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A Dog's Most Intelligent Moment

Someone asked a very devout Moslem, "When are dogs most intelligent?"

The Moslem had never come upon such information in all of his reading of the Koran. He therefore said, "Give me a week's time, and I shall provide the answer."

This Moslem thought and thought about where he should go to find an answer to this question. He finally said to himself, "Perhaps the only way that I can get this information is to consult a shepherd, for shepherds work constantly with dogs and must know more about them than most other people do."

He went out into some pastureland and found a shepherd there tending his flock. He said to the shepherd, "Friend, can you tell me when a dog is most intelligent?"

"Yes, I can," answered the shepherd. "A dog is at his most intelligent when he lifts his leg to pee."

After a week the devout Moslem returned and provided the answer to the question he had been asked.