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â May be you are right.â â But why people love us so much?â

â Well, we give unconditional love without judging them and we are very faithful.â Rajah looked at Rani with a look â Donâ t you know that.â

â Explain.â

â We love everybody. Those loving or hateful, happy or angry, forgiving or unforgiving, generous or miserly, smart or stupid, introvert or extravert, believers or non believers, saints, thieves, liars, and murderers. And thatâ s make us lovable pets.â Rajah scratched his long ear with his forepaw.

â Now I know why we are called Manâ s best friend.â Rani stood and shook her hind leg to settle down comfortably.

â Whenever our master and family members come home, we jump with joy and lick their faces, drool a little, wag our tails, rub our bodies against theirsâ and make whining sounds of love and affection to make them feel good.â

â I do all the time.â Rani agreed. â We donâ t care whether the owner had good day or bad day, whether he ripped off somebody or got ripped,â Rani continued her monologue, â A murderer returns home after committing a horrendous crime would find solace in the company of his pet dog.â

â I wish we could be more discriminating,â Rajah was objective.

â We canâ t help it.â â We love everybody from a saint to a serial killer.â Rani now frustrated for their inbuilt loving nature.

â Is it our brain chemistry?â questioned Rani.

â True, it is something to do with our thought process. We love and treat everybody nice unlike people.â Rajah was philosophical.

â May be we can teach people how to be grateful and friendly.â

â I donâ t know.â Rajah was not sure.

â How about brain transplant?â Rani was thinking loud now.

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- â You mean transplant dog brain into humans?â
- â Yeah, thatâ s what I mean,â Rani was assertive.
- â I am not sure.â â Firstly, a neuroscientist should study our brain to see what makes us to love unconditionally, and then the part of the brain responsible for this behavior can be identified. Then they can figure it out how to grow those responsible parts outside in a lab for a transplant.â
- â You are far smarter than I thought you were.â Rani was pleased.
- â Well, I read a lot you know.â
- â You mean from Kutha.com?â the website Rani visits a lot.
- â No, that is more for gossip.â I get more stuff from Sunaka.org,â â This website is more scientific.
- â I wonder what we are eating for lunch today?â wondered Rajah scratching his head loudly with forepaw.
- â Same old, same old.â
- â Yeah, I guess so,â Rajah got up and yawned loudly.
- â I wonder who makes our dog food!â
- â The same folks that make all animal feed,â Rajah replied in a matter of fact way.
- â You mean animal recyclers.â
- â They call themselves animal renderers,â replied Rajah.
- â Do they cook all animal parts?â
- â Everything from bones to chicken beaks, from tails to tongues, from hoofs to ears,â Rajah licked his upper lip to keep it moist.
- â You mean cow hide and pig fat.â
- â You said it right,â replied Rajah.
- â I hope they donâ t cook dead dogs and cats.â
- â Sadly I know a factory in Los Angeles that specializes in cooking dead dogs and cats,â Rajah shook his head.
- â Disgusting.â â Hope it wonâ t find its way into our food,â Rani looked worried.
- â I donâ t know, I hope notâ , Rajah got up slowly for lunch.
- â Well, here we go for lunch,â Rani got herself up and walked slowly, scratching mouth with her forepaw.

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Rajah followed her with his dangling large ears. After having lunch and a short nap Rajah and Rani continued their chat.

â Well, we serve as a guard dogs besides helping visually impaired on the streets, rescue people from disasters, help hunters and ranchers and sniff out drugs to fight crime,â Rajah was still thinking other benefits that dogs bring to the people.

â And baby sit in some families,â added Rani.

â I read recently that we can even sniff out cancers in human.â

â Really, then how come we cannot sniff out evil in the people?â questioned Rani.

â Donâ t think that far, if we could sniff out inhuman, immoral and wrong doers, we end up with no masters to take care of us and find ourselves on the street homeless and starry, and even end up at dog pound,â warned Rajah.

â Donâ t we make people feel good for chicken feed?â

â You mean dog food,â corrected Rajah.

â You said all animal feed come from the same source, dead animals, so what it makes different, chicken feed or dog food.â

â True.â

I believe we the dogs shall call ourselves therapists,â declared Rajah.

â For crying out loud, we are full-time free therapists for the people.â Rani barked out loud.

â Sure we are 24/7 free therapists working for chicken feed,â sighed Rajah.

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