

Puppy Love

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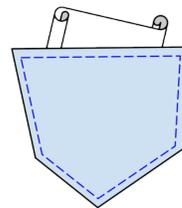


You & Me...

Just like humans, a dog's ears control their hearing and balance. It consists of the outer, middle, and inner ear; also just like people. The outer ear includes the pinna, the part you can see, and the ear canal. The pinna of dogs and humans is shaped to capture sound waves and funnel them through the ear canal to the eardrum. But, there are things that make a dog's ears different than humans. The ear canal of the dog is much deeper than that of people and creates a better funnel to carry sound. A dog's hearing range is approximately twice as wide as a human's. Dogs typically can detect sounds too high and too low for us to hear. In the upper frequencies of a dog's hearing range, the sounds can cause a dog irritation and discomfort. If your dog is running away in fear of the vacuum cleaner, it is most likely do to the fact it sounds much louder to him than it does to you. Puppies are born deaf and cannot hear until they are 21 days old. By the time their sense of hearing has developed, they can already hear four times the distance of a human with normal hearing.



One of our babies is showing off his long, beautiful ears. Even though he is napping, his "radar" is still on and is always on the alert for the sound of a treat bag.



Henry...

Where Are You?

Have you ever looked at your dog and wondered what that extra flap of skin or weird "bite" is on his ear? Well turns out it has a name ~ *Henry's Pocket!* Only a few animals have a Henry's pocket but it is most noticeable in cats and dogs with erect ears. However, most dachshunds have a *Henry's Pocket*. To this date researchers cannot determine the purpose of the *Henry's Pocket*, nor have they been able to trace the origin of its name. One thing is for sure ~ parasites love to hide away in this warm patch of skin, so it's important to check a *Henry's Pocket* for stowaways!



The Canine Receiver

A dog's ears function like radar for honing in on sounds. Over 18 Muscles in his ears allows him to rotate them, tilt them, and raise or lower them. In addition, dogs can hear sound with each ear independently. This means that he can listen to you with one ear and hear a sound coming from the bushes with the other ear.