



Dogs have many qualities that vary by breed. Over time, dogs have proven to be much more than just man's best friend: they are used for work, hunting or gathering and for health benefits to humans. Assuming it's in good health, the average lifespan is about 12 years, though many factors can influence how long a dog will live, including the size of the dog.

What you may not know about dogs are the many unique abilities that the Creator has bestowed upon them. Research indicates the companionship of a dog can enhance human physical health and psychological wellbeing. As for hearing, the frequency range for a dog is 40 Hz - 60,000 Hz, which means that dogs can detect sounds at four times the distance that humans can hear at. This is primarily due to their ear mobility. This means they can tilt, rotate, raise, or lower their ears.

Lastly, for their sense of smell, most dogs have 125 - 220 million smell-sensitive receptors. A Bloodhound (a specific breed) has 300 million receptors. This means that dogs have 100 million times greater ability to smell than we do. So while most dogs have poor vision, ranging from color blindness to only being able to see red or green colors, they more than make up for this by having a great sense of hearing and smell.

Hints & Answers* **HALACHA CHALLENGE:** Shemiras Shabbos Kehilchosa (16:31) teaches that although on one hand, one does not need to stop children from making soap bubbles on Shabbos (due to reasons that permit this activity), on the other hand, one should not suggest to them to make such bubbles (due to reasons that prohibit this activity). **RHYMES:** "say" **RIDDLE:** קיי־כמכה באלים י-ה-ו-ה | *Menucha answers are not to be taken as final decisions in halacha.



Halacha Challenge

Making Soap Bubbles on Shabbos



Menashe and Simcha were looking for something to do on a Shabbos afternoon.

"I have an idea," said Menashe, "Let's make soap bubbles!"

"Great idea," replied Simcha, "We can use the soap bubble bottle that we got for a Chanukah present."

Then, Menashe thought for a moment and asked, "But maybe it's not allowed to make bubbles on Shabbos!"

"Hmm...you are right, maybe we cannot do it," said Simcha.

"So let's ask Papa!" proposed Menashe.

"Good idea!" replied Simcha.

The two of them approached their father and asked: "Papa, can we make soap bubbles now?"

Question: What should Papa reply?

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Parsha Pearl

וַיְהִי בַבֹּקֶר וַתִּפְעֹם רוּחוֹ וַיִּשְׁלַח וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־כָּל־חֹרְטְמֵי מִצְרַיִם
וְאֶת־כָּל־חֲכָמֶיהָ

*And it was in the morning, and his spirit was worried; And [thus] he called **all** the magicians of Egypt and **all** its wise men...* (Parshas Miketz, Bereishis 41:8)

Seems a bit odd on Pharaoh's part to call at once **all** of the magicians and **all** of wise men of Egypt for the task of interpreting his dream. What caused him to make such a drastic move?

Well let's see what the Torah says right before this action: וַתִּפְעֹם רוּחוֹ. Rashi explains that the word וַתִּפְעֹם comes from the word "bell" (פעמון), as these words share the same root. The dibble in a bell moves restlessly back and forth inside the bell. Thus, the expression וַתִּפְעֹם רוּחוֹ means, "and Pharaoh's spirit was restless like a bell". Hence, it's the lack of calmness that made Pharaoh make such a strange move.

We should learn from here an important lesson: First calm down, and only then make a decision.



Rhymes for Kids



"So Pharaoh sent and called Yosef, and they rushed him from the prison, and he shaved and changed his clothes, and he [then] came to Pharaoh." (parshas Mikeitz, Bereishis 41:14)

"And he shaved: in honor of the king." (Rashi's commentary to Bereishis 41:14) If Yosef took time to prepare himself before standing in front of the king—even though he was in a great rush—all the more so, we need to prepare ourselves before we stand in front of the King of all kings during tefilla!

Before you davẏn evẏryday

Prepare your heart for what you'll ____.



Trivia



Although Chanuka has passed, you have a reminder about it everyday in Shacharis!

Where? Well, here is the answer:

In *Shiras HaYam*, which we say each day in Pesukei Dezimra, there are four adjacent words whose *roshei teivos* (the first letter of each word) spell out the word מכבי!

What are those four words?