A Few Fun Facts  

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Did you know that if well cared for, goldfish have a lifespan of 10 to 20 years? So check with a good pet store before putting your little piece of gold into a bowl that might not give him the life he deserves.

We know cats sleep a lot, but do we know why? Most people look at their lounging, stretched out cat and think……..”What a life. You sleep, play and sleep some more.” It’s true, cats do sleep quite a bit, between 13 and 18 hours a day, but not because they are lazy. Cats are very energetic as cat owners can attest to by witnessing their jumping, chasing and generally crazy playing. Because they move so intensely and so fast when they are active, cats need to rest to restore their used up energy so they can pounce around again.

We also know that cats purr when they are happy, but did you know they also purr when they are very sick or afraid? Some researchers believe that in these situations, cats are purring to comfort themselves. So try to read your cat’s purr appropriately just in case she’s afraid and needs some comforting from you.

And as for our lovable dogs… researchers theorize that dogs can actually see a part of the range of colors in the spectrum. It is believed that they probably see mostly in shades of yellow and blue, but it’s nice to know that man’s best friend isn’t viewing the world in black and white.