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WOOF!

Woof! How do dogs communicate? Have you ever thought about how dogs communicate with each other and humans? My dog sits at the door when he needs to go potty. He also wags his tail when he gets a treat. Are they trying to tell us something? I think they are trying to communicate with us through different ways. Howling, barking, pawing, shivering, growling, wagging, whimpering, jumping, snuggling are all ways I've noticed that my dog communicates with my family.

I've noticed that our new puppy goes to the back door and sits down at the door when he needs to go outside to potty. He's already learning to tell us what he needs! He had a few accidents in the house but now he's learning that he needs to go outside to potty. He tells us by going to the back door and sitting. I think that's so cool.

Another way I've noticed how our new puppy communicates with us is his wagging tail! He seems like he's so happy after he gets a treat because his body is wiggly and his tail is wagging. I help him practice learning commands like sit and stay. When he does good I give him a reward of a tasty treat. I know he loves treats because he usually does what he is asked to get them. So far he knows how to sit and stay. He wags and wags after treats to tell me he is happy.

Howling is my dog's favorite way to communicate. His howl is as loud as a fire truck siren. He's still learning how to howl but he seems to have a really loud voice. He howls when he wants back inside. He howls when he wants out of the kennel. And he howls when he wants us to play! He needs a lot of attention. Maybe that's why he howls for us to give him attention.

I love teaching my dog new things and I think he loves learning new things. He seems most happy playing in the backyard and exploring. My favorite is when he's calm and wants to snuggle. I'm starting to understand that he's always telling me something.