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Dog Sense



Early dogs were wild animals that hunted in packs (groups) at night. Keeping this in mind, answer the following:

1. Explain how and why the early dog's sense of hearing especially suited to life in the wild.
2. In what way was the early dog's sense of sight especially suited to life in the wild?

Do you think that its limited ability to see color was a big disadvantage to the early dog? Explain.

3. Why did the wild dog need a particularly keen (sharp) sense of smell?
4. Dogs cool off by panting. If they don't sweat to cool off, how else might sweating from their paws help them in the wild?

How might a wet nose help dogs in the wild?

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5. What was the author's purpose in writing this article? (Why did she write it? What question was she trying to answer?)
6. What was the main idea of the article?
7. What was the most interesting thing you learned from reading the article?
8. Do you have a pet dog? Have you noticed any of the traits discussed in the article in your own pet?