

Puppy Love

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EARTHQUAKE

Dogs are amazing creatures, they possess skills that almost seem supernatural at times. For example, humans for hundreds of years have insisted that dogs can predict earthquakes based on unusual behaviors they display before a quake actually erupts. It is possible they are detecting early signs of a quake, such as the ground tilting, or changes in the earth's magnetic field. One likely possibility is that dogs are hearing the high-pitched, underground seismic activity of rocks grinding and scraping together that happens before an earthquake. One study reports 47% of dogs exposed to a quake displayed extreme anxiety prior to the event.



Beautiful Audrey is on her way home to Tennessee with her loving, wonderful mom.



Why Are They Leaving Us?

Although, the destruction of Atlantis is the most famous disaster story in Greece, there is another story, sometimes considered a myth, really more significant. The city of Helike was an important economic, cultural and religious center, it just happened to be positioned over the most active earthquake zone in Europe. On a winter night in 373 B.C. the city of Helike was obliterated by an earthquake, followed by a catastrophic tsunami, and became truly, a lost city. In 2001, archaeologists went in search of the lost city ~ and they actually found it! It was not a myth! Historians have reported there are numerous accounts, much to the amazement of humans at the time, of dogs fleeing the area before the earthquake wiped Helike from the face of the earth. Archaeologist, Dora Katsonopoulou and her team proved that Halike was an active city in real life, but there are no reliable sources to verify dogs fleeing the city. However, research in the 21st century seems to make it plausible that dogs, understanding they were in danger, fled to escape the forthcoming disaster.



KOBE 1995

A Japanese researcher, Dr. Kiyoshi Shimamura studied records of dog bites and other dog-related complaints before and after earthquakes. He documented an 18% jump in unusual activity, like excessive barking and biting, before the Kobe earthquake.

Can You Hear That?

Dr. Stanley Coren compiled data on dog behavior before an earthquake and concluded dogs must be hearing high frequency sounds made by rocks shifting and cracking underground. Dogs with floppy ears are less likely to show anxiety than dogs with pointy ears. Head size was also a factor. The smaller a dog's head, the bigger reaction they showed. No, you can't hear it, but possibly your floppy eared, small headed dog can.