

Dogs Show Signs of Mourning, Says Researchers

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Grief /grēf/ (noun) very great sadness, especially at the death of someone
Example: He has been unable to recover from his grief at his son's death.
2. Buddy /'bədə/ (noun) a close friend.
Example: Your buddy was telling me all about it.
3. Appetite /'apə,tīt/ (adjective) the feeling that you want to eat food.
Example: He has a healthy appetite.
4. Mourning /'mōrniNG/ (noun) the expression of deep sorrow for someone who has died;
grief
Example: She showered and left her room, mourning the loss of her last good friend.
5. Amicable /'aməkəb(ə)/ (adjective) friendly in attitude, or (of decisions or agreements)
achieved with friendly attitudes and without unpleasant argument
Example: I hope that they will be able to reach amicable agreement.



According to a survey, researchers found nearly 90 percent of dogs that experienced the death of another canine companion living in the same house showed signs of **grief**.

In the months following their **buddy's** death, dogs were less playful and more fearful. They also had reduced **appetites** and sought more attention from their owners, researchers say.

For the study, researchers surveyed 426 adults who had at least two dogs and had experienced the loss of one of their dogs.

According to the report, signs of **mourning** were stronger in dogs that had an **amicable** relationship and shared food with the deceased.

DISCUSSION

1. Do animals have emotions?
2. Do you believe that dogs can mourn too?
3. What can an owner do to comfort a mourning dog?
4. What is the best way to get over sadness?
5. What can we do to maintain being happy?