hi I'm Lucy, and my wow in the world is that a dog's nose is as unique as a human fingerprint.

Mindy. Winner winner, wet noses for dinner!

Guy Raz. Thank you, Lucy! Contestants, if you guessed the answer "B," that a dog's nose is as unique as a fingerprint, then congratulations! You found the winning wow!

Mindy. If you look closely at a dog's nose, you'll see a little pattern of what scientists call beads and grooves. Just like how human's fingerprints are unique, no two dogs have exactly the same pattern!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOOH")

Guy Raz. In fact, there's even an app that scans dogs' noses in order to help reunite lost dogs with their owners!

Mindy. Now, if you did not get the answer correct, you must stop, drop, and howl at the moon! Arooooo!

(SOUNDBITE OF DOGS HOWLING)

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Guy Raz. Hehehe. Well, congratulations to all our winning wowzers! Mindy, what's today's prize?

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Guy Raz. oh, paint!

Mindy. Reggie! Cue the prize cannon!

Reggie. Cool!

Guy Raz. Nooo!

Mindy. Fire away!

(SOUNDBITE OF PRIZE CANNON FIRING)

(SOUNDBITE OF PAINT SPLATTERING ON AUDIENCE)

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Guy Raz. Okay, everyone ready to get this show going?

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)

Mindy. Great, then let's do it!

Guy Raz. Okay, round two....Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow. Is it, "A," greyhounds can sleep with their eyes open?

Mindy. Or is it "B," dalmatians are born with all-black fur and develop white spots as they get older?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," there are over a thousand dog breeds in the world?

Mindy. When you think you know the correct answer, scream a wish at a star! Hey Reg!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHING)

Reggie. Cool!

Mindy. Thinking music!

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. And time is up! Joining us by phone, it's Willa from Ohio! Willa, why don't you reveal the winning wow!

Willa. Hi Mindy and Guy Raz. My wow in the world is that greyhounds can sleep with their eyes open. It is very creepy!

(SOUNDBITE OF BELL)

Mindy. Winner winner, sleepy tea for dinner!

Guy Raz. That's right, Willa! Wowzers, if you guessed "A," that greyhounds can sleep with their eyes open, well congratulations, you found the winning wow!

Mindy. Greyhounds are known for their ability to run faster than any other dog, but they also love to sleep! And they can be so easygoing that they'll sometimes fall asleep with their eyes still open!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOH")

Guy Raz. Greyhounds aren't the only dogs who do this. Sometimes dogs eyes open a little bit while they're dreaming. Dogs also have an instinct to stay alert, even while sleeping, which might result in their eyes not closing all the way.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE "OOH")

Mindy. Now if you did not get this answer correct, you must stop, drop, and go fetch!

(SOUNDBITE OF DOG BARKING)

(SOUNDBITE OF MINDY THROWING TENNIS BALL)

Mindy. Go get the tennis ball! Go get it!

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Mindy. Or is it "B," the oldest known dog breed is the Shar Pei?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," the first dog ever cloned was an Afghan Hound?

Mindy. Uh, thinking music, please!

Reggie. Cool!

(SOUNDBITE OF THINKING MUSIC)

Guy Raz. And time is up! To reveal the winning answer, it's Max from California! Max, please tell us the winning wow!

Max. Hi, my name is Max, and my wow in the world is that the Afghan Hound was the first dog ever cloned. Bye!

(SOUNDBITE OF BELL)

Mindy. Winner winner, DNA for dinner!

Guy Raz. Thank you, Max! Contestants, if you guessed the answer "C," that the first dog ever cloned was an Afghan Hound, then congratulations! You found the winning wow!

Mindy. In 2005, scientists in Korea made a clone of an Afghan Hound named Tai using a skin cell from his ear. Afghan Hounds are known for being loyal and affectionate, and Tai was chosen because of his sweet and docile personality.

Guy Raz. Dogs are very hard to clone, and it took years of research and experimentation. After one thousand ninety-five attempts, scientists successfully created a clone named Snuppy!

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