



Barks N Bits

with our favorite Jack Russel Terrier..

Bella (& Miss Maybelline)



The Dog Days of Summer

Boy is it HOT! I think summer was a little late getting here, but now that it's finally arrived it is making up for the cooler temperatures we enjoyed in July and August. I'm really having a hard time getting motivated to go to the barn and chase mice with it this hot outside. I'll admit it.....I prefer the air conditioning.

I've heard the people referring to these late summer hot spells as "The Dog Days of Summer." I think Clint Van even mentioned them this month in his Teen Corral. To tell you the truth, I'm actually not sure how to take that name. I mean, I'm a dog, what do blazing hot, sticky summer days have to do with me? Where did that term even come from?

Guess what...I have GOOGLE!!!

It appears that the term actually comes from the Ancient Romans and it refers to the a period of time when the "The Dog Star" (Sirius) is

aligned a certain way with the sun. Wow! I had no idea!

Sirius (the dog star) is the brightest star in the sky - how appropriate - and is located in the constellation Canis Major.

So, "The Dog Days" have nothing to do with yours truly (or my kin.) Hmmmmm...good to know. Thank you, Google.

Honestly, I think I am becoming a little dependent on my computer and it's ability to answer almost any question I ask it through my favorite search engine.

I have leaned a lot from this new pastime...some to expand my intelligence...some not so much.

I thought you might like to learn along with me, so I'll share some things I have learned

this past month thanks to my curiosity and Google:

- Dachshunds come in a variety of colors - Maybelline is called a "Black and Tan Piebald with Ticking"
- Flies live for about a month (the one that caused this search didn't live that long)
- Horses are pregnant for about 340 days (or around 11 months) OMG!!
- Coyotes do eat cats (and small dogs) - even better reason to stay inside after dark.
- Fleas do not have wings...but they can jump reeaalllly far
- Cornstalks grow to 15 feet tall...some as tall as 18 feet! Glad I can follow my nose.
- Florence and The Machine sings "Dog Days Are Over"
- There are several famous Jack Russell Terriers! Including the RCA dog - Nipper, Marty Crane's sidekick in the TV show "Frazier" - Eddie and of course from the movie "The Mask" - Milo!

Isn't Google great?

I even had to prove to Miss Maybelline that there is a company out there with her name... she didn't believe me at first! She thought maybe she was born with it...(her name, I mean!)

She's always chasing me around asking questions. (Literally, as you can see!)

Until next month,

Always on the run and....

STILL loving Google!!



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